

Towards a Green Future German-Israeli Youth Exchange for Sustainability and Environment Protection

Bilateral Intergenerational Exchange Conference

June 21 – 23, 2022
Berlin



Young people have made remarkable advances to change the discourse about the climate in the last years. Using resourcefulness and creativity beyond imagination, they have formed international networks and initiatives to tackle this burning issue. The discourse was brought up also by numerous participants and programs in German-Israeli youth exchanges. Therefore the **German-Israeli Intergenerational Exchange Conference 2022** will set the spotlight on the topics of environmental awareness, climate protection and sustainability. The Conference will mark the beginning of the intensive bilateral engagement with these topics: How do we confront the climate crisis? How do we shape our lives sustainably in harmony with people and nature? How can we contribute to these aims in bilateral exchange projects and educational cooperations?

The German-Israeli Intergenerational Exchange Conference will bring together young people actively involved in the exchange as well as professional educators of international youth work. It will open up the stage for young people, who have just created new ideas and projects for bilateral youth cooperations in the German-Israeli Youth Exchange Lab 2022. The conference will offer insights into approaches on education for sustainability in Germany and Israel and into German-Israeli exchange-partnerships, who have already worked on these topics bilaterally. With that, the conference shall provide a platform to create new ideas for German-Israeli exchange programs, following the idea to „MEET-IN-GREEN“!

The German-Israeli Exchange Conference in June 2022 will also offer the chance to mark the **20th anniversary of ConAct – Coordination Center German-Israeli Youth Exchange and its cooperation with the Israel Youth Exchange Authority**. Together both organizations have intensively pursued the aim to support, develop and enhance German-Israeli Youth Exchange structures and programs – now is the time to celebrate the great efforts and successes of German-Israeli encounters of young people throughout the last 20 years!

**We hope for inspiring encounters and time to meet in person –
you are invited and welcome!**



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MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2022

Arrival of Participants from Israel .
Arrival of the Participants of the Youth Exchange Lab 2022

TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022

Arrival of participants from Germany on Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

12.30 PM Lunch at the Hotel

2.00 PM **Opening of the German-Israeli Intergenerational Exchange Conference –
Welcome & Introduction**

Plenum

Christine Mähler

ConAct – Coordination Center German-Israeli Youth Exchange

Ariella Gill

Israel Youth Exchange Authority

Naftali Dery

Council of Youth Movements in Israel

Sven-Christian Kindler

German-Israeli Parliamentary Group

2.30 PM **Sustainability, Climate Change and Environment Protection –
Focal Points and Challenges for Society and Youth in Germany and Israel**

Keynote Speeches & Discussion - Plenum

Shachar Kahanovic

Heshel Center for Sustainability, Israel

Dr. Malika Virah-Sahmy

Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies, Potsdam

4.00 PM Coffee & Break



4.30 PM

Education and Activism for Sustainability in Israel and Germany
Goals – Target Groups – Approaches

Parallel Workshops with Rotation – Option to visit two workshops

1. Sustainability – Kayamut:

The program of the Council of Youth Movements in Israel

Tal Madar, Council of Youth Movements in Israel

Nofar Ezer, Council of Youth Movements in Israel

2. The Challenge of Education for Sustainability
in Various Sectors of the Israeli Society

Hagit Geffen, The Green Network, Israel

Rania Akil, The Green Network, Israel

3. Youth Education at the Environmental & Sustainability Authority of
the Municipality of Tel Aviv-Yafo

Noa Regev, Municipality of Tel Aviv-Yafo

Yael Tsoor, Municipality of Tel Aviv-Yafo

4. Intersectional Climate Justice and its Significance for Democracy,
Freedom and Global Health

Kawa Eibesh, BUNDjugend, Federal Board

5. Sustainable Youth Exchanges for a Just Future

Sina Franz, Young Nature Friends

Camille Hamon, Young Nature Friends

6. Education for Sustainable Development –

Possibilities of working with the 17 Sustainable Development Goals

Sven Stumpf, Bavarian Youth Council

Dinner

8.30 PM

Cafe Kayamut – Meet-in-Green in the Evening...

