

# Get Connected

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## Main Article

### #kjZukunftsbauer – Kolping Youth want to build a better future

In our previous newsletter, we wanted to inform you about our upcoming, german-wide event “**Sternenklar- Du baust die Zukunft**”, which will take place in Frankfurt at the end of September. Because of its importance, Kolping Youth Augsburg created a pre-promotion for their potential participants. The main goals of this promotions are, of course, promoting Sternenklar, but also informing local members of the Kolping Youth about the topics of our work: *Religion, European politics* and living in the *Kolping society* today and in the future.

During our Diözesankonferenz (see last newsletter) local Kolping Youth received a starter-kit for this promotion. Content of this starter-kit was a construction plan (see picture below), an instruction of how to join the action and advertisement for the main event.

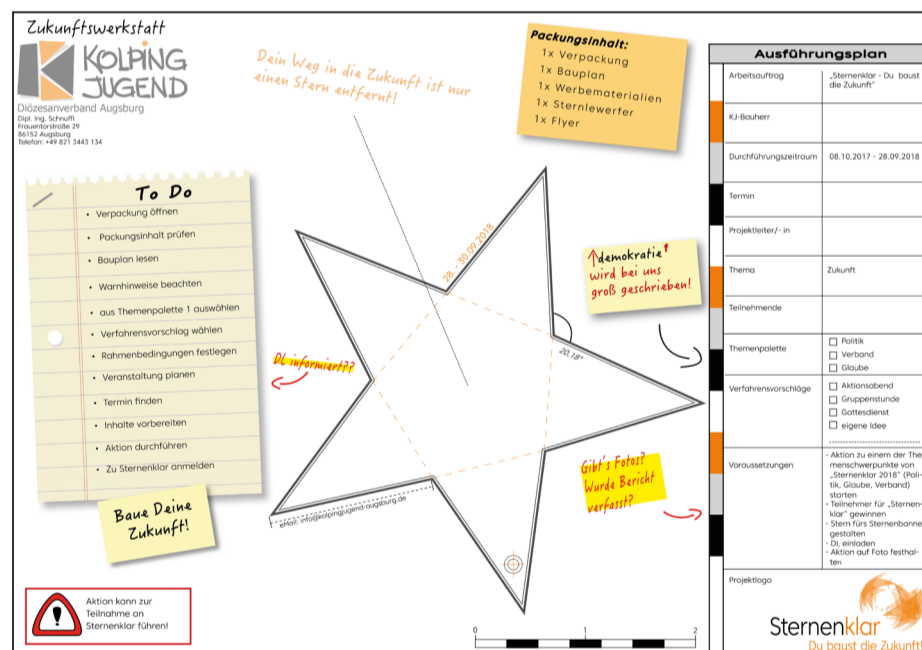


#kjZukunftsbauer - banner

Augsburg's Youth are supposed to create some actions where one of the topics is be included. When they carry out their project, they should invite one member of the youth leading board to come to their event. The members of Augsburg's youth leading board will come and inform them about **Sternenklar** and will bring some surprises. Every local Kolping Youth who attends this promotion will receive a little star made from felt, which they have to fashion.

Before **Sternenklar** begins, all stars will be collected and put on a great banner, such as our Kolping banner, and all of Augsburg's **Sternenklar** participants will sign this banner to show everyone in Germany that we are strongest when we work together.

Currently, four local groups have joined this promotion. They are the Kolping Youths of Biberbach, Mindelheim, Schwabmünchen and Bobingen, but many more surely will join. (et)

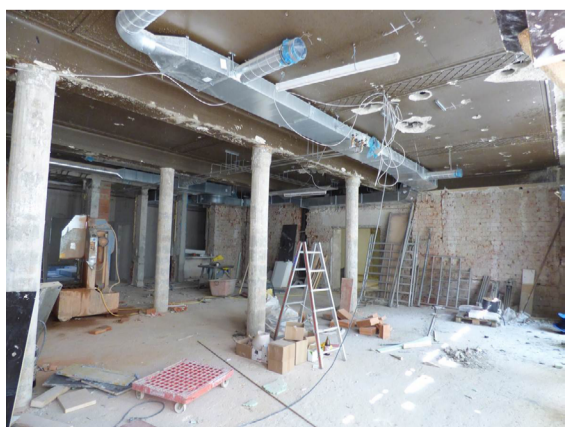


Construction plan

## Local Heroes

### Renovation

Currently in Augsburg, we are rather busy as our Kolping Restaurant is being renovated. Finally, the workers ripped out the restaurant's construction and started replacing the window frames in the house wall to Frauentor-Street. At the moment we plan, that the renovation is finished in January 2019, so if you come at this time to Augsburg, we can do a sightseeing-tour through the restaurant. (syh)



The look inside!



