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## **1. The basic information about the ICD**

The Institute for Cultural Diplomacy is an international, not-for-profit, non-governmental organization founded in 1999, with headquarters in the United States and Germany.

As one of Europe's leading organisations in the field of cultural exchange, the ICD is at the centre of a global network of independent partners in both the public and private sectors. Our collective mission is to enhance the process of international and interregional human interaction by improving the very fabric of social relations.

The ICD's research and programmes in the area of cultural communication and rapprochement offer viable alternatives to enhance traditional diplomatic policy. This can benefit individuals, communities, and organisations at the local, national, regional, and global level.

### **The ICD's philosophy**

The ICD understands that in an increasingly globalised world, in which people are able to travel and exchange information faster than ever before, there is a growing interdependency between nations. As a result, successful inter-cultural interaction will undoubtedly become a major challenge for international relations in the 21st century.

The ICD believes that inter- and intra-cultural relations can be strengthened and maintained through dialogue. This leads to a better understanding and greater trust between cultures, in the long term leading to more peaceful relations.

This philosophy is the foundation of all of the work that we do and we take as our motivation the countless examples throughout the world of peaceful and constructive interaction between different cultures, at all levels.



## **The ICD's goal**

The Institute for Cultural Diplomacy's ultimate goal is to enable, enhance and sustain inter- and intra- cultural dialogue between different cultures. This is with the view to creating constructive, sustainable relationships which will prevent misunderstanding, improve communication and cooperation and help to reduce the likelihood of socio-cultural conflicts.

## **The ICD's role**

The ICD sees the role of researching, promoting and developing the field of cultural diplomacy as an integral part of its mission. The field of cultural diplomacy today includes a diverse array of actors; individuals, private organizations, private sector firms, civil society organizations and public sector institutions. We endeavour to optimize and increase the level of cooperation and partnership between the different institutions and organisations working in the field of cultural diplomacy.

Governmental organizations, NGOs and individuals alike can benefit from the potential of cultural diplomacy to improve positive relations based on mutual understanding, dialogue and trust. The ICD aims to apply this foundation of research, gathered through various symposia, academies and forums, to these organizations.

## **The ICD Team**



The Founder and the Director of the ICD is Mr. Mark C. Donfried (the first in the left up corner). For the development of the ICD's programs work tens of volunteers daily.

## 2. Our Programs

The ICD has developed a number of programs that aim to promote cultural diplomacy. These programs can be divided into the following categories:

The Academy - The ICD Academy consists of weekend and week-long programs in Berlin that aim to provide a thorough introduction to the field of cultural diplomacy from a range of different perspectives. The Academy was developed from a need to provide both students and professionals with the opportunity to learn more about the field, and to introduce them to a diverse range of experts on cultural diplomacy from the public, private, and academic sectors.

Young Leaders' Forums - The ICD organizes a range of bi-lateral and multi-lateral Young Leaders' Forums. These forums take the form of week-long seminars on cultural diplomacy, which examine how it can be employed to improve and strengthen the relationships between the countries involved. The participants of the forums are young leaders from the corresponding countries, selected according to their potential future influence on society. Following the completion of the weeklong Seminars, the participants become part of our Young Leaders' Network, and are given support and encouragement to develop their own follow-up cultural diplomacy projects in their local communities. Current bi-lateral programs operated by the ICD focus on the relationship between Germany and Canada, Turkey, the UK and the USA. Multi-lateral programs run by the ICD include forums with a focus on the African continent, Americas and Asia.

Individual Projects - Due to the broad and dynamic nature of the field of cultural diplomacy, the ICD is always looking to take part in, and develop, a range of unique projects related to current themes in the international environment and the interests of our partner organizations. Such events include panel discussions, concerts, artistic performances, and workshops. The ICD is open to new collaborations and opportunities from like-minded individuals and organizations that contribute to the field of cultural diplomacy.

Global Community - ICD insists that one must think both globally and locally - and act accordingly. Therefore, ICD has created community outreach programs allowing the local Berlin community to engage in diplomacy that has global impact. ICD's global community provides an arena where people can become a part of the diplomatic process in their own backyard. ICD hosts regular roundtable discussions where regional leaders and cultural diplomats lead groups through discussion on specific issues that influence local and international communities.

ICD's monthly "Stammtisch" meetings in local cafes and bars are thematically informal and open gatherings, focusing on intercultural exchange. In addition ICD runs a German-English Tandem Program, and hosts periodic guest lecturers where exceptional individuals such as leaders, writers, artists, and cultural diplomats discuss their work with the local community. ICD's town hall discussions and its public conferences develop informal relationships with individuals out in the communities in which we operate, making it possible to empower those individuals to solve the challenges that they face locally, and yet have global impact.

3. A selection of our Speakers

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## **5. Europe Meets Russia testimonials**

*After attending one week of speeches, seminars and workshops I can comprehensively say that all of my expectations were fulfilled. On the one hand I learnt more about the relationship between Europe and Russia and the challenges they face through listening to a range of informed speakers. The Forum also gave me inspiration for possible research areas and potential places of work. On the other hand I had the chance to be involved in intense discussions, which were controversial, but fruitful; intense because of the interesting topics; controversial because of the different cultural, political and educational backgrounds of the participants; and fruitful because of the wide-range of opinions expressed by individuals in discussions. Although the Forum has finished, email communication has enabled us to continue to exchange information and discuss key issues. It is my personal hope that this correspondence continues, because the future of the European-Russian relationships is in our hands.*

**Thomas Wanker**

*"Europe meets Russia" exceeded my expectations in all respects. The weeklong programme, consisting of diverse lectures, seminars, workshops, cultural events and, most importantly, open and lively discussion rounds with experts in academic, political, economic and artistic spheres, helped us achieve our primary goal: Europe met Russia on the level of young leaders from 30 different countries. During the course of the forum stereotypical thinking within the group was generally overcome, and towards the end there was virtually no distinction between "them" and "us". It was a delightful and enriching experience, which I have already been sharing with my students. The new light shed on the current state of the Russian-European relationship by the representatives of both sides was of particular value to me, and hopefully to the other participants as well.*

**Natalia Hood**

*I was first informed about 'Europe meets Russia, a Forum for Young Leaders' in a German-Russian group in a business network, where one of the members had posted it in case somebody was interested in joining. I have clicked on the link and spent some time reading the description, timetable and the different topics on the ICD website. As I am of German-Russian origin and have always wanted to learn more about the relationship between Europe and Russia from other perspectives, I decided to apply, and was glad to be accepted. The list of participants coming from different countries and cultures made me even more excited about the program, and I did not regret joining. The seminars, group discussions and speakers representing Russian and European entities as well as the cultural and recreational program were outstanding and mostly met my expectations. Overall I would recommend this program to anyone who is interested in learning more about cultural diplomacy between Europe and Russia and to expand their international and cross-cultural network.*

**Julia Kofanow**



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