/// Calumed e. V.

Since 1986 the non-profit organization Calumed e. V. is working in adult education, health promotion and international understanding.

/// Location
Calumed Retreat Centre in Bispingen, 60 km south of Hamburg/Germany.

/// Costs
Calumed e. V. will charge you 175 € for the Summer Camp.

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/// Approach

"Be the change you want to see in this world."
(Gandhi)
/// Yalla - Peace project

/// What is "Yalla"?

Through "Yalla" it is intended to develop an international and integrative project of peace and education, where mainly young people from various countries deal with different global hot spots, where they develop their own ideas for projects and put them into practice supported by Calumed. The pilot-project's main focus exemplarily will lie on the region of Israel and Palestine.

"Yalla" offers a platform to motivated peace-workers and to those, who wish to become such. "Yalla" is a term which is used in the Arabic as well as the Hebrew area and means "let's go". The "Yalla" project stands for the rise towards a peaceful co-existence of cultures and religions, which is characterized by mutual tolerance and respect.

/// Why "Yalla"?

In our world of inexorable globalization and its variety of chances, but also damages for individuals and the whole earth we are called to act decisively, competently and by networking. Therefore the individual has to be enabled to appropriately move among different cultures. A solid base of values is needed, which allows to meet different life-concepts, traditions and cultures with appreciation and an active and perceptive openness.

/// What is the purpose of "Yalla"?

The "Yalla"-project is about the personal development of each individual participant. At first the aim is to foster a focused view upon different life-styles and cultures in comparison to the own one. Common structures and differences will be found and questioned. In addition the "Yalla" participants get the opportunity to put into practice their own visions and ideas of peace work.

/// What is the basic principle of "Yalla"?

"Yalla's" approach is based on the ecology of values, eco-therapeutic and cosmopolitical issues. The principle „think global, act local“ is a key concern of this project. The idea is that peace can be learned. Respect for the dignity of every human being, global solidarity and responsibility are the key values of this project.

/// Our aims

/// What may the "Yalla" participants expect?

The participants will work in four steps, which build up on one another.

⇒ "Yalla Peace Campus": A work camp with workshops and vision-work to develop new project ideas (accompanied by experienced mentoring experts) in the Lüneburger Heide in summer 2012

⇒ A weekend of preparations for a trip in late summer 2012.

⇒ Study-trip to Israel and Palestine (perceiving, listening and understanding) in September 2012

⇒ Implementation of sustainable peace projects (accompanied by CALUMED e. V., learning and applying the tools of sustainable and professional project work)

/// Whom is "Yalla" meant for?

"Yalla" is mainly addressed to young people between 18 and 30 years of age, who are interested in mutual acceptance and peace and wish to engage themselves in a sustainable way. We presuppose an interest in questions of peace culture and peace politics.

The participants will be accompanied and supported by selected mentors. The system of mentoring will be implemented during the "Yalla Peace Campus". The projects deriving from this will continue working according to an individually designed project-schedule. Mentors will regularly get team-supervision.