

Take on – Destroy - Create

The full potential of the masculine

Inspiration meeting in preparation of the international Men's Symposium

**From Thu 25 evening to Sunday noon August 28, 2016 in Frankfurt a.M.
Sign up immediately, at the latest by the end of March 2016**

What?

Creative international exchange of dedicated men from different backgrounds to develop ideas for shaping the future of the world in which our children will live. Languages are English and German.

For whom?

Men who are committed to issues of masculinity in a broad sense and want to help shape the future in this field. Those may come from areas such as HR or management of organizations, education, counseling, therapy, personal development, law enforcement, military, NGOs, among others. And very young men, who are active for example in youth work are welcome too.

Where and when?

Martin Niemöller Haus in D-61389 Schmittchen near Frankfurt, www.martin-niemoeller-haus.de from Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 18h to Sunday, August 28, 2016 at 12h

How?

All participants have the same role, contribute from their knowledge and experience, have part in the exchange. The exchange is partly structured and partly process-oriented, that is, determined in situ by the participants. It should be creative, work and play, enjoyment and concentration alternate. The most important things are often aired whilst having a beer together, during informal chats, that's part of it. Everyone pays his own travel and expenses plus max. € 50 additional costs contribution.

Current situation

Men face up, take their destiny and their responsibility for others and for the whole into their own hands. They combine fun, performance, collaboration and targeted action in team sports. They give their heart and soul to NGOs or charities and often run big risks there. They are engaged in their organization, in their family and for the children. They are pioneers in science and development of communities. They create excellence individually and in teams, not just athletic. More and more men know the importance of balance between performance and recovery, games, fun and down-to-earth seriousness.

At the same time most people are preoccupied with the events of the Cologne New Year's Eve events, the media exploited and utilize it. Men, some being refugees from other cultures, violated the bodily integrity of women. The police had failed. There were no reports of men protecting women. There are also well-documented incidents of UN peace-keepers employed to protect people who abused women and children sexually.

This raises not only questions about refugees and peacekeeping missions. Underneath it is the issue of where and how male tackling, male aggression, makes sense. Sense of life and the future. A large number of men are already committed to it. They are aware of the necessity and potential of aggression, but also the dangers. The theme of male aggression we had already suggested for the Symposium 2015: Destroying and Creating - the full potential of the masculine.

Our Aggression and how we use them? This is now THE subject for men.

With this inspiration meeting I would like to create an exchange platform for committed men.

Men's Movement, history

The men's movement began as a reaction to that of women. At the beginning it was either to fully understand the females concerns (feminist men's movement) or to strengthen masculine identity (as mytho-poetic movement), to relearn gender relations under changing roles, to share great, often physically wild experiences. It was about the concerns of women or the man himself, the self-esteem, the new self-image.

In the new millennium, the father role became the topic, taking on responsibility for children, being there for them, helping women in the household. It's about responsibility in relationships with children and partners.

Now comes our aggression. 'Aggredi' from Latin means something like "go towards, grab something". A beautiful thing that can succeed or slip away. With aggression we form, create events, shape the future. We destroy, what causes damage, or create the necessary space for new things.

Future

In consultation with the participants we may share with others, publish videos from the meeting, interviews. Whether further meetings will take place, possibly with the participation of women, will show.

How much?

Accommodation, meals and seminar room:

Single rooms: 361 EUR

Double room: 313 EUR

The contribution fee of max. 50 € will be charged depending on the costs incurred during the meeting.

To facilitate the participation of young men with little money to we need sponsors (please see below).

Registration

To assure as quickly as possible that the meeting takes place, I ask for immediate registration (per email to me fischer@mann-frau.com) and payment of room and board cost (account details below). This type of meeting makes already sense with a small number (6-8) of motivated participants.

Information for registration:

- Name, first name, complete address, telephone numbers, email, website.
- If you sponsor (see above) want to be, to what amount?
- Description in about 30 words from you and your kind of men's involvement.
- Description in about 30-60 words, the direction in which your short on inspiration Input Meeting is expected to decline.

Bank Accounts

Raiffeisenbank Bielersee; Robert Fischer, CH-3007 Bern; Swift/BIC: RAIFCH22; Clearing: 80833

In Euros: CH4480833000004434163 (IBAN)

In Swiss francs: CH1880833000004434146 (IBAN)

Next Steps

I plan to send a monthly news letter with the details of the already registered participants and other information.

To provide planning certainty for all concerned, I will decide already beginning of April on the meeting.

Therefore, sign up immediately!

If I had to cancel unexpectedly, I would back-transfer all amounts paid.

Please provide me with information about other men that could contribute and are suitable for this meeting.

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