

Greeting by Bettina Coun- tess Berna- dotte

Climate change, loss of biodiversity, contamination of soil, water and air – we are indeed living in an era of enormous global challenges. In order to enable future generations to live well on this planet, we need to change course now. It is crucial for us all to understand that nature and in particular plants are the basis of our existence. Very dear to my heart is that children learn from an early age, how plants are working and what we can do with them.

School gardens are a great place to learn. Inside this “green laboratory” it is possible for boys and girls to observe and discover, recognize life cycles, experience self-efficacy, take responsibility and have a lot of fun in the process.

But what does a garden need to look like, in order to be suitable for kids and youngsters and to also encourage learning? How to motivate school kids for gardening? What kind of projects can be done? And which school subjects are linked to them?

These and other questions will be answered during the conference Schoolgardening in Europe - Teaching and Learning for the Future.



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I am particularly pleased to have taken on the patronage of this event. Our objective is to connect school gardeners throughout Europe and exchange best practices. As CEO of Mainau GmbH, I am very aware that networking and exchanging ideas is of utmost importance. Only learning from each other will enable us to master the challenges ahead.

For a company such as our, working with but also within nature, environmental education is an important topic. Among other things, we started the Europa Minigärtner initiative. This initiative intends to motivate kids to garden and to consider a career in gardening by visiting gardening and landscaping companies. It fills me with a lot of joy to see more and more schools participating in the program and establishing a connection between school gardening and the work of gardening professionals.

Only when kids can experience nature firsthand, we will succeed in encouraging them to act environmentally sustainable. I am therefore incredibly grateful to all those active in school gardening for their great involvement in promoting school gardens as a topic and establishing a trans-European network.

I hope the conference Schoolgardening in Europe - Teaching and Learning for the Future will be a success for all participants and facilitate interesting exchanges.

Bettina Gräfin Bernadotte, Geschäftsführerin Mainau GmbH, patron of the conference Schoolgardening in Europe - Teaching and Learning for the Future




Erasmus+



Annual Conference 25. Sept. 2021




Schoolgardening in Europe - Teaching and Learning for the Future

Saturday, September 25, 2021

08.00 Satellite Program:
Schoolgarden goes Europe - Workshop about the Erasmus project 




Prof. Dr. Dorothee Benkowitz, Dr. András Halbritter, Prof. Dr. Stefan Jarau (Erasmus Project Management)

08.45 Joining the ZoomMeeting

09.00 Official start of the conference   
Greetings

*Prof. Dr. Dorothee Benkowitz (BAGS)
Bettina Gräfin Bernadotte (Mainau GmbH)
Prof. Dr. Bernd Reinthoffer (Prorektor Lehre, PH Weingarten)*

Informations about ‚Tag des Schulgartens‘

09.15 Keyspeech:   
Prof. Dr. Carolin Retzlaff-Fürst (University of Rostock):

Nature Experience in the Garden - The Garden as a Place of Nature Experience and a Source of Wellbeing

09.45 Break

10.00 Workshop I (WS1.1 – WS1.10)

11.00 Break

11.15 Workshop II (WS2.1 – WS2.10)

12.30 Feedback

12.45 Film Mainau

13.00 End

Workshops

WS1 *Dipl. Biol. Susanne Kropf, Natur Im Garten (A):*
Climate protection – action-oriented learning in the schoolgarden

WS2 *Anja Burtscher-Marte, PH Vorarlberg (A)*
Mobile Gardening in a box – Great effect in a small space

WS3 *Hana Cvachova, Chaloupky (CZ)*
Mathematics and physics in nature? Yes, of course!

WS4 *Dr. Birgitta Goldschmidt, BAGS (D)*
How to grow a school garden: Planning and management

WS5 *Angie Hasenclever und Melanie Reichardt, Europa Mini-gärtner (D)*
Europa Minigärtner – Children learning from and with professionals

WS6 *Elke Zach-Heuer, Bezirksregierung Arnsberg (D)*
Off to the gardens with apps!

WS7 *Dr. András Halbritter, Széchenyi University Győr & Hungarian Foundation for School Gardens (H)*
Let's talk about soil!

WS8 *Daniela Frank, Goethe Institut Nancy (F)*
School garden in foreign language lessons? Illusion or reality?

WS9 *Dr. Andrea Fiedler, Outdoorscience (L)*
Scientific research in the school garden – how does it work?

WS10 *Hermína Oláh Vas, Ash Foundation (SRB)*
Saving the School garden – key learnings on how to maintain a school garden program in uncertain times

Participation in the conference and the workshops is free of charge. The number of participants in the Zoom conference (plenary) is limited to 250. The maximum number of participants for each workshop is 25.

Registration for the conference and the workshops
<https://tagung.bag-schulgarten.de/en/tagung2021>

Registration closes on September 15, 2021

