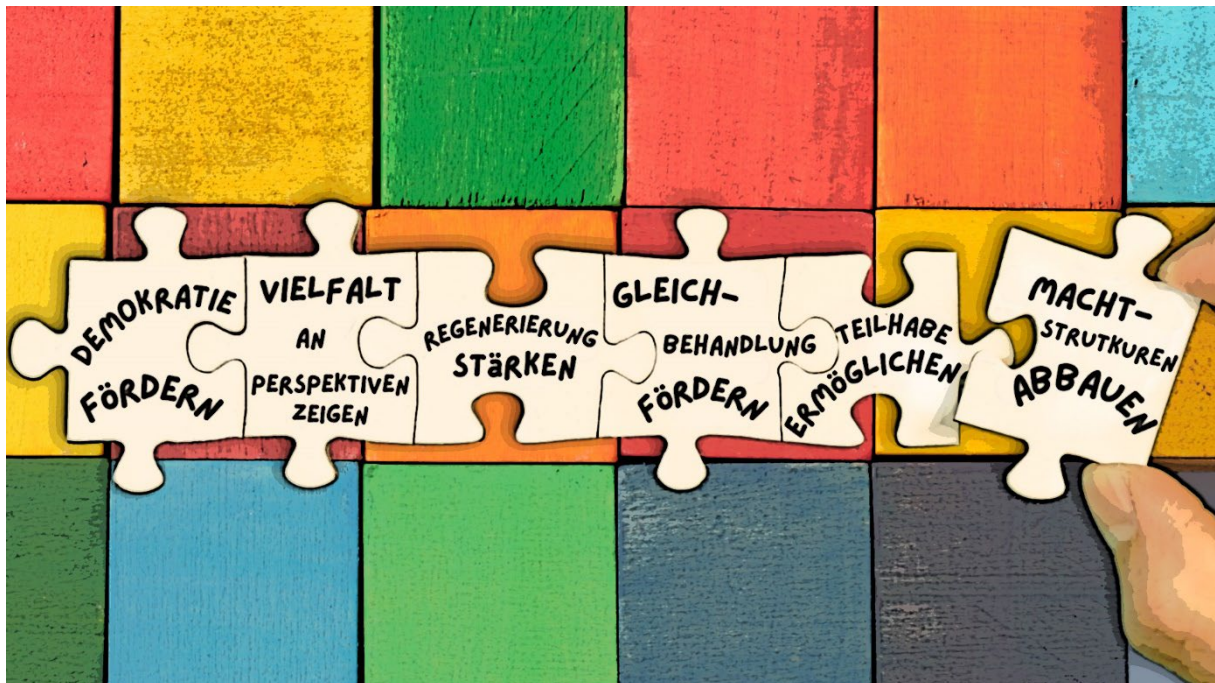


Mission Statement of the WeltWeitWissen Congress

The 6 building blocks of the mission statement



Promoting Democracy

Promoting democracy means making it easier for people to take part in decision-making. This way, everyone can have a say and help shape things. At the Congress, we want a democratic learning culture. This means we learn and work together equally, respectfully, and cooperatively. Decisions are made together.

Showing Diversity of Perspectives

Changing perspectives means thinking in new ways. This helps us understand other people's cultural, social, and political realities. Having a variety of perspectives is important for a diverse and open global society. At the Congress, we want to show diverse perspectives and question our western and eurocentric views.

Strengthening Regeneration

Sustainability means using resources carefully and not wasting them. Resources should be preserved as much as possible to foster regeneration. At the Congress, we prefer regional products and keep travel distances short. We aim to reuse products and avoid wasting food.

Promoting Equality

Inequality or discrimination means treating people unfairly based on certain characteristics. Discrimination happens in everyday actions and also structurally in important areas of life. A person can face various forms of discrimination. Anti-discrimination means actively working to make discrimination visible, reduce it, or prevent it. At the Congress, we aim to promote anti-discrimination.

Enabling Participation

Participation can be enabled through inclusion. Inclusion means that all people can live self-determined and equally in all areas. Many structures prevent people from participating. These structures need to be changed, and barriers removed. At the Congress, we aim to enable inclusion in all areas of life and prevent exclusion.

Dismantling Power Structures

Power structures are present in our society, including institutions and organisations. They allow certain groups to achieve their goals without others' consent. They often have historical roots in European colonialism. To address injustice and discrimination, we need to critically examine and make power structures visible. At the Congress, we aim to question who makes decisions, who has access to spaces and decisions, and who is still disadvantaged or excluded.

Checklist for the Congress

Promoting Democracy

- Offers should be low-threshold, barrier-free, and diverse to involve as many people as possible.
- The awareness team should intervene appropriately in response to negative feedback.
- Distinction from anti-democratic and discriminatory content and language.
- Discriminatory statements and behaviours can be reported to the awareness team.

Showing Diversity of Perspectives

- Event formats should be diverse and interactive.
- Events should allow for critical and diverse discourse.
- Inclusive and simple language should be prioritised, and translations can be offered.
- Different perspectives should be presented and discussed.

Strengthening Regeneration

- Venues should be accessible by public transport, bicycle, or on foot.
- Participants can bring and use their own containers for food and drink.
- Disposable products should be avoided.
- Print media and materials should be avoided. Inclusive digital materials should be prioritised.

Promoting Equality

- Event formats, address, and communication should be diversity-oriented and sensitive to discrimination.
- Attention should be paid to the self-designation of participants. Pronouns should be asked for in introductory rounds. Titles should be avoided.

Enabling Participation

- Events should be barrier-free accessible.
- Participants should be able to attend all events with assistive devices.
- Materials should be designed and provided to be barrier-free.
- The individual needs of participants should be considered.
- The (address) language should be inclusive. Content should be formulated or translated into simple language. Interpretation should be made possible.
- Quiet rooms should be available if needed.

Dismantling Power Structures

- Contributions and work of participants should be recognised and appreciated.
- Interaction between participants should be promoted – even outside the events.
- We oppose discriminations such as racism, ableism, classism, and sexism.
- We aim to sensitise media professionals regarding discrimination-free imagery and privacy.