



7080: Worldchat

Food for Thought: Connecting Intellectual Creative Minds through an ongoing fundamental *Worldwide* dialogue

7080: World Chat brings together in the Balie and on the internet writers, artists, politicians, philosophers and activists.

Introduction

Via this document, we want to introduce you shortly to our new concept, called Worldchat. By this concept, we will connect young people from the globe to each other, by the use of live events (with public and artists, writers, poets, theorists, scientist), dance events, chatting by The Internet and a dynamic webmagazine. It is a very interesting project, what we want to do with some interesting partners. Our purpose and proposal is, that you as a cultural organisation, are going to develop and write doing your own part in this new concept.

What is it?

Structural dialogue with generation 7080

World Chat is both a structured and unstructured dialogue about Moral Standards of people born between 1970 and 1989. We call this the generation 7080. To create this we use live programs and the digital technique chat. Through this we are able to connect the cultural elite world wide without the restriction of time and place.

Where did the project start?

The concept of a Worldchat started with a programme serial called 7080. In this serial (which has been presented in De Balie, cultural-political centre in Amsterdam. www.debalie.nl) is examined how people from the Generation 7080 be in the proportion of the Netherlands up to the time in which they live. Which labels and topics indicate this generation? And how is the generation 7080 thinking about topics such as city problems, environment, social well-being, idealism, (social) commitment, Europe, The Globe, art, standards and values, responsibility, religion, freedom, capitalism, politics, ethnics et cetra.?

Context of the project and the different topics is the search of the world view smashed to the generation born between 1970 and 1989, concerning the thinking and proposition about 'good and evil' and how choices come about, and on how this generation controls and especially over some years will be in control, as leaders and future world leaders (in all ways, like future scientists, political leaders, philosophers, artists and so forth).

The serial has started in September 2006 (www.generatie7080.nl), since then 8 smaller and larger programmes have been made.

Worldchat, a international sequel

As a part of a very big programme, called 7080:Geniussouls, their was the concept worldchat. The purpose of Geniussouls was to connect a great party including some of Holland best DJs, VJs and performance acts with artists, poets, philosophers and scientists who have made some very interesting point during the evening. The purpose of the worldchat was to connect people from all over the world to our event.

This part of the event was such a success that it was a logical next step for us to realise a great serial for next year, with the Worldchat in the centre as a main theme.

project aim of the Worldchat

In European and Worldwide context, apart from the differences between the East and the West, poor and rich, artist or lawyer, the generation 7080 grows up in local societies which changing generations basically in relation to previous generations in a fast tempo. Developments as globalisation, secularising, individualisation, emancipation, digitalisation, capitalism, political changes ask an answer: a new (moral) framework which can define and develop the generation 7080. To occur this recent developments, it is very important that new generations are put able a dialogue with each other to search for solutions and ideas, and where people cooperate and think along together. Therefore we designed the tool Worldchat. Via this concept, it is possible to connect people from all over the world.

Realisation of the Worldchat

Two resources

There are two resources within the Worldchat-project. The first is the *Worldchat*, and the Second the *webmagazine*.

Worldchat

Worldchat is a manner to link a danceparty with discussion, to build networks of creative spirits and invite them to share their ideas concerning fundamental questions.

Aim is - in this way - to connect people who would normally not come easily with each other in contact; to create an event which you could define as the largest talkshow in the world, to a substantial discussion to let take place in one night, to publish that to a book originates (including illustrations) from the work and the conversations of the participants, and topics inspired on the outcomes of the chats.

The Worldchat shows 'state-of-the-art' of arrived and rising DJ's, VJ's, performances and recitations. Music, pictures and recitations are live streamed so that the chatters can follow the festival with all its ingredients. Component of VJ-show is that the chat on screens in the dancing room (or - rooms) appears. In this way the chatters take not only knowledge of other angles concerning universal topics, but take also knowledge of each others local culture.

Webmagazine

In the webmagazine 7080 angles from the different conversations come forward, and are nationally and/or internationally more closely examined. This visible is made by means of short small films (documentaries), interviews, radio programmes, podcast, essays, columns and an exclusive forum.

Summarising

The aim of the project is

- bring together of creative and engaged 7080-people on the Internet;
- the future of individual states;
- organising unique meetings in which a city can put its local culture scene on the card by means of dj's, vj's, recitations and performances on an international manner;
- linking several groups people (for example cultures, ethnicities, people who like to party) with people who used to visit debates;
- state-of-the-art overview in the form of a booklet of the world view of the generation 7080;
- making web magazine;
- development and rebirth of chatting;

7080: Eurochat knows 3 ingredients:

- There are always Worldchats which are (locally) moderated and in which advance (universal) topics are discussed;
- On the festival local DJ's, local musicians, and VJ's are showing and performing their stuff.. Their work is showed on stream and forms in this way the context of the chat (the chatters hear sounds and are seeing the visuals). The discