

Week of religions

Background

In the year 2007, 65% of the population considered themselves to be Catholic or Protestant. 20% did not belong to a religious group. 15% were followers of other religious faiths. One generation ago these numbers were different. In everyday life and in the media, people often speak of religions in a polarizing manner. During the Week of Religions, we want to focus on religions in a different manner: as powers which can unify. That is our contribution to religious peace.

First experiences

The Week of Religions is a platform for encounters between people of differing religious beliefs. It took place for the first time in 2007. In 40 cities and municipalities in Switzerland, there were 100 events – cultural occasions, mutual visits, inter-religious prayers. That should be the same in the future!

Everyone who is interested in religions and cultures is invited

Schools, clubs, municipalities or communities can make a contribution and profit from the experiences of others and the publicity of the Week of Religions. IRAS COTIS is coordinating the activities. Around 120 collective members are associated with our inter-religious work group, among them communities from the following religions: Alevis, Bahá'í, Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism.

What to do, how to proceed?

Everything begins with the decision “yes, we will participate!” Suggestions for events can be found at www.woche-der-religionen.ch. Idea music exchange: use music as a bridge to other communities. Invite a foreign music group or a choir or let yourself be invited!

Everything allowed, everyone welcome?

The individual projects should radiate the same spirit and be obliged to the same goals. For this reason we have published guidelines which are to be observed.

Information

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Important: Please report your activities

We will instruct you on how to do so at www.woche-der-religionen.ch.

The week of religions will take place

2011: from 6 -12 November
2012: from 4 -10 November
2013: from 3 -09 November