

# VARIETE DE LA VIE

## EARTH, WIND & FIRE



Internationales Jugendtreffen  
der Essener Partnerstädte

2009

*Jugendamt*  
DER STADT ESSEN

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The Twin Cities of  
Essen, Grenoble, Nishnij Nowgorod, Sunderland,  
Tampere and Tel Aviv  
proudly present:

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# PREFACE

In the summer 2009, the Youth Office of the City of Essen had again invited young people from the Twin Cities Grenoble, Nishnij Nowgorod, Sunderland, Tampere and Tel Aviv to the International Youth Meeting 'Variété de la Vie – Earth, Wind & Fire'.

'Earth, wind & fire' was part II within the series 'Variété de la Vie' that had started in the previous year with the theme 'element water' and will have its peak in the European Capital of Culture Year 2010 with young participants from the RUHR Cities Essen, Bottrop, Dinslaken, Duisburg, Mülheim, Oberhausen and their European Twin Cities.

With the international youth festival 'Variété de la Vie – Arts & Action' next year, the six RUHR Cities want to lay the foundations for a permanent network of international youth culture-based projects that are designed to benefit the participants.

Beside the support of the artistic and creative interests of young people, living and working together, getting to know each other and making friends are some of the most important reasons to make International Youth Meetings.



From 13th till 20th July 2009, more than forty young people and workers and also forty kids participated in the International Youth Meeting in Essen and worked on an extraordinary variété show that was finally presented at "Jugendzentrum Essen".

This booklet is giving a view into the leisure time activities, the workshops and the final variété show - we hope that you will enjoy it!







# TAMPERE FINLAND



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The first groups arrived at Airport on Sunday

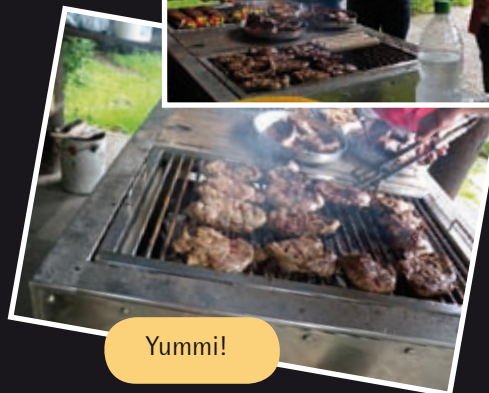
The first groups arrived at Dusseldorf Airport on Sunday



A Barbecue and some Ice-Breaking Games were the right things to warm up and get to know each other



## freetime activities



Yummi!





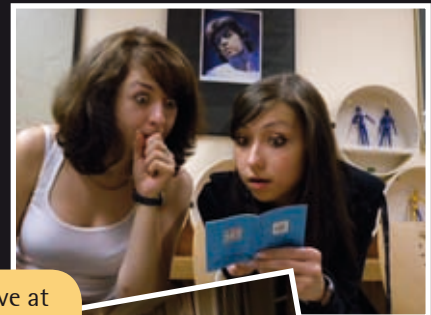
Every day the participants learned how to say „Good Morning“ in a different language



Meeting the kids for the first time



It was all about love at the Love-4-U Parcours



# ACROBATICS WORKSHOP

In the acrobatic workshop everyone learned quickly to put down the 'shyness' about physical contact. Under the guidance of Andrea Kruck and Tammy Schmack, teens and children worked together as a team to work out an amazing programme, twisting and wrenching as if they had elastic bones. Especially the children, due to their shortness, had fun in being lifted and whirled around by the youngsters. Every single participant was contributing to a great and funny time during the workshop.



Workshop leaders Andrea (left) and Tammy (above)



Children on top!







No one showed  
fear of heights!

## DID YOU KNOW ?

The origin of the word "acrobatics" lies in the Greek language, meaning "to tiptoe".

# JUGGLING WORKSHOP

You could ask for balls, bowling pins, a diabolo or torches – and find it all in the juggling workshop where everything was used. Juggling usually requires a long time of practicing but Yasemin Yasici and Florian Weber showed the youngsters and children how to get quickly into the right rhythm. Of course it didn't work entirely without practicing but everyone had fun in trying out and performing breathtaking stunts.



Workshop leaders Yasemin (left) and Florian (above)



