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JLU international

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Internationalisation@JLU – Local Support for Global Skills

Cross-Cultural Exchange of Skills and Knowledge Pilot Project
A Cooperation between Studentenwerk Giessen and
Justus-Liebig-Universität Giessen

Facts & Figures

The period over which the project takes place: 1 March 2011 – 28 February 2014

Amount of money available for the project: 1,356,600 €

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Our project „Internationalisation@JLU“ is a part of the ESF sub-programme HALL (Transition between university and the world of work and lifelong learning).

The project's staff: 5

Locations:

“Lokal International” – an international centre on campus, situated in the midst of a hall of residence for students

Our welcoming service for visiting scholars is situated in the administration building.

Visiting Researchers

International researchers and teachers (starting with PhDs)

Research periods within the framework of research funding programmes, e.g. DAAD, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, DFG (German Research Foundation)

Students

International students

Students of non-German extraction

Students from non-academic families

Alumni International

All foreign students, graduates, postgraduates, postdoctoral students and researchers who have studied or carried out research at JLU

- to strengthen the intercultural competences of German students in view of the global labour market
- to heighten the results of successful studies for all students and to increase their chances of employment on the local or global labour market
- to diminish the risk of student's failing to complete their studies
- to improve academic and social integration of all international guests by using the international centre's offers
- to employ JLU Alumni as experts for career counselling and orientation, and to facilitate access to business or research networks for German students through the help of JLU Alumni
- to enhance long-term commitment to the university

Services for Students

- Classes/Tutorials on
 - Intercultural skills
 - International labour market
 - Social integration
- Events at "Lokal International"
- Additional offers for international students, e.g. German language courses, International University Summer Course, Spring Intensive Course
- Advice on studying abroad and international internships

Services for Visiting Scholars

- Online information portal
http://www.uni-giessen.de/cms/international-pages/vrt/view?set_language=en
- Assistance in searching for accommodation
- Welcoming package
- Assistance in dealing with local authorities
- Help with integration of partners & children
- Integration into events at "Lokal International" (e.g. "Im Gepäck... International Guest Scholars Share Their Stories")
- Excursions (at the planning stage)



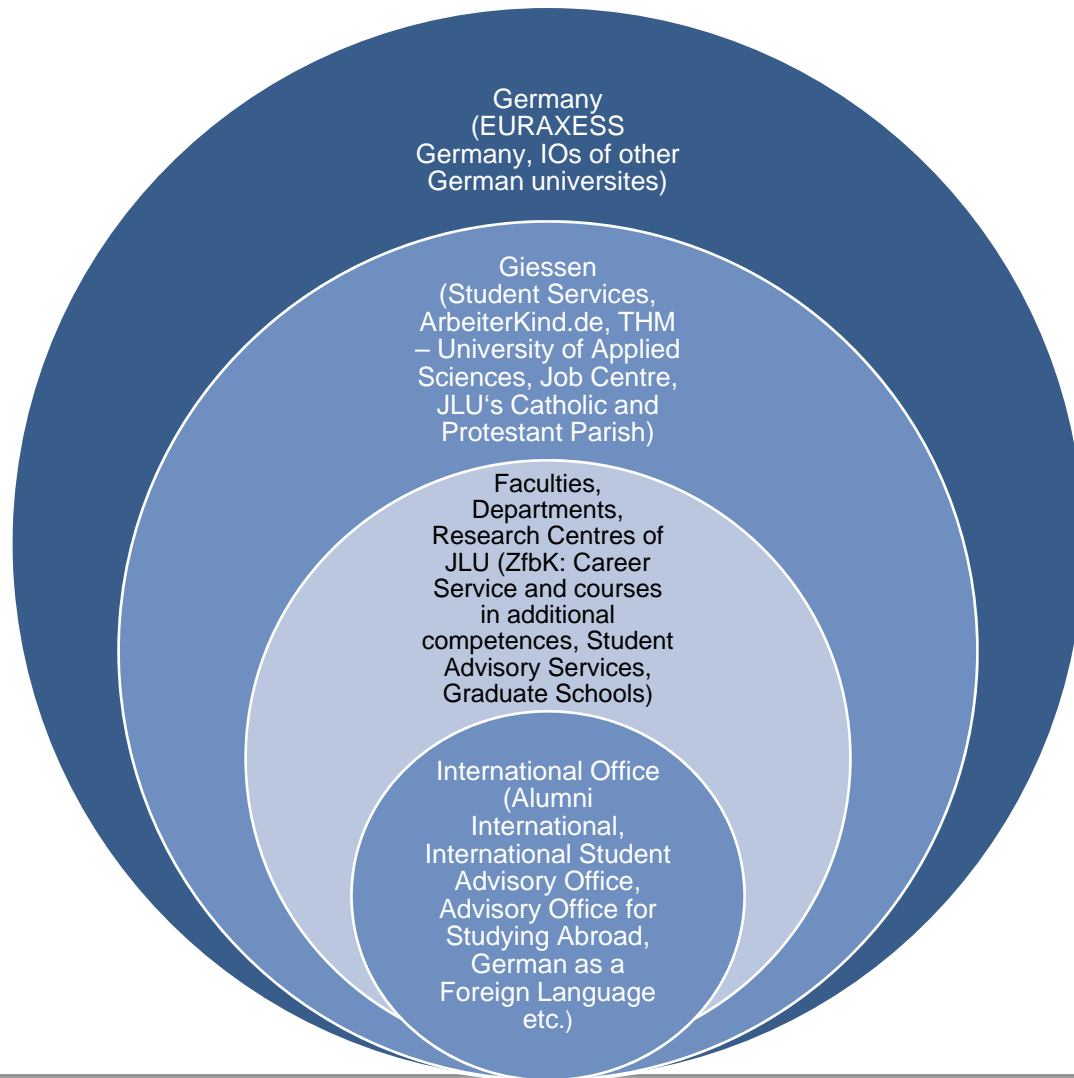
Transfer of skills and knowledge, a culture of learning with and from each other

