

(Summarised version. The full description covers 14 pages and, like the manifesto, can be downloaded from the Internet or is available from the executive office.)

### **The Vision**

Our goal is the creation of a broad grass-roots movement as a powerful transformation force "from the base upwards":

#### **A network of cultural creatives.**

These are the steadily rising number of people around the world who have freed themselves from unilateral materialism and its destructive paradigms on account of their free, integral or spiritual attitudes. People who are no longer prepared to accept a passive consumer role, but who lay claim to their right to make an active contribution to the cultural renewal.

### **Initial situation - the cultural crisis**

Taking into consideration the realities of life today, we see that psychologically individual, socially collective and ecologically global-centric problem areas are coming to a head in dramatic manner - world-wide.

In August 2008, various supporting organisations and individuals, mainly from Germany and Switzerland, organised a congress in Götzis/St. Arbogast (Austria) with the aim of deepening the contents of a new understanding of political reality in many different ways. This is based on a new, integral consciousness which wants to actively create this new culture.

One outcome of the congress is the manifesto adopted through the consensus of all the participating groups. This points to the existing and worsening problems of human culture, and indicates essential spheres of activity for solving these problems.

### **The goal – a network of cultural creatives**

Our prime goal is a network of cultural creatives. The identity that is to be created as a spiritual ribbon between these people differs from anything ever seen before. It is not only about outwardly visible same beliefs and a common life style. Rather more, it also concerns the practical creation of an organisational culture of people who attain the ability to "govern" themselves. We would like to encourage all cultural creatives to demonstrate their commitment to an identity as a society-forming force on the basis of joint action above and beyond their local and/or subject-specific networking activities.

### **The multicentric congress in 2012**

The 2012 congress is one step on the path to realising the vision, the first tangible sub-goal: Some of the organisations and groups that are already involved in creating a liveable culture form the basis for a network of culturally creative organisations and groups.

Initially, our search will focus on Europe and existing group and organisation partners. Together with these, the aim is to organise congresses during the same period between May and August 2012 in as many locations as possible throughout Europe.

The organisational nature and responsibility for these events lie solely in the accountability of the individual partners. However, certain elements should be the same to underline the common thread:

1. The common motto "*the way we really want to live - Cultural Creatives Shape Change*" will create a "thematic energy field", which will inwardly deal with a new integral understanding of politics.
2. Simple, common messages are to be sent to people by means of concerted publicity work urging them to join the movement:

### **The German-language congress in St. Arbogast**

From July 28th through to August 5th, 2012 we will be organising a German-language congress, which will again be held in the youth and educational facility in St. Arbogast. With its artistic main points of focus, it is planned to last for eight days and to become an intensive, all-encompassing process for around 200 people.

During the run-up to the congress, various pilgrimages and wanderings will take place in the German-speaking countries, which will link many decentralised events to the themes of the congress.

At its climax, it could turn into an open air event and for one weekend expand into a festival of more than 1000 people.

### **Joint action - the immediate results**

A cultural "earthquake" should be created in that all the conference participants, but also all those people in Europe who have taken favourable notice of our efforts through the media, take part in one or more common courses of action that are still to be agreed. These actions should have at least symbolic political significance.

Inwardly, these common courses of action serve to create an identity and strengthen the bonds. Outwardly, they send a clear signal to the public domain and illustrate that changes in the overall system can be achieved within a short period of time through joint action. Thereby it becomes evident that a sovereign society holds the true political-democratic power if it bundles its energy.

### **Preparatory conferences**

The themes of the German-language congress in St. Arbogast will be organised at preparatory conferences in 2010 and 2011 together with the supporting organisations and associated partners. If European partners can be found, it is desirable that these also take part in these conferences in order to jointly create the overall event as a multicentric European congress.

The main purpose is to define the "thematic energy field" and common courses of action. The partners of the affiliated congresses will organise their own preparatory meetings.

05.08 to 09.08.2010, Alte Mühle, Bad Gandersheim

16.08. to 20.08.2011, Jugend- und Bildungshaus St. Arbogast, Götzis, Austria