Workshop: Living and studying in Germany - Intercultural training for international students

Studying abroad is one of the most exciting, memorable and beneficial experiences for every student. It gives students the unique opportunity to not only gain expertise and improve their language skills, but also to get an insight into a foreign culture and the academic life of the hosting university. However, dealing with foreign cultures can be challenging and lead to numerous misunderstandings.

Designed as an interactive workshop, this training will introduce international students of the University of Rostock to various cultural aspects, raise awareness of factors that may hinder intercultural communication and sensitise for university life in Germany. Students will gain an understanding of values in German everyday academic life and develop strategies as well as train problem-solving skills to deal with intercultural challenges. Moreover, students will have the opportunity to reflect on their own culture, discuss personal experiences, ask questions and exchange their views with the other participants.

Content:
- Culture and the impacts cultural differences with a focus on university life
- Developing intercultural awareness and intercultural competence
- Adapting to a new culture
- Stereotypes and prejudices
- Values and attitudes in German university life
- Interacting successfully with students and professors from various cultural backgrounds
- Communication styles and language issues
- Tools for effective intercultural communication

Date: Friday, May 12th 2017, 09:00 am – 05:00 pm
Where: Universitätsplatz 1, 18055, Rostock, Room 104 (University main building)
Intercultural Trainers: Donatella Picciano and Katja Striegler, IQ Netzwerk Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
Language: English
Participants: 10 - 16 students
Participation fee: free of charge
Sign In for the training until May 5th 2017 via Tatiana Kaliniuk tatiana.kaliniuk@uni-rostock.de, Coordination Office for Diversity and Equal Opportunities