

”Klobalisierte Welt“ – project description

”Klobalisierte Welt“ (“Toiletised World”) is a school project in Berlin conducted by the German Toilet Organization (GTO – short description see bottom). The project’s main purpose is to let pupils (14 to 24 years old) actively experience the participatory approach of development cooperation projects, i.e. the understanding that the improvement of a situation is only possible with the involvement of all stakeholders. The pupils practice use of this concept by applying it to their own school toilet situation. They learn about the importance of basic sanitation and address the subject in a presentation.

“Klobalisierte Welt” consists of the following elements:

- a one-day **workshop** (realised as a project day at each school) – led by the school-teacher(s) and GTO-speakers
- the elaboration of a **presentation** by the pupils
- the **joint public display** of the presentation in a public space in Berlin on World Toilet Day (WTD - Nov. 19th, 2009)

Through all phases of the project, GTO intensively supports the schools with expertise, teaching materials and contacts.

The workshop’s dual educational aims are to give the pupils a basic understanding of:

- Development cooperation, especially the participatory approach and the parallels between projects in development cooperation and at their school in Berlin
- Functions of basic sanitation, the global sanitary crisis, sanitary situation in Germany, technological solutions worldwide, and the all-pervading importance of sustainable solutions

Complementary to imparting (theoretical) knowledge, there will be a practical walk (inspection) of the school toilets – where the pupils can bring their new understanding of development cooperation and sanitation into a practical context.

In the weeks following the workshop day, the pupils are asked to assimilate their acquired knowledge in the elaboration of a presentation of any kind: articles, plastic arts, audio or video pieces, press conference,... The pupils awareness will simultaneously be increased for change processes on the one hand and the importance of sanitation, specifically their own school toilets, on the other hand.

The project is realised in five high-schools throughout Berlin. The timeline is as follows:

---- September ----		---- October ----	---- November ----	
Preparing the workshop	Period for workshop-day	Elaboration of presentation		19.11. presentation WTD
				Evaluation

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The German Toilet Organization (GTO) is a non-profit NGO, founded in Berlin in 2005. Its mission is to protect the environment and improve public health by raising awareness for and providing people with clean and sustainable toilet and wastewater treatment systems. The vision is to have access to clean toilets and sustainable sanitation systems for all people in the world.