

Dear readers,

We are glad to publish our first newsletter with which we want to keep all friends, partners and interested ones updated on the activities of Afghan Peacemaker e.V. and current developments regarding our projects. In our newsletters we summarize significant actions of the recent past and from now on we will regularly issue updated newsletters for you. We are available anytime for suggestions and question.

Your **Afghan Peacemaker** team



Education. Project: Language classes in Dari and Pashto

Language as a bridge for vivid exchange. In the recent past we have made an effort to organize language classes in our official languages Dari and Pashto for Afghans and interested persons in Hamburg area. We accomplished this in cooperation with AINA e.V. and the curses successfully take place at the University of Hamburg. Our goal is to primarily give the young generation a chance to learn their mother tongue and hereby create long term perspectives to become active in Afghanistan. In order to understand the developments and occurrences in Afghanistan strong communication skill are inevitable.

To show appreciation for the teachers' great efforts the students invited them for dinner.



Expert opinions. Interview with Prof Norman Paech

To gain legal insights into the conditions of afghan electoral law and to answer emerging questions we have conducted an interview with Professor Norman Paech, a legal scholar at the University of Hamburg. Prof Paech has visited Afghanistan during different political stages in the context of development policies as a delegate of the German Federal Parliament and thus is an expert in this field. During the interview we discussed issues as legitimacy of voting rights for Afghans in exile, its practical implementation and the role of Afghans in exile regarding Afghanistan's reconstruction. We recorded the interview and published it on our homepage.

Voting right as a base for change. Project: Afghan Democracy

In a democracy the government is being legitimized by the vote of the population. With our project “Afghan Democracy - Voting rights for all Afghans” we want to fight for the voting rights of Afghans in exile. Through an online petition we want to gather the vote of all Afghans and after reaching 50 000 votes, we will contact the Afghan electoral commission and claim our right. Every single person can take part in this petition through our homepage or Facebook.

The general positive reaction of Afghans worldwide motivates us in our purpose. To reach more Afghans and extend our range we have organized an information event in November 2013 and discussed rising questions, justified worries and also hopeful perspectives. All legal issues were answered by the lawyer Mr. Peter Schlame. This event was the beginning of a number of discussion panels and forums still to follow.



Television. Appearance at Payam-e-Afghan TV

Through diverse media instruments we have introduced and explained our projects to the people. We have improved our homepage, were invited for an interview regarding Afghans in exile, presented our idea at the “Durand Jirga Show” and appeared during the show “Panjare Europa” at Payam-e-Afghan TV to inform all Afghans concerning Afghan Democracy. We received positive feedback and could gain more supporters in this matter.

Afghan Peacemaker e.V. continues with greatest dedication to bring a change in the current situation of Afghanistan, to make Afghans in exile aware of their responsibility towards their country and stand together for Afghan Democracy and their motherland. For suggestions, opinions and support please feel free to contact us through:

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