

## REPORT

My Professional Development “Art and Culture in Berlin, Germany, 2018” experience.

I teach German in the German Bilingual program of our division. During my time in Berlin, Germany, I got to know the topic of art and culture in that city first hand and through my own intuition. I got to know 24 teachers of German from 17 different countries and listened to their expertise and experiences. We visited museums, galleries, exhibitions and theaters as part of exploration projects and held talks with experts, like painter Andreas Roessiger, on the city's cultural scene.

With this two-week state-of-the-art Professional Development I updated my image of Germany and intensively dealt with a central issue for all of Germany. I read current texts on the topic, listen to lectures, speak to experts themselves, research questions that interested me and visited cultural institutions.

- I learned about the rich cultural offer of Berlin in the different branches and at different levels.
- I got an idea of how artists live and how young people are introduced to the arts.
- I learned about current concepts of land-based education as well as action-oriented and participant-oriented forms of work and materials which I will implement in my classroom.
- This training was practice-oriented and addressed the interests and needs of any DAF teachers who wish to systematically engage in the teaching of cultural content.

In conclusion, I would highly recommend this Professional Development to any teacher of German language who would like to update his or her image of Germany and motivate students for German Language acquisition.

Thank you very much for your support.