Optional Evening Program

1. Workshop: Understanding & Living Sustainability

2. Film and Discussion



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2022

- 9.00 AM **The German-Israeli Youth Exchange Lab 2022 –
Young People Shape the Future**
Presentation of New Bilateral Projects by Young People
Plenum
- Greetings**
Thomas Thomer,
Bundesministerium für Familie, Senioren, Frauen und Jugend
- Amir Halevi
Ministry of Tourism, Israel a.D.
- Moderation: Rinat Avigur, ConAct
- 10.30 AM Coffee & Break
- 11.00 AM **The German-Israeli Youth Exchange Lab 2022 –
Questions & Answers...**
Fishbowl Discussion around the New Bilateral Projects by Young People
Plenum
- 12.30 PM Lunch & Break
- 1.30 PM **Green Berlin**
Guided Walking Tours
Focus on climate, sustainability, environment – parallel tours
- 3.45 PM **Meet at Hotel Entrance – Please be on time!**
- 4.00 PM **Organized shuttles to the venue of the Anniversary Event**
Buses to leave from Hotel. Buses will not wait. 😊
- 5.00 PM **20 years of ConAct and the cooperation
with the Israel Youth Exchange Authority**
Bilateral Anniversary Event
Youth Exchange – Culture – Get Together
- 7.00 PM **Reception & Dinner**
at the Anniversary Event



9.00 AM

German-Israeli Youth for a Green Future – How take action?

Exchange Programs Acting for a Sustainable Way of Life

Plenum - Panel Discussion:

- Tal Madar,
Council of Youth Movements in Israel
- Franka Marie Bernreiter,
UN Youth Delegate on Sustainable Development,
German Federal Youth Council
- Shachar Kahanovich,
Heschel Center for Sustainability, Israel
- Manon Luther,
Young Socialist Youth

Moderation: Shelly Kupferberg

10.30 AM

Coffee & Break

11.00 AM

Meet-in-Green!

Good Practice Examples of German-Israeli Youth Exchange Projects
for Sustainability and Environment Protection

Meet in Plenum – Devide for Workshops

1. Cranes See No Borders

Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel

& Naturschutzjugend - NAJU (Youth for the Protection of Nature)

Gil Bezalel, Israel

Hanna Thon, Germany

2. greenXchange e.V. i.G.

**A German-Israeli Leadership Program for Young People in
Sustainability**

Thomas Fröhlich, Germany

3. A Sustainable 15 Minute-City

Children- and Youth Center JOJO Leipzig

& Tichonet Alterman School, Tel Aviv

Amnon Franco, Israel

Anne Tollerup Nielson, European Volunteer, Germany



4. Sustainability Must Be Experienced

County Sports Association Nordfriesland & HaPoel Petach Tikva

Matthias Hansen, Germany

Tyll Reinisch, Germany

5. Green Urban Youth

Deutsche Schreberjugend & Arab-Jewish Community Center

Tel Aviv-Yafo

Yael Tsoor, Israel

Erik Rose, Germany

6. Education for Sustainable Development

SJD Die Falken, Section of Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg, Berlin &

Academy for Education and Sports Tamra

Robert Rostoski, Germany

Liam Hagenlocher, Germany

12.30 PM

Closing Statements: Motivation Boost – for a Green Future

1.00 PM

Lunch – End of Conference

2.00 PM

Optional: Exchange Lounge – Meet & Plan

Space, time and support for exchange partnerships to plan their next projects

Departure of Participants from Germany

Free afternoon for Participants from Israel

7.00 PM

Dinner for Participants from Israel



FURTHER INFORMATION

Location

Berlin-Mitte. Further details about the Conference Location and Lodging will be communicated with the confirmation for Participation.

Language

Simultaneous translation will be offered in plenum sessions. Workshops will be held in English. To participate in the conference, a fairly good knowledge of English is required.

Seminar Lead

Christine Mähler, ConAct – Coordination Center for German-Israeli Youth Exchange

Ariella Gill, Israel Youth Exchange Authority

Shlomit Ronen-Livne, Council of Youth Movements in Israel

Seminar Team

Rinat Avigur, ConAct (Rinat.Avigur@ConAct-org.de)

Antonia Weissert, ConAct (Antonia.Weissert@ConAct-org.de)

and other coordinators of ConAct and the Israel Youth Exchange Authority.

Participation Fee

For **Participants from Israel**: please turn to the Israel Youth Exchange Authority.

For **Participants from Germany**: 60,- €, Accommodation and lodging are included. Travel expenses can be reimbursed after the conference (Bahnfahrt – 2. Klasse).

For further details & questions, please contact us:

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www.ConAct-org.de



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