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Judith: [00:00:00] Do you know more about the One World Shop, what its aims and objectives are?

Speaker2: [00:00:03] To support so-called Third World countries with the products they sell.

Speaker3: [00:00:07] Environmental protection, fighting poverty in the world. I would think things like that.

Josepha: [00:00:11] Selling fair products or strengthening the trade in fair products.

Speaker5: [00:00:17] For human labor rights.

Speaker6: [00:00:20] To sell more products from the global South here.

Rosa: [00:00:25] I am Rosa.

Judith: [00:00:26] I'm Judith and we work together with the other volunteers in the One World Association. Together with Alex and Ishaan, we present our work and that of Eine Welt e.V. to you in this radio report. before. Most people may know the One World stores.

Rosa: [00:00:40] There are three of these in Leipzig, one in Connewitz, one in the city center and one in Plagwitz. The association also has other projects in addition to the store. The One World Association has many different volunteer services, which we are also involved in. Full-time or Of course, there are also employees. One of them is called Sven. Sven Lang has been working at Eine Welt e.V. since 2015, first as a volunteer, then as an employee. He is responsible for the three stores, purchasing, costing and much more. Ishaan interviewed him for a deeper insight. First of all, we wanted to know from Sven what the aims of Eine Welt e.V. are. tracked.

Sven: [00:01:22] The aims of Eine Welt e.V. are now very diverse. We are active in educational work, refugee aid, etc. It all started with fair trade, of course. In other words,

we want to try to ensure that fair trade, i.e. fair trade chocolate, coffee, etc., is promoted. is penetrating further and further into people's minds. Ergo We want to continue to support the global South, as it is currently called, so that they are not exploited by child labor etc..

Ishaan: [00:01:50] What projects are currently underway?

Sven: [00:01:53] Bringing fair trade into society is a long-term project. And as you can perhaps see from various advertisements outside, it has reached the conventional market. The work with you, the voluntary exchange, is just as much a long-term project. You as an FÖJ volunteer or the other colleagues from Russia, Ukraine, etc., are also involved. come. This is global networking. We also send educational work to schools abroad to raise awareness of sustainability and fair trade. These are our projects.

Ishaan: [00:02:29] What role does volunteering play in the association?

Sven: [00:02:32] Our entire system is based on voluntary work. This means that without the volunteers, the Eine Welt e.V. with all its facets simply does not work. So we want to give the volunteers something to take with them so that they have an interest in the future. On the subject of fair trade, being able to promote sustainability. They usually come to us with a lot of background knowledge and the exchange with us, the hierarchies should be kept as flat as possible is crucial for the success of Eine Welt e.V.. That means it wouldn't work without you.

Ishaan: [00:03:03] What do you think volunteering brings to the young people who work at Eine Welt e.V.? are employed?

Sven: [00:03:10] We all come to Eine Welt e.V. with an ideology. and naturally want to represent them. But that is only possible if you take it with you or if the volunteers take it with them, that there has to be an organization behind it, that it involves economic aspects that we cannot ignore in order to promote fair trade. This also requires commercial attributes, that you see the interaction, that there is no other way than to bring in the ideal, but also the necessary organization that has to be behind it. I think it's much more important what you take with you, what it means to work in a team. That is not possible without the other. That you are still passionate about the topic, that you

come out and think that this has brought me something, that I have made progress. I have learned to work a bit. I know how it works. I know that you have to rely on me and continue to carry the topic of sustainability within you and bring it to others. That you can always make it broader.

Ishaan: [00:04:08] Okay, thank you. That was it.

Sven: [00:04:10] Thank you very much.

Rosa: [00:04:12] Thanks to Sven and Ishaan for the interview. Judith and I decided to do voluntary service because we think it's a good way to get involved in politics. We also learn a lot for our future by taking part in workshops or similar and working in the three stores. We spoke to a volunteer for another interview. Alex graduates from Eine Welt e.V. has been doing his European Voluntary Service for about a year. The first thing we want to know from Alex is what motivated him to do this.

Alex: [00:04:44] That we also work with refugees. What was important for me in particular was that we have something to do with Ukrainian refugees, because I come from Russia and I think it's important that I also help. A little and unfairly traded products is always important to find new ones and support old companies. Ja.

Judith: [00:05:08] What tasks do you have here?

Alex: [00:05:09] I would say almost everything that we do here, apart from administrative work in the store, we look after the other customers and then something digital, for example posts on Instagram. Yes, we also do a bit of educational work. We do not develop this, but we can implement something. For example, any workshops on fair trade cocoa or fair trade coffee. And we also run our cooking courses. And I always ride my cargo bike through the city to deliver something to our other stores.

Judith: [00:05:45] Which voluntary service are you here on?

Alex: [00:05:49] This is called the European Solidarity Corps Program or ESC or ESK and is funded by the Erasmus+ Foundation.

Judith: [00:06:04] You live in the volunteer house. What exactly is that?

Alex: [00:06:06] This has also been one of our projects since 2019. Yes, we only live there as international volunteers. There are actually two people from Russia and two people from Ukraine, one from Afghanistan. And the volunteers are constantly changing every year. Sometimes the new ones come, sometimes the old ones like me, then do a bit longer voluntary service, but all in all only the international people. And is there also a seminar room where other people outside the club can do something or we can design something ourselves.

Judith: [00:06:44] What do you enjoy most about your work?

Alex: [00:06:46] Drinking coffee is always so much fun. But I think I like doing store duty in the city center. And I always enjoy riding my cargo bike, especially in summer.

Judith: [00:06:59] What expectations did you have and what did you expect to be different?

Alex: [00:07:04] Hm, I didn't know that in Germany you can find such a place where so many people can speak Russian or Ukrainian. It was so incredibly interesting for me that half of the people sitting in our Monday meeting are native Russian speakers and not German speakers. It was always interesting.

Judith: [00:07:28] What about the language? Did you have to know German beforehand?

Alex: [00:07:32] I knew German before, but I didn't use it for eight years. But it's not a problem for me at all. But yes, there are other people here who start with German right from the beginning and then learn German all year round.

Judith: [00:07:49] What do you think, what experiences have you had at Eine Welt e.V.? for your professional future?

Alex: [00:07:55] An interesting question, because I am an aerospace engineer by profession, of course fair trade is not connected with space travel, but I will try to do

something together in the future. I can probably find some kind of connection with sustainability, of course.

Rosa: [00:08:13] If you are interested in volunteering with us, you can find more information on the Eine Welt e.V. website. Or you can simply pop into one of our stores for a coffee. Bye-bye.

Judith: [00:08:28] Bye.