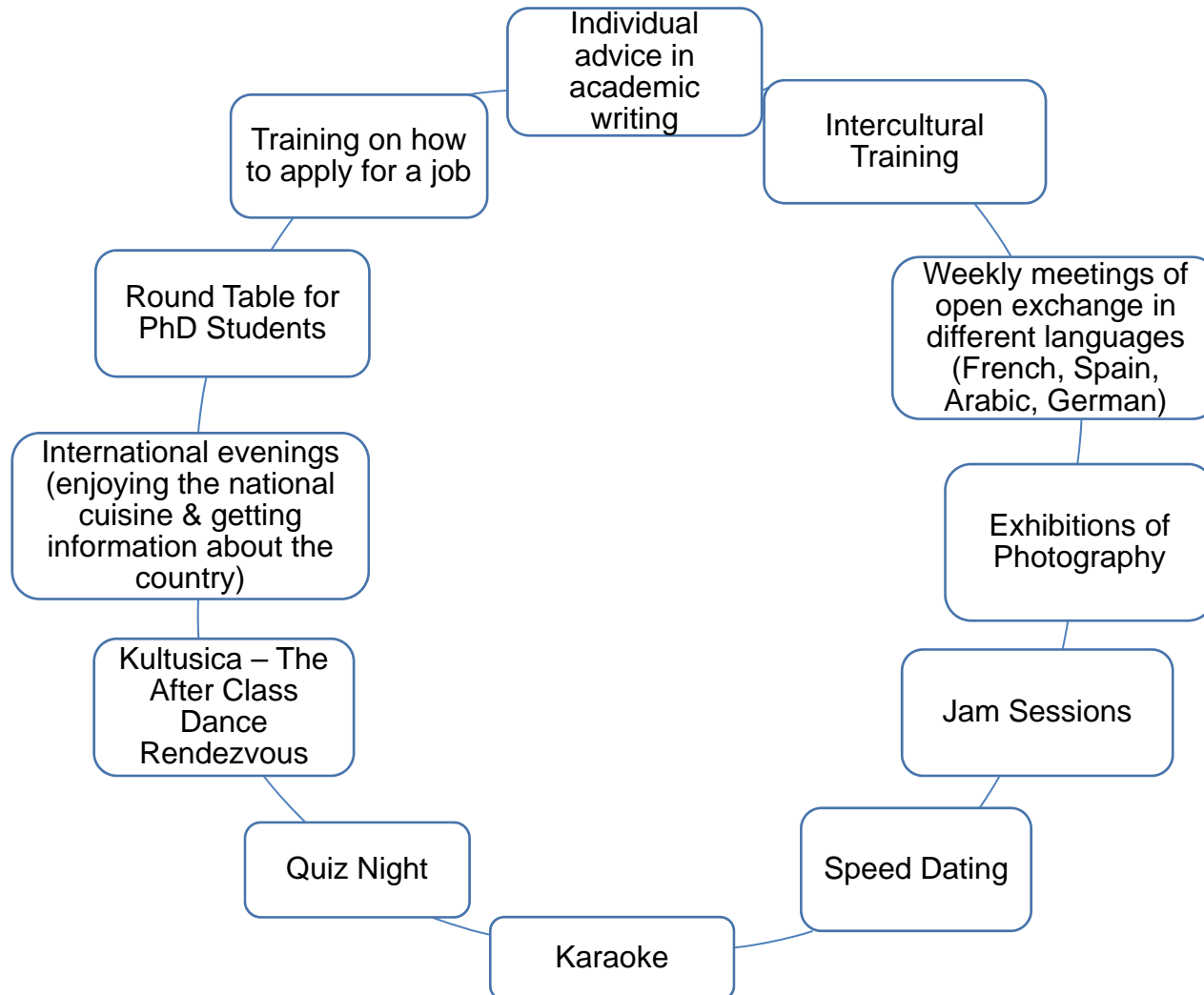
Various groups of so called ‚disadvantaged‘ students will be brought into contact to learn from and with each other. A variety of social integrative activities will take place at the Lokal International and are intended to create understanding between the participants.