## Portrait

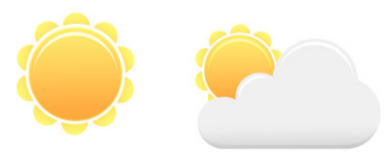


In this Infomail, I would like to present to you Robert Hitzelberger.

He is the President of the Kolping organization (for the grown-up-Kolping-guys). But in our eyes he is also a young adult just like we are and this is why I introduce him to you. Robbie (Robert) is 48 years old and lives in Bobingen (near Augsburg). His two daughters and his son are also active Kolping-members.

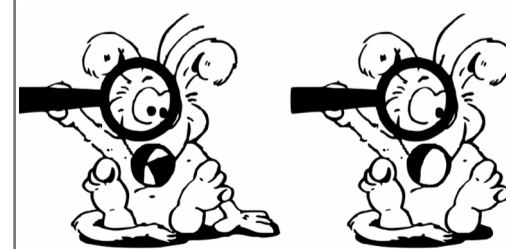
He has been our President since the first conference in spring 2015. We hope that Robbie will also be voted President in 2019, because we think his work is exceptional, not only in Bobingen, but also across the diocese of Augsburg. (syh)

## Weather



At the 8th of May, the sun is shining up to 24 degrees, and at the 9th of May the sun will shine as well, after that it's gonna be cloudy. (dd)

## Creative



Find the five mistakes in the right picture! (dd)

## Looking back...



70 years ago the first group of young people under 18 years met as „Kolpingsjugend“ (literally translated „Youth of Kolping“) as part of the Kolpingfamily „Augsburg – Zentral“. They met up weekly on Wednesdays to celebrate „Heimatabende“ (evenings to celebrate the own culture and traditions).

But in fact this wasn't a proper „Kolping Youth“ group, because in this time the regulations didn't allow people who hadn't finished a vocational training to be part of the Kolping Family. But the Kolping Family „Augsburg – Zentral“ had an internal agreement that allowed young people to be part of the Kolpings Family as well after a trial period of three month, and lower monthly contributions as well. (su)



During two weekends in February and March eleven young People were trained to be group leaders in the so-called „Gruppenleiterkurs“, which means „group leader course“. In the second part of the course, which was held in March, the youths learned about the legal aspects of leading a group of children or teenagers. Additionally, a lot of games were played, a spiritual impulse was given and many ideas for the work with groups of young people were shared. Every participant passed the final test and therefore the weekend can clearly be described as successful! (Im)



As you may know (or not know), Kolping Germany is currently in a process called „Upgrade“. The goal of that program is to work out what Kolping as an organization should be in the future and what its tasks should be. Of course, the Kolping Youth of Augsburg is more than happy to be part in the process, so an extra event was organized which preceded the actual „Upgrade“-event, called „upDATE“. In fact, the main topic of the evening was the „date“ with the future, which we are about to shape. In many games the youths were asked to state their opinions on topics like family or church. The next day, the main upgrade-event was held, in which all the participants (which included even the adults) were encouraged to share their opinion and statements about the future of Kolping. These pieces of information were collected and recorded and will be used to make decisions about the future of the organization. (Im)

## Letter

### Looking for miracles – Partnership-Meeting in Germany

If you think about a partnership, personal meetings on a regular basis are very helpful to improve both communication and collaboration. This is why Kolping Augsburg hosted three guests from Kolping South Africa (KSA) this March: Father Kizito, the new national Präses of KSA, Judith Turner, national coordinator and Paula Galo, chairperson of KSA. While Father Kizito and Judith Turner first went to Cologne to inform Kolping International about the latest activities of KSA, Paula Gallo travelled directly from South Africa to Augsburg.

The first visit in the Augsburg diocese was for a weekend with local Kolping members in the Kolping Family Resort „Allgäuhaus“ in the middle of the Allgau region. Surrounded by high mountains, our South African friends had the chance to see how Kolping families in Augsburg work for community. Further possibilities to connect KSA and Kolping Augsburg were given when the delegation visited Kolping families in Kempten, Lindau and Schwabmünchen, where they talked about life in South Africa and celebrated the holy mass. Due to rush hours in Augsburg, sometimes it was very difficult reaching the destinations on time. Thank God, German cars are fast! One highlight of the visit was the visit at the grave of the holy Crescentia in Kaufbeuren. Her relics lie in the Chapel next to the National office of KSA. Another highlight has been the visit of the Bad Wörishofen convent, where Kolping Augsburg organized an event for Joseph's Day. Different activities were presented by participants and our friends from KSA took a tour through the convent, which ended up in a bath, where different applications according to the model of Father Sebastian Kneipp are applied for health reasons. So Father Kizito, Judith and Paula applied a bath of cold water to the arm. It is said to help energize your body as coffee would.

We are looking forward to our next meetings, where ever in the world it would be. Don't hesitate to contact us, if you want to visit Kolping Augsburg. (et)

