

## CJD Eutin – Institution description and Mediation experience

The ***Christliches Jugenddorfwerk Deutschlands (CJD)*** is an organisation combining theoretical research and fieldwork, with several years of experience in working with youth and on migration issues. CJD's main purpose is to provide education, training, further education, occupational and medical rehabilitation, as well as social care for youth and adults irrespective of their religion or social origin.

To meet this goal CJD directs youth colleges, educational centres, schools and other institutions. The various working areas of the CJD include: vocational training, school education, children and juvenile welfare services, rehabilitation, assistance and promotion of disabled people and gifted people, addiction prevention, professional training and further education, mediation and migration.

The CJD Eutin is subdivided into three departments: services in the migration sector; professional training and qualification; educational support.

In the migration sector CJD Eutin represents all 150 CJD in Germany on the topic of migration in several committees expert groups from various Ministries. Therefore political work is an important component of CJD Eutin. CJD Eutin operates region-wide in the education and consultation sectors for adults and in the social work sector for youth. Since 1990, the CJD Eutin has been counselling youths and adults with a migration background and offered numerous qualifying courses, professional training and general advice.

The spectrum of our activities ranges from street work, youth work and training (including German language courses, intercultural school work, consultation in the education sector, professional orientation, teaching of key skills, computer training, etc.), to academic research on the topic of migration and integration. An important criterion for the quality and effectiveness of all our activities is cooperation with institutions on local, regional, national and international level. In its regional, national and European networks, the CJD Eutin advances the development of integrative policies and processes of good governance, involving civil society representatives, NGOs and governmental stakeholders.

On regional level, the CJD Eutin is active in education and training in the prison system. The CJD Eutin conducts language courses and intercultural training modules in juvenile prisons. Furthermore, the CJD Eutin has designed and implemented intercultural training courses containing modules on conflict management and conflict resolution for prison officers working both with adult and juvenile offenders.

Outside the justice system, the CJD Eutin offers intercultural mediation, has conducted intercultural mediation and conflict resolution on local community level and was partner in a trans-national project on community mediation ("COME"). The CJD Eutin currently employs two trained mediators with a focus on mediation in intercultural contexts.

Furthermore, the CJD conducts academic research on national and European levels. It has extensive research experience issues of migration, integration and (juvenile) offenders. CJD has established a broad network of partnerships with private and public partners on regional, national and trans-national levels (NGOs, private enterprises, governmental organisations, research institutes, universities).

### **Mediation Project:**

Partner of EC Leonardo da Vinci project on the "**Community Mediator Project COME**",  
coordinated by IPRS Rome; 1999-2001; Report:  
<http://www.iprs.it/docs/COMEManuale%20di%20mediazione.doc>