

Which organisations and which cooperations have real potential

I wish to start with a little story: In the winter of 2019 we had a big storm. The cross, which was put up in remembrance of Adam von Trott on a hill outside Imshausen fell down. This was a real shock. How would we be able to build and raise a new cross? People from the region who came by the cross or saw it from a distance, started calling. A teacher of one of our partner schools suggested to start a little fundraiser at the school. People started transferring smaller or bigger amounts of money on our account. We were quite amazed about this reaction which made it possible to put up the new cross solely financed by donations. So this shows how people and institutions sometimes feel connected to you even if you yourself don't realize it!

Here you see a picture of the cross:



In the case of our association and the topic of cooperations we here have take different levels into consideration:

1. **Institutions connected to the state** / the administration: funding for projects. This is the main funding which we receive at the moment. Similar relationships could be established with big foundations, EU-institutions in order to finance projects.
2. **Universities** - cooperation with the university of Göttingen „Resistance, democracy internationality“ - biggest joint project running over five years. Long term contacts, connections and transfer of knowledge is possible. For us as a rather small association this cooperation is very fruitful.
3. **Schools**: Among our most important partners - teachers / teachers' trainings, pupils, who come for workshops to Imshausen.
4. **Partner organisations**: associations who work on related topics and networks regionally and nationally - very important for the exchange of experience, information and knowledge. We have some important long standing cooperations in this field with other associations.

**Potential / Risks**: As long as there exists the political will to support the aims of our work, we will be able to raise funds through projects. But if the political landscape changes we need better back up and other ideas how to work and become independent. Ideal would be to have strong

support among the schools, universities, the public regionally to hold up the organisation also in times of crisis.