

Building bridges of peace and understanding between nations – an international seminar of the Leo Clubs in Israel

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Stadtwerke Room

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Speaker:

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Summary:

The presentation concerned an innovative international LEO seminar aimed at strengthening leadership within the Leo organisation in order to improve relationships between different cultures and religions. The seminar will be attended by young people and key officials from Israel and other countries and provides all participants with the opportunity to get to know and respect each other across religious and cultural barriers. The key words here are "US" and "THEM", and participants are invited to reflect on what they all share and what makes them different from others.

Lions in Israel have been setting a great example of how people can overcome cultural, religious and social prejudices and barriers. The Lions clubs in Israel bring together Jews, Christians and Muslims in the spirit of our motto of "We Serve" and respect for each other while acknowledging their cultural and religious differences.

The international Leo seminar will take place from 15 to 19 April 2016 under the auspices of the local Lions clubs. Apart from personal encounters of Leos from different cultural backgrounds, there will be discussions with the Prime Minister of Israel, senior judges and religious leaders, cultural and social opinion leaders, which are bound to shine a new light on "the others" and foster reflection on own attitudes.

Key message:

Inspired by Israel's DG Marwan Zeibak, D-128 is organising an innovative international Leo seminar aimed at empowering young leaders and fostering better understanding and harmony between different cultures and religions. The seminar is an exemplary bridge-building event, and its main sponsor Marwan Zeibak will surely make a valuable contribution, not least due to the fact that he is a Christian of Arabic background and belongs to the Lions Club of Nazareth that includes both Muslims and Christians.