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Reconciliation: Interviews, a Song and a Story for the UNO Year 2009

For the past 10 months RadioChico Schweiz – a not-for-profit internet radio project for and with children and young people – was busy hunting for interviews on the subject of reconciliation. Teams of young reporters working with RadioChico Schweiz interviewed people of all creeds on the occasion of the UNO International Year of Reconciliation. We decided to select the best interviews and present them as a CD-Rom. In addition, the RadioChico team wrote a story on the theme of reconciliation and a singer produced a unique song especially for the occasion.

The aim of the Förderverein RadioChico Schweiz is to empower children and young people. We are proud to present this extract of numerous activities developed by the Radio Project throughout the year 2009. This is our contribution to the International Year of Reconciliation.

The interviews

Be they girls, boys, young women, seniors, priests, businessmen, sportswomen, mothers or politicians: all interviewees had something interesting and personal to say about forgiveness and reconciliation. The present CD-Rom offers a selection of these interviews. The young reporters and moderators (most of them schoolchildren)

came across interesting statements. One of these statements fascinated us for number of weeks while we were producing this CD-Rom: reconciliation requires "jumping over one's own shadow" – a German saying expressing the need to break out of ingrained patterns of thought or behaviour.

"Jump over one's own shadow?" We tried it out and found out that this is an impossible undertaking. My own shadow constantly follows me. Only at noon can I stand on it... but if I actually try to jump over it... no success! However, it's definitely possible to jump over the shadow of an enemy.

Could it be that this statement is the true answer to the difficult question of reconciliation? Is it possible that the shadow of our enemy has to do with ourselves? And that jumping over it will allow us to forgive and take the path of reconciliation, hand in hand with our former enemy? Then, let's jump and enjoy the jumping sessions!

The song and the story – "Versöhnung: Liebe ist..."

David Joss, of the Band GUNDI, offered us a fantastic present: He wrote and performed a new RECONCILIATION song for RadioChico. We used this song to underline the different interviews.

In addition to the interviews, the RadioChico Team members wrote a story entitled "Reconciliation: Love is...". In this story – a story of the kind that can happen anywhere in the world – cultures and family members work towards reconciliation, overcoming inner conflicts.



We hope that our listeners will enjoy the result of the children's efforts to explore a very difficult and important theme! We also hope that this contribution will help to raise consciousness of the need for forgiveness, reconciliation and peace. May the UNO Year 2009 fulfill the expectations of its initiators!

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The focus on reconciliation on our daily programme at www.radiochico.ch, for example in the month of November:





