

**We are united by the conviction that equal rights, tolerance, respect, co-operation, appreciation, and acceptance are the basis for peaceful community of life.**

### **Objectives and main focus:**

Integration of different social groups for the purposes of:

- Mutual understanding
- Exchange of experience and knowledge
- Reduced tension and conflict
- Balancing and combination of interests

➤ Devising affordable offers for families and their relatives in terms of **mentoring, education and tutoring**

➤ Main focus: **Sustained support of socially deprived families and people in especially difficult circumstances.**

***By pursuing these goals we hope to make a contribution towards social peace in our time.***

### **Managing Committee (MC)**

#### **Chairperson of MC:**

**Mag. Dr. Gerlinde Gröbl-Schöbwendner**  
Educational Scientist, Acad. Social Pedagogue and Remedial Teacher, Life Coach and Social Counselor, Graduate Pastoral Assistant, Graduate Adult Educator, Registered Accountant, married, mother of two children. [www.lebensbegleitung.at](http://www.lebensbegleitung.at)

#### **Vice Chairperson of MC:**

**Dr. Alexander Mernyi**  
Graduate Trainer and Adult Educator, Safety-at-Work Expert, Auditor, common law marriage, father of two children.

#### **Secretary and Academic Tutor:**

**Univ. Prof. Dr. Karl Garnitschnig**  
Prof.em. of Pedagogy (University of Vienna), Psychotherapist, Supervisor, Visiting Lecturer at Donau Uni Krems and at the private university UMIT, Tutor for doctoral candidates of Sigmund Freud Private University of Vienna, divorced, father of three children, grandfather of three grandchildren.

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### **Association for Family Support**

#### **'Family' is understood as:**

- the core family unit as well as the extended family
  - a community living in one household
    - mankind as community
- ... where, in principle, everyone accepts responsibility for each other.

- + Independent**
- + Intercultural**
- + Cross-generation**
- + Inter-regional**
- + Non-profit organisation**
- + Humankind as one family**

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## Education for all.

### Members:

Family exists in all cultures.

### **The Association currently has members from the following countries:**

Ethiopia \* Germany \* Ecuador \* Iran \* Japan \* Kosovo \* Moldavia \* Mongolia \* Austria (Burgenland, Carinthia, Lower Austria, Upper Austria, Salzburg, Tyrol, Vienna) \* Pakistan \* Romania \* Serbia \* Sri Lanka \* Slovakia \* Czech Republic \* Turkey \* Hungary

### **...with the following religions, beliefs and life philosophies:**

- Buddhism
- Christianity (Anglican, Catholic, Protestant, Russian Orthodox)
- Islam (Shiite and Sunnite)
- non-religious

### **...with the following family status:**

divorced, common law marriage, single, married, widowed.

The youngest member is toddler age and the oldest member is aged. Our members have different levels of education, income and background.

This variety offers the opportunity to work with and meet the aims of peace together through communication and respect as core community values and to overcome tensions and conflicts in order to establish a harmonious living community.

Bildung für alle. Herkes için eğitim. Arsimit për të gjithë. Educație pentru toți. Bolovsrol budged. 一般人のための教育. Educație pentru toți. La educación para todos.

Education for everyone is the path to peaceful coexistence.

- The first basic educational processes take place within the family
- Life experience and formal education are of equal worth in the community
- institutionalized education have the same value for us.
- specifically acquired life-skills and competencies are as important as certificates from learning institutions.

### **Institute for Education Management (Institut für Bildungsmanagement):**

This institute was founded by the Association for Family Support specifically for the planning and implementation of educational projects, research, evaluations, schooling and further education.

Academic Head of the Institute:  
Univ. Prof. Dr. Karl Garnitschnig i. R.

[www.Institut-Bildungsmanagement.at](http://www.Institut-Bildungsmanagement.at)

### **Advantages of membership:**

- Reduced entry fees for events
- Benefits and discounts at partner companies
- Assistance with networking, referrals and liaison with partner organisations
- Reimbursement of costs at the discretion of the Association

### **Membership fee:**

- € 15- per annum per person
- € 23- per annum per core family
- Reductions assessed on application
- Persons under 18 years: Free (Two parent signatures required)

### **NÖ-Familienpass-Vorteilsgeber:**



- The association is member of "NÖ Familienpass":

10 % discounts on the annual membership fee and on events are granted for all members of NÖ Familienpass