Handling the diabolo requires some practice



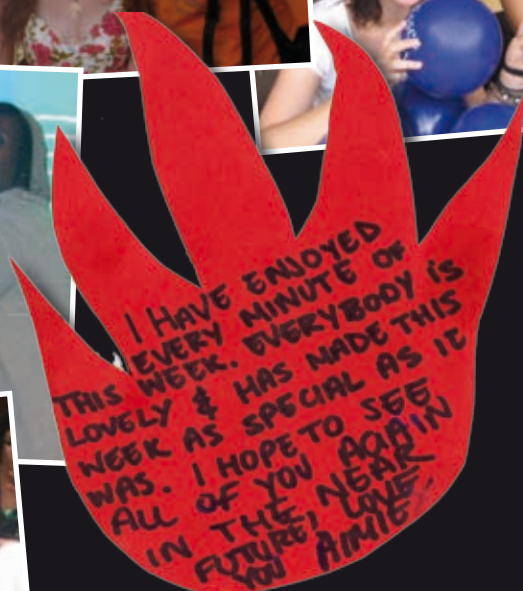
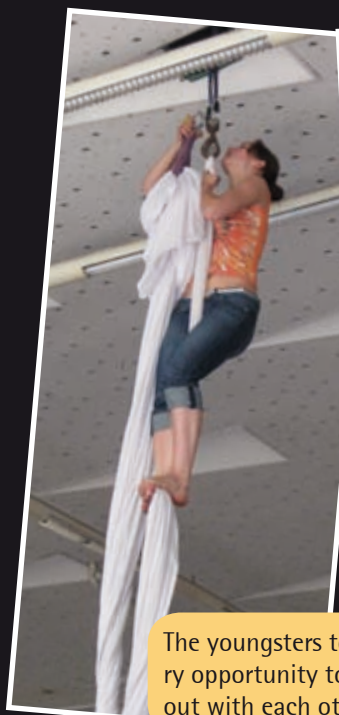
Time to lay down for a break!





**DID YOU  
KNOW ?**

The juggling world record holder is juggling with five balls for more than one hour.



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activities*





Chilling out at the  
Seaside Beach Club

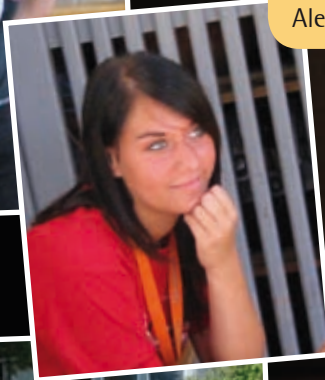


# DANCE WORKSHOP

The workshop leaders Alexeider Abad Gonzales, Babeth Papazian and Aylin Jürük took care of every single participant according to their individual talents and knowledge. They arranged a choreography with a variety of different dance styles - hip hop, street-, jazz- and modern dance - that also included drumming or blowing soap bubbles.



Workshop leaders Babeth, Alexeider and Aylin



Dance & Fun outside in the sun and inside in the gym







The soap bubble-choreography

## DID YOU KNOW ?

One of the most important aspects of dancing is to wear the right shoes: in Africa for example you can find the 'gum-boot' dance.

# STAGE DESIGN WORKSHOP

A professional stage show always needs appropriate lighting and special effects. The participants of the technics workshop created the whole stage design and were also responsible for the safety - concerning especially the fire effects - under the workshop guidance of Pascal Sokoll and Kati Hummel. During the presentation of the show, they underlined the programme with light and music, creating a real vaudeville atmosphere for the audience.



Workshop leaders  
Pascal and Kati



## DID YOU KNOW ?

Real volcano lava consists of melted stone and has a temperature up to 1.300 °C. The variety's volcano of course was not that hot but nevertheless very impressive.



Every stunning fire  
show needs a volcano!





Even special effects  
need practicing



# PRESS WORKSHOP

Documenting the youth meeting and representing the event to the public is an important task that was executed by the participants of the journalism workshop. The journalists took photos, recorded videos and held interviews among the other children and international guests. Additionally, they prepared and realized a press conference, guiding interested ViPs and newspapermen of the local press through the workshops.



Workshop leaders  
Tina and Jenny



The children made many interviews and had the chance to speak English.





They prepared an international press conference and led the visitors through the workshops.





# THEATRE WORKSHOP

During the theatre workshop, the participants did not simply learn how to "act". Getting the feeling for a role and the show is much more complex than learning texts and movements, workshop leader and show director Dieter Schaade would say. Together with Katja Winter, he led a workshop that functioned as a kind of lesson in self-awareness: the participants worked together as a team, overcoming shyness and restraints to let their hair down, to scream and to come to blows without hurting each other. A truly action-loaded time.



Workshop leaders  
Katja and Dieter



This looks really dangerous! But  
the youngsters did not really  
harm each other.



## DID YOU KNOW ?

In Shakespeare's times, women weren't allowed to perform in theatre plays. Female roles usually were casted by men – even Juliet from his famous play "Romeo and Juliet".

Whether it was rage, love or grief – the theatre group's performance was a rollercoaster ride of emotions.







Of course the young artists got the chance to get some inspiration at a real vaudeville show.





The youngsters even met the artists after the show.





# INTERNATIONAL EVENING

## Kitchen- 1

16:00- 18:00- Russian  
18:00- 19:00- Germany  
19:00- 19:30- ISRAEL

## Kitchen- 2

16:00- 17:00- France  
17:00- 18:00- Finland  
18:00- 18:30- England

On Thursday, every nation prepared a part of the international dinner, introducing traditional food from their countries





The international evening was launched by Thomas Kufen, the head of the Youth Service Committee Essen.





# THE SHOW













# AFTER SHOW PARTY



The young artists walked along the colourful „red“ carpet.



Now it's the right time to give and take presents.





*finally...  
time to say  
goodbye :(*





# THE TEAM

Andrea Schmidt

Monika Hurschmann

Monika Mathiszik

*(from right to left)*



- Geraldine Böttcher
- Markus Hüfing
- Cornelia Sauermann
- Annika Hölschen
- Janina Baierle
- Yvonne Bohoun
- Marc Kollorz







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