Students are supported by presentations, lectures and training sessions to be offered in cooperation with, for example, the ZfbK (Centre for Competences in Foreign Language and Vocational Skills) or the university team of the local job centre.

Subjects offered:

- academic writing
- applying for a placement or a job
- preparation for various fields of work (lectures in vocational orientation offered by the ZfbK)





"Im Gepäck... Visiting Scholars Share Their Stories"

International guest scholars talk about their home countries, their work, and their research, and share their intercultural and 'German' experiences.

Within this 'informal lecture', followed by an open discussion we translate our concept of transfer into practice. Students get the possibility of talking to international scholars and speaking about every subject which might be of interest.

Vice versa, guest researchers become acquainted with the international centre and its programme.



Anchoring "Lokal International,, in the structure of JLU and Studentenwerk

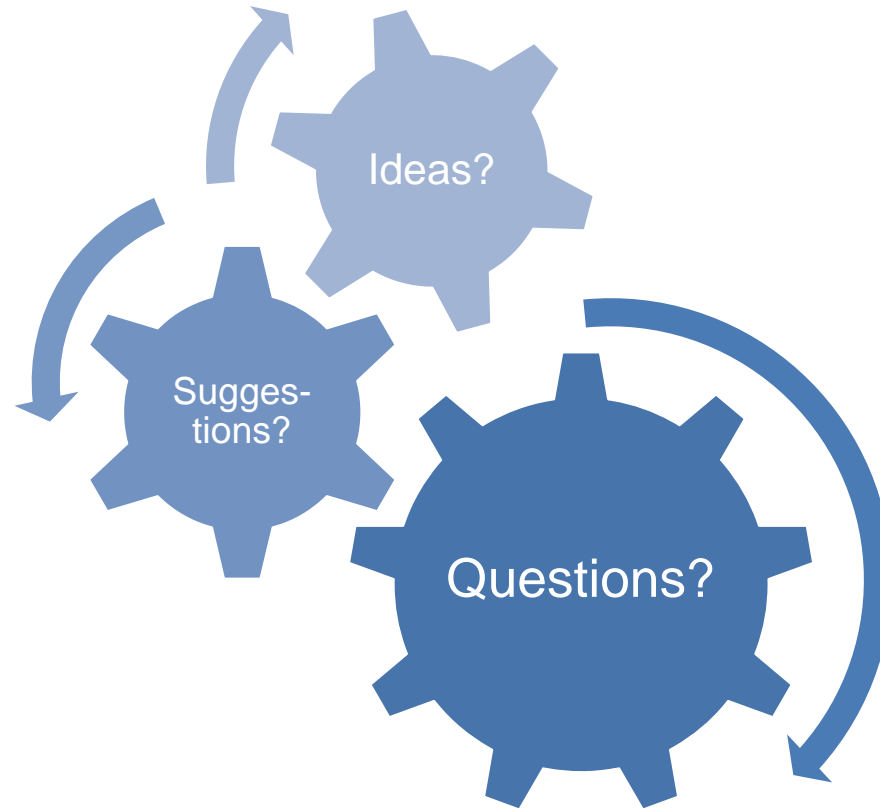
- Development of concepts to increase the financial independence of the international centre

Extending the Welcoming Service

- Extending the welcoming service by offering excursions and programmes for family members
- Optimising our assistance in searching for accommodation (by collecting more private offers)

Expanding the Career Services

- Qualification of specialists from all over the world for the German labour market (offering specialised application training)
- Qualification of the JLU's graduates in view of the international labour market
- Additional qualification of all students in intercultural competences



Thank you for listening!

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