

BARAZA

Welcome to Tolerance, Understanding, Coexistence



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Our Vision


“BARAZA envisions a future where transcultural and interfaith dialogue has influenced a new generation of global leaders, whose policy-making and actions are grounded in human values.”



Our Mission

“BARAZA’s international team provides a global platform for transcultural and interfaith dialogue. We believe in ideals of Acceptance, Understanding, and Coexistence. Supported by our network of knowledgeable experts, we invest in education, we create real-world encounters, and we build thriving partnerships.”

WHAT IS BARAZA?



BARAZA e. V. is a non-profit association dedicated to the international promotion of peaceful thinking, tolerance in all areas of culture and religion, and understanding among nations. We are active in various regions of the globe, and are registered as a non-governmental organization (NGO).

“Baraza” is a Swahili word meaning “council” or “meeting place.” It is simply a place where people get together, share news and ideas, and try together to solve common problems.

In a time of growing insecurity – fueled, among other things, by some media and social networks – we have created BARAZA as an institution dedicated to combating prejudice. With BARAZA we want to build a new and unencumbered community which promotes understanding between peoples, while remaining neutral in relation to religion.

In cooperation with our international team of experts, we develop ideas and projects through our relationships with potential sponsors. We support projects and services that are designed for the general public on a global level, multicultural and multilingual. Through our programs, we are able to reach everyone: from the decision makers at international companies, to parents, kids and educators.

Through the Internet, social media, special events, exhibitions and our network, we inform the public about our activities and partnerships, extend our reach, and recruit support.

HISTORY

The project that led to the foundation of BARAZA and the establishment of this international network is the touring exhibition “Tolerance, Understanding, Coexistence,” which was conceived and realized by BARAZA board members. Since 2010, this exhibition has been presented in more than 120 locations in 35 countries around the world, including schools, universities, state and religious institutions, museums, the UN and UNESCO.

NETWORK

BARAZA maintains an active international network of renowned university professors and leaders of transcultural and interfaith institutions, and youth organizations.

The founding members, advisors and associates of BARAZA come from different countries and all walks of life. They work in different fields, are of different nationalities, ethnic groups, and faith traditions.

OUR STRENGTHS

- ✘ We have a dedicated team with a wide range of experience, combining capable management, technical know-how and global experience.
- ✘ We collaborate within a network consisting of experts who are educators, artists and media professionals, associated with national and international institutions in the fields of intracultural and interreligious dialogue. This allows us to quickly evaluate and implement the most diverse project ideas.
- ✘ We have ongoing relationships with institutions, companies and philanthropists, which are willing to provide financial resources.
- ✘ We cooperate with globally active organizations, such as the World Scout Association and the United Religions Initiative (URI), which reach millions of young people.
- ✘ We are convinced of our ability to achieve our goals.

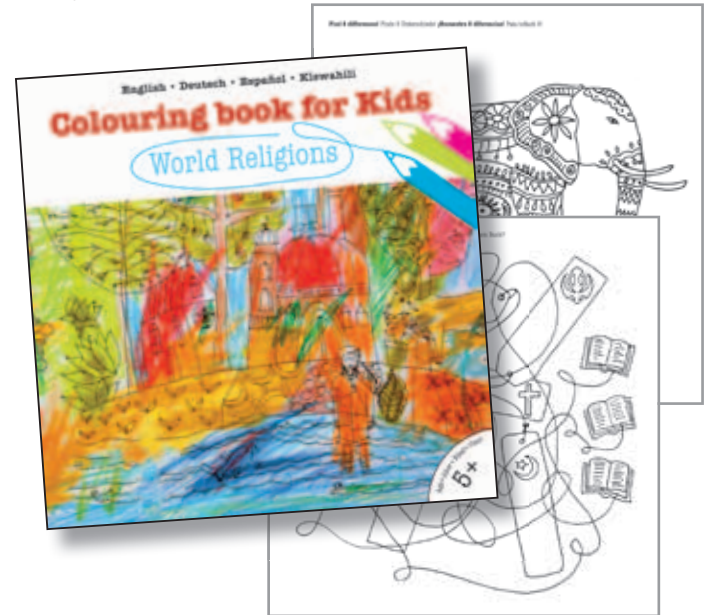


PROJECTS

- ✘ Disseminating the knowledge of individuals and institutions known for successful transcultural and interreligious dialogue
- ✘ Conducting seminars, conferences, meetings and informative events relating to education, religion, culture and science
- ✘ Encouragement of activities and creation of teaching materials to promote mutual understanding
- ✘ Promotion and implementation of exhibitions and cultural events
- ✘ Exchange programs for scientists, journalists, artists, students and young people
- ✘ Encouraging and supporting teamwork between institutions and individuals who are active internationally in the promotion of peace, societal tolerance, acceptance and mutual understanding

FINANCING

Small projects created or sponsored by BARAZA are financed through membership fees, crowdfunding and private donations. Larger-scale projects are financed with the support of sponsors, foundations and government funds.



Colouring Book „World Religions“ for kids age 5+

The BARAZA colouring book is available in different languages, such as English, French, Arabic, German, Swahili, Spanish and Chinese.

STRUCTURE

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NON-PROFIT STATUS

BARAZA e. V. was established on June 21, 2017 and recognized as a charitable corporation by the tax office Munich with the tax number 143/210/90983.

BARAZA e. V. supports charitable purposes directly and exclusively, and is specifically committed to supporting the promotion of tolerance, dialogue and acceptance in all areas of the culture as well as international understanding within the meaning of § 52 Paragraph 2 Sentence 1 No. (n) 13 AO.

BARAZA e. V. is authorized to issue donation confirmations for membership fees and other donations in support of eligible purposes and designated activities in accordance with official prescriptions.

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