

Project description for 2024

Project 1: Deeper understanding of African mentality: (for work, family and relationships, improving the neighborhood) It consists of a theoretical part and a workshop with practical exercises.



Africans in Ghana and Germany, how do they think and feel? Old and new lifestyle in terms of mentality differences This can be applied to migrants from all over Africa who have come to Germany and are already living here in the 1st or 2nd generation. How do differences in mentality become noticeable in bilingual relationships or at school? Is there a generation gap?

Our topics are:

Africans with

1. special ways of thinking, e.g. understanding with language images in the choice of words
2. with a cultural-religious background, Christian or Muslim, prayer postures
3. important gestures, e.g. left and right hands, e.g. do not use your left hand when gesticulating
4. Show respect at the beginning of a greeting and small talk conversation
5. Forms of greeting, conversation behavior, use of please “mepa kyow” and thank you “medase”
6. Farewell seems to be missing, does not seem disrespectful to Africans
7. Customs, habits and festivals, in the home country and in Germany
8. Differences in the sense of time, the clocks seem to run differently! “Europeans have the clock, Africans have the time.”

The consideration of differences in mentality receives too little attention and is hardly explained or made understandable in everyday life. Teachers are probably not aware of this enough or have hardly been trained. Important differences in perception in conjunction with examples should be discussed. The resulting misunderstandings can be responded to in a preventative, benevolent and balancing manner from both sides. Not everything is racism or can be traced back to racism! According to the United Nations, there are currently 193 countries on our planet.

Within these 193 countries there are different groups, tribes and communities, all of which have and represent their own values. But what exactly are values? Values are desirable or morally well-considered properties or qualities that are attributed to objects, ideas, practical or moral ideals, facts, patterns of action, character traits or even goods.