

Dresden Celebrates United Nations Day on 5 October

Press Release

On the occasion of United Nations Day, a festive event will take place in and in front of Dresden City Hall on Tuesday, 5 October 2021, 6:00 p.m. The main topic this year is “Inequalities in Crises”. There will be an expert lecture and a discussion panel. As part of the Lokale Agenda Competition, awards will be given to local initiatives working for sustainable development and social change in Dresden. In front of the Golden Gate on Rathausplatz, the mobile exhibition “Stronger Together” invites visitors to immerse themselves in the world of the United Nations and take a closer look at the UN and its work.

Lecture and Discussion on Inequalities in Crises

Keynote speaker Dr Pia Rattenhuber from the United Nations University – World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER) will talk about how international crises act as a burning glass for existing inequalities and how we can counter them. This will be followed by a discussion between Deputy Mayor for Employment, Social Affairs, Health and Housing, City of Dresden, Dr Kristin Klaudia Kaufmann, Managing Director of the Entwicklungspolitisches Netzwerk Sachsen e. V. Dorothea Trappe, and Prof. Dr Christian Leßmann from the Chair of Economics at the Technische Universität Dresden (TU Dresden).

Prizes for Sustainable Development in Dresden

In the second part of the event, the Lokale Agenda 21 for Dresden e. V. and the Lions Club Dresden Agenda 21 award prizes to initiatives that make a special contribution to sustainable development in Dresden, within the framework of the Lokale Agenda Competition. The prize in the category “Education for Sustainable Development” is sponsored by SachsenEnergie AG. In addition, there will be an audience choice award on the topic of “Inequalities”, sponsored by Stadtentwässerung Dresden GmbH.

Registration and Livestream

Due to Corona protection measures, the number of guests is limited. Registration is required at <https://form.typeform.com/to/pu6xPoiA>. Interested parties can also follow the event as a livestream at <https://youtu.be/TWHyPUbK4y0>. The festive event will take place in German and will be partially translated into English in the livestream.

The United Nations in Dresden

Seventy-six years ago, on 24 October 1945, the Charter of the United Nations (UN) came into force. UN host countries around the world celebrate this event and the following decades of commitment to world peace and sustainable development. Dresden is also a UN host city, as scientists from all over the world have been working at the United Nations University – Institute for Integrated Management of Material Fluxes and of Resources (UNU-FLORES) in the World Trade Center since 2012. The organisers of the United Nations Day in Dresden include UNU-FLORES, the Lokale Agenda 21 for Dresden e. V., the state capital City of Dresden, the Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia Regional Association of the German United Nations Association (DGVN), the UNICEF Dresden Working Group, the Centre for International Studies (ZIS), TU Dresden, and the Lions Club Dresden Agenda 21 e. V.

More information: <https://flores.unu.edu/UNDay>

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