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- A project for children and adolescents

The Mannheimer Jugendportal MaJO understands itself as an informative and connecting online platform, and has meanwhile become a permanent component of media-educational youth work in Mannheim. www.majo.de is implemented using a professional Content Management System (Joomla! CMS), which fulfils the requirements for computer-supported communication possibilities. Numerous pieces of information on Mannheim youth facilities, on the work of youth associations and on projects and offers provided in terms of youth work can be found on the youth portal. An independent adolescent editorial team, which independently researches and writes articles and publishes these to a deadline on MaJO.de, is integrated into the youth portal. The youth portal is sponsored by the Children, Youth and Family Specialist Division at the Youth Welfare Office, and by the Stadtjugendring (City Youth Council) Mannheim e.V.

Media Education

The Specialist Department for Media Education coordinates and supports all activities within the field of youth work for the mediation of social media competence. The primary objective is to utilise the potential of the new computer and Internet-supported communication possibilities for children and adolescents. During information events and projects, correct and responsible handling is mediated and practiced. Questions of youth media protection for children and adolescents are made the subject of events and specialised subject days.

The objectives of the project contents also include:

- Extension of the participation of children and adolescents in the content of the project at MaJO.de (e.g. through the formation of an adolescent editorial team)
- Promotion of the expert networks and cooperations between institutions, clubs, associations, independent and municipal sponsors of youth work and schools
- Integration and support of parents in the mediation of media competence

Having friends; feeling that you belong; being recognised are the objectives of girls and boys in school classes and youth groups. To be successful here, different skills, attentiveness, empathy, consideration of others but also self-assertion and self-confidence are required. Girls and boys must practice expressing their feelings, regulating their conflicts, classifying their perceptions and practicing cooperations. And if they manage this appropriately, then they will integrate better – whether in school, during leisure time or with their family.

With our project "Nothing is possible without violence! Or is it?" we contribute towards allowing children and adolescents to grapple with their topics. Here our experienced moderator teams react to diverse focusses as stipulated by the class, the group and the teachers.

