

The BIG picture

The BIG Picture - an extraordinary lecture-performance on self-empowerment and civic courage for everyone 13+

„The true purpose of art is not to create beautiful objects. It is a method of understanding, a way of penetrating the world and finding one’s place in it.“

Paul Auster

Political education aims to provide young people with the basic requirements for participation in political and social life.

For this purpose organised, continuous and targeted measures are being planned and carried out in educational institutions. Political education takes place at school, in the teaching of certain subjects, as an educational principle or in educational processes of extracurricular institutions. However, it is more than just the sharing and processing of information. It includes interaction and confrontation with the existing world and grants the individual participation in social, cultural and political processes. Cultural education can be described as part of a general education that enables young people to understand and help shape complex social changes.

Art and education must therefore no longer be seen as separate or in competition with each other, but as equal and mutually supportive.

Artistic activities create opportunities to engage with the world through aesthetic perception. We can only master the current social challenges with social, emotional and creative competences. It is essential for our society as well as for the individual to guide young people towards self-determination and participation in our democratic state.

It is only with art that we prepare the next generation for the future. Art is what makes us empathetic people who reflect on their actions and who creatively find new solutions. Let's give children all they need to be fit for the future! This is how theatre and schools should be working together and be making history.

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