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Members Letter 1/2015

Dear Association Members, friends,

We, the board of the "Cardijn Association" would like to tell you about our work in recent months in this letter.

Who we are!

Since April 2014 we are the members of the new Executive of the Association. We present ourselves with this photo taken at our last meeting:



Left to right:
Renate Moser,
Anna Wall-Strasser,
Rainer Rathmayr,
Tony Addy,
Markus Feichtinger
(replacing Sigrid
Kremsmayr who is
on parental leave),
Edeltraud Artner-
Papelitzky.

Debt – Forgiveness – Liberation – Cardijn Seminar 2015

Currently, the media is full of reports of Greece. The people there have suffered for years from the debt repayments and the savings and privatisation policies that are imposed by the creditors. The real incomes of Greeks have decreased by 40%. Half of young people are unemployed.

The new Greek government wants to facilitate the relief from the oppressive debt borne by the people of the country, but debt relief is denied in a reflex by the creditors.

From 22-25th January 2015, the European Cardijn Seminar under the title **"Debt – Forgiveness – Liberation - Debt as a Weapon - Theology for Life"** took place in Cardijn House, Linz.

33 participants from 7 European countries followed the Cardijn method, "see - judge - act - celebrate" as they worked together over 3 intensive days. This crises facing individual lives, communities and countries crises brought into focus under psychological, sociological, economic, political and theological, aspects. The specific personal and collective consequences for practice were also considered. Noticeably, when the delegates were leaving, in the closing reflection there was an atmosphere of redemption and liberation.

A brief report of the seminar can be found on our website: www.cardijn-verein.org or we will send it free of charge if you call us (+43 732 7610 3631).

The Board

Since April 2014, we have a new board for the Association. We share this photo so that those who do not know us can see us in reality!

Financial Support for Education

In 2014, a series of courses "Career Navigation - Do something, what you really, really want" offering participatory vocational guidance for young people was co-funded from donations from the Association. The project is a collaboration of Forum Work/KAJ and the Catholic Workers' Movement, Upper Austria. The programme is continuing with a current offer for adults. If you would like more information about these courses contact the office of the KAB, Upper Austria (+44 732 7610 3641).

CABLE – Community Based Learning for Empowerment

The Association is a member of the international CABLE network which supports education for those working for change on the local level and also for marginalised groups and communities. In the coming year new initiatives based on the CABLE approach will be developed.

Handbook: See- Judge - Act - Celebrate (and Group Work)

Some members of the Association are very involved in the new organisation of Catholic Youth in Upper Austria which is part of the Diocese of Linz. In this practical manual for working with young people, based on the basic Cardijn approach 'See-Judge-Act-Celebrate' as well as material for supporting group work with young people. It is a handbook for beginners and for those more advanced who are engaged as paid or voluntary youth and group leaders. It is useful for open youth work, and for those working with young workers. It helps to structure work with young people but it can also be a source of guidance for your own life.

The manual is immediately available at a price of € 19.90 from:

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Membership Fee

For 2015 and 2014, we ask again, where appropriate, to please make your payment of the annual membership fee of 20,- Euro. A payment form is attached (except for those who pay by direct debit) and bank details can be found on the web site: www.cardijn-verein.org.

Many thanks to you all for the support of the Association's activities! The money that we have, directly contributes to ecumenical educational work in the tradition of Joseph Cardijn.

With warm and caring regards,
On behalf of the entire board

Rainer Rathmayr
Chair

Anna Wall Strasser
Deputy Chair