



Transforming our World

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Be there, and meet Europe!

Participants from about 50 different countries will gather for the 2nd Mission-Net Congress in Erfurt, Germany from 28 December 2011 to 2 January 2012 to worship God in one tongue and discover what "Transforming Our World" really means.

Inspirational speakers and performers

Inspirational speakers from all over Europe, including George Verwer (United Kingdom), Connie Duarte (Portugal) and mime performer, Carlos Martinez (Spain) will challenge participants to take responsibility, get involved in their world and have the courage to fulfil their God-given calling. The "World News Band" (Netherlands) will lead multicultural worship during the week, and on New Year's Eve, a special concert with the ska band "October Light" (Croatia) and the "Rend Collective Experiment" (Northern Ireland) has been scheduled.

Getting to grips with missions

Over a hundred mission agencies, Christian educational institutions and international charities are expected at the Global Market during Mission-Net 2011/12. Participants are encouraged to spend time finding out more about their place in God's world. "The variety of organisations registered for the Global Market reflects the many possibilities of personal Christian engagement in this world," says Michel Walter, Exhibition Manager. "The Global Market will broaden your horizon, and yes, even lead to a missional lifestyle, if you are willing to hear God's call."

Fourteen tracks to choose from

During the morning and evening sessions, participants will look at what it means to live a missional lifestyle. Fourteen tracks will be on offer each day, from which participants are encouraged to choose two. On offer this year are two special tracks: a theological track for theological leaders and bible school teachers; and a youth leader's track geared towards youth leaders and people who work with youth.

All plenary sessions will be presented in English, with simultaneous translation into German on stage. Translation will be available in fifteen different languages during the main sessions. Seminars will be offered



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in various European languages, and translators made available where possible. With about 60 nationalities expected at the Mission-Net Congress this year, all help with translation work is welcomed!

Connect with Europe

The European Street is a great place to meet Europe, and family groups are encouraged to meet up with other family groups from different countries during the week. Meals are also a great opportunity to interact with people from different nations, not to mention in the coffee bar, sport area or internet cafe. Child-care will be available during the morning sessions, and a prayer zone set up for participants who need time alone with God. Trained counsellors will also be made available as the need arises during the week.

Bring your whole youth group

The Mission-Net congress team encourages youth groups to register for Mission-Net together, and not to leave their pastors at home! "Mission-Net is church-orientated," says Evi Rodemann, Director of Mission-Net. "We want to take time to re-think church in the context of mission and a missional lifestyle, and if you attend Mission-Net alone, it will be harder to apply what you have learnt back home."

Not to be missed!

For those who would like to visit Erfurt, a prayer walk in the steps of Luther and various outreaches will be organised during the week. Seminars are not obligatory, so participants might prefer to take time off to visit the city themselves.

"Not to be missed during Mission-Net is Thuringia sausage, several European contests and a snowball fight," says Sandra Schwab, Director of Programme. "And by all means, we encourage you to learn one new sentence in German, come into the presence of God and of course move one step closer to the life God has prepared for you."

Mission-Net is European, intercultural, missional, church-orientated, relevant, holistic, Jesus-centred and prayerful. Mission-Net is unique, because it is the only Christian youth conference in Europe that has mission at its heart! For more information: www.mission-net.org

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