

## **Cardijn Association International Seminar**

**Linz, Austria - January 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> 2015**

### **Debt(s) – Forgiveness - Liberation**

*Debt as a weapon of death - theology for life?*

#### **Together, from across Europe, join us to ‘see - judge - act - and celebrate’**

We invite all participants to share their experiences, their knowledge and practice. Methodologically we will work in small groups, with open chat rooms and in the total group. The inputs each give a focused view on the topic, which connects individual lives and the crises facing each country as well as psychology, sociology, theology, economics and politics. Working for change with the aim of a good life and good work for all is motivation for our cooperation.

German and English will be the main languages and there will be interpretation.

### **Programme**

#### **Thursday 22 January 2015**

16:00 Arrivals and registration

18:00 Dinner

Evening Programme

19:00 Introductions to each other and the theme

20:00 Input: Concrete realities

Indebtedness of individuals and households – Input and sharing

*Wulf Struck, Debt Advice Service, Linz*

21:30 Social Evening

#### **Friday 23 January 2015**

##### **Morning**

07.00 Breakfast

08:30 Input: The Concrete Impact in Southern Europe

Impacts and strategies from the perspective of those affected, psychological and political approaches

*Katerina Notopoulou, Clinic of Solidarity, Thessaloniki, Greece*

What is the impact of the debt crisis on a whole country?

*Christian Rathner, author and journalist (Durch die Krise kommt keiner allein - Was Griechenland Europa lehrt), Vienna*

10.30 Coffee

11.30 Input: The Concrete Impact in Central and Eastern Europe

The impact of debt in Hungary, from the perspective of those affected. Focus on the debt and eviction prevention programmes of the Hungarian Reformed Church Aid

*Balazs Lutar, Hungarian Reformed Church Aid, Budapest*

How do the financial institutions of the "lending countries" gain from the debt?

*Jürgen Kaiser, Erlassjahr 2000, Germany*

13.00 Lunch

**Afternoon**

14.15 Afternoon city portrait of Linz along the bus line 27  
Participants explore Linz in terms of Debt - Abundance

17:00 share insights

18.30 Evening Dinner

**Evening**

19:30 Input: The global economy and the need for debt  
*Judith Forbach, Arbeiterkammer, Linz*

21:00 Social Evening

**Saturday 24 January 2015****Morning**

8:00 Breakfast

9:00 Input: Theology as legitimation – or as a means to critique and resist the debt system?

*Univ. Prof. Franz Segbers, Philipps-University, Marburg, Germany*

10.30 Coffee

11:00 Conversations: Liberating Theology - Actions to Action

12.30 Lunch

**Afternoon**

13:45 Further work and implications

15.00 Coffee

15:30 Summary and reflection: Follow Up

16.45 Break

17:00 Worship celebration, then Buffet

**Evening**

19:00 Social Evening

**Sunday 25 January 2015**

8:00 Breakfast

Departure