



EDUCATION FOR PEACE

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Both Christian and Muslim children and young persons live and learn together at the two Schneller Schools in Jordan and Lebanon. There are boarding schools in both institutions, accommodating orphans and children who have lost one parent or who come from disadvantaged families. With their holistic educational approach, the Schneller Schools prepare children for a responsible life within their societies. After having gained their school-leaving qualifications, the children are offered the opportunity of learning a skilled trade.

Give children a future

"What is more educationable, what is more promising than a child?" This statement by Johann Ludwig Schneller is still valid today. The main objective of the Schneller Schools is to give children a future. School education takes 10 years and is completed with the intermediate secondary school diploma. Some of the pupils can then be taken over by one of the training workshops. There are apprenticeships in the joiner's and fitter's workshops, the car repair shop, as industrial fitter and electrician. The JLSS also runs its own bakery, where boys and girls will be trained in future. In 2002, the school started to accept girls for the boarding school. Like

the boys, they come from difficult family backgrounds or have lost their parents.

Investment in the future

Usually the children come from families who cannot afford the school fees. The basic day-to-day running of the school can only be continued by donations. In addition, there is an urgent need for renovation in order to continue using the various workshops for vocational training. For example, some of the appliances in the kitchen are more than 40 years old and urgently need to be replaced. There is still a need for quite a large amount of investment, but every investment which furthers the skills of the children and young people is also a contribution to peace in the Middle East.

Background

In 1860, Johann Ludwig Schneller from Wuerttemberg founded the Syrian Orphanage in Jerusalem, thus laying the foundations for the concept of today's Schneller Schools. Schneller's aim was to give children who had lost their parents during the conflict between Druseys and Christians a new home, and to offer them the chance for a peaceful future. As successor of the orphanage, the Johann Ludwig Schneller School (JLSS) in Lebanon now caters for 160 boarders, 60 apprentices and 200 all-day pupils. In the Theodor Schneller School (TSS) in Jordan, 250 pupils live and work together, 60 of them are apprentices and 50 all-day pupils of neighbouring villages, among them children of Palestinian refugees.

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