

Vuga e.V. Newsletter

Dear Members, Partner and Friends of the Vuga Community,

We proudly present to you our fourth edition of our newsletter. Our new generation of volunteers is packing their last belongings and will head for Uganda this month, where they will have five days of preparation seminars organized by our partners. In addition we are happy to report the increasing scale of our programs and wish all members of team Vuga the best in their activities. We hope you are reading with interest and please feel free to contact us with any suggestions regarding the Newsletter.

The future of our volunteer program

by JOHANNES

We are very happy with the progress of our volunteer program, but with the increasing number of volunteers its time we address organizational questions in Germany. While we have Namata Triphosa as our program supervisor in Uganda and we are so glad to have her, we might think about a similar position in Germany, due to the increasing amount of administrative work for weltwaerts.

It is not an easy decision to make for the members of Vuga, because we started with the decision to only contribute voluntarily and unpaid work in Germany, but that doesn't fit the reality of running a state funded program anymore. So we will have to decide if we want to continue our path in one way or the other. I would like to emphasize that we did great work in the past two years and have a well structured fundament for a well running organization, but we need to think about more professionalization.

I will send a decision paper to all members of Vuga, which will be debated and hopefully decided at our next assembly in november or december. If you are interested in the discussion or have any suggestion, please feel free to contact as.



Seminar Berlin

by WIELAND

Our second seminar lasted 1 week and took place in Berlin. Jonas organized everything very well and made us feel comfortable in the big city. We spoke about important subjects like racism and a sense of understanding of a voluntary service.

In discussion groups we considered together where one meets racism in everyday life and how one can protect himself to spread this. We worked very conscientiously and in detail on our subjects. Questions on the part of the volunteers could be thereby answered often. The atmosphere was very friendly. This could be maintained by smaller plays always.

In addition, we could appropriate the knowledge playfully. We listen to interesting talks on subjects like quality in the Voluntary Service, the history of Uganda and on the subject Development cooperation. A important part too in our seminar was the subject healthy. Now we know which medicines we should take and how we can protect ourselves from different illnesses on site.



Generally we are very thankful to Vuga and all actors for this seminar and the good time in the East7 Hostel and we are glad about our Voluntary Service.

Partner Work

by PATRICIA - EWAD

The partner organizations met several times to discuss the pedagogical and organisational structure of the preparation seminar in Uganda. The seminar will be realized by all partner organizations together and include the following aspects (and more):

1. Living in a host family and mutual expectations.
2. The Ugandan Culture and History.



3. Health and Safety and the Environment.
4. Social Differences in Uganda and child development.

We are looking forward into a interesting week with the old and new volunteers. Be ready to learn a lot and lets have a lot of fun together too!

Backcoming Seminars

by JOHANNES

For two of our volunteers, it is already coming close to the end of their service. But that doesn't mean the end of the road. We will have five days of seminar with them back in Germany and try to use the motivation of one year in Uganda for further productive work in Germany. We are currently debating on how to organize their seminar. If you have any ideas or would like to participate, please feel free to contact us.

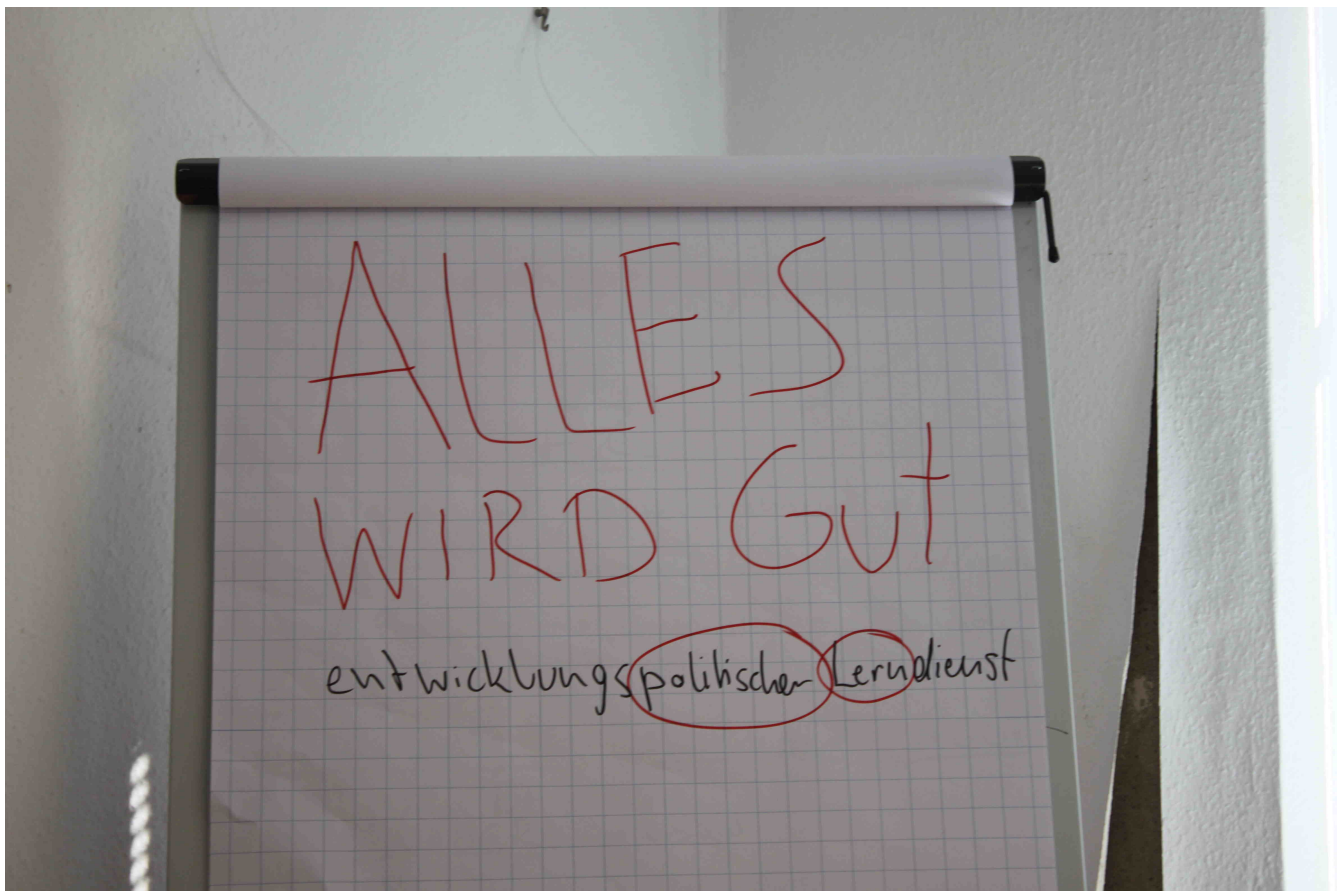


Figure 1: Alles wird gut! Hakuna Matata!