Dear participants,

I am pleased to welcome you to our second edition of our International Dresden Dialogue (IDD). This year, the IDD goes young! Yes, we have decided to put the youth’s perspective at the center of our event, because you(th) are the future! We have teamed up with our newly created Youth Council Dresden 2025 which is accompanying Dresden’s bid to become European Capital of Culture in 2025 under the Motto of “Neue Heimat”.

Heimat you ask? Not easily translated into other languages, the German term Heimat seems to elude a single easy definition. While it might imply for some a certain place, a community, identity or the local football club, it can also be a smell, a taste or a feeling for others. Perhaps it is best described by the word belonging? And yet, in a world in transition, how can we create a sense of belonging and stability? How do we deal with the challenges on local and global scale that we are facing right now and that might threaten our Heimat?

I do not have all the answers, but I am eager to see and hear what we can learn from each other during this three days of conference. We in Dresden have decided to use the power of creativity, culture and arts to find some answers to the many challenges we are facing. During the conference, we will also explore, how creativity and arts are great ways to empower and engage young people. By this I hope we can all learn, discover and experience new ways, tools and ideas to create places we like to live in now and in the future.

So let me welcome you again to the City of Dresden and hope you feel at home.

Dirk Hilbert
Mayor of the City of Dresden

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EXPLORING HEIMAT

Thursday, 26th September 2019

Location
Place of YOUTH – Studentenclub Bärenzwinger (Student Club)
Brühlischer Garten 1 | 01067 Dresden

Time
18.00 Arrival and buffet
19.00 Official opening and welcome by the Mayor of the City of Dresden, Dirk Hilbert
Creative presentations by the Youth Council Dresden 2025 and Pecha Kucha presentations by participants on the question: So what about Heimat now? Facilitated by the young moderators team.
22.00 End

Main conference language is English. The event is moderated by four young representatives of the association MITWIRKUNG MIT WIRKUNG, a project of the Deutsche Kinder- und Jugendstiftung (German Children and Youth Foundation).

Which key questions do we want to tackle at the conference?
What is Heimat and how can we create it, shape it and protect it?
How can creativity and art foster young people’s participation in Heimat?
How can young people and adults collaborate in order to affect their Heimat together in a positive way?

What key outcomes do we expect?
Participants explore their creativity as a means of changing communities. They learn, discover and experience new tools and ideas to create places they like to live in. Policy makers and young people find a way to communicate their needs and ideas in a more effective way.