

Interreligious week for the protection of nature 02 - 09 September 2018, Cologne

The project “Religion for biodiversity” is supported by the German ministry of environment (BMU) and the protestant churches of Hessen and Nassau (ZGV). Religious communities were taking up the themes of protection of nature and biodiversity. This was the first time that they had organized a special week for this. Brahma Kumaris (BK) supported this project.

From the beginning, BK had a stall in the market area in the community town hall of Cologne.

In the seven days of the project, 13 events took place and the venture was additionally supported by

- BUND
- Catholic church
- Protestant church
- City of Cologne
- Baha'i
- DITIB
- Sikh Community
- Shambhala Center of Buddhism,
- Garden Center of Ehrenfeld e.V.
- Honig Connection
- Melanchthon Academy
- Family Center of the Protestant church,
- Food Sharing
- AWB
- Moveo
- Tante Olga.
- “Bees for peace” – as no one could tell bees not to fly over borders.



There were also practical events like collecting rubbish in the city, a bike tour to a habitat of bees and a visit to a solar project. A lecture was held in a venue opposite the DOM cathedral of Cologne.

BK assisted in the preparation and planning of the project.

There was an international conference at the Melanchthon Academy. Food Sharing provided the vegetables and BK cooked for 30 people. The theme was: Bees and honey in religions and in our world of today. Speakers from Israel, Holland, UK, USA and Germany participated in this.



The conference started at 9 am and finished with a discussion at 5 pm. In between, there was lunch and cake served by Brahma Kumaris.

The success of this project generated enthusiasm to continue with it. The value of religion / spirituality in this awakening of the need to make changes was expressed many times.

