

Stadtleben group visits Malta's Embassy in Berlin

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A group of eight Berlin citizens visited the Embassy yesterday to receive first hand information on Malta as well as on the work of an embassy. The visit was initiated by "Stadtleben e.V.", a non-profit association, which aims to enhance the communication between people, and which regularly organises so-called experience tours that explore interesting, not so well known or historical places in the city or even places --buildings, institutions-- which are not easily accessible for everyone.

The group was welcomed by the Ambassador of Malta, H.E. Mr. Karl Xuereb. After viewing a film about Malta the Ambassador answered specific questions with regards to Maltese history, politics, culture and economy. Issues such as the handling of illegal immigrants, cultural identity in the face of such immigration, and gender roles in Maltese society were of particular interest to the group. A few of the visitors had already been to Malta, and the others stated that they wished to visit Malta in the near future. The group thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Embassy, and it was agreed that future visits of groups to the Embassy would be organized by Stadtleben e.V.

Stadtleben e.V. was founded and developed by people that had worked together for a long time in diverse areas, e.g. social and cultural work, urban development, public relations, youth or local community work. Together they founded Stadtleben e.V. as a working platform to organize meetings and events and to initiate various projects for the benefit of the local inhabitants. The association develops networks between day-care centres, schools, church communities and different children and youth institutions in order to pool resources and to strengthen the local community. The work of Stadtleben is financed through donations and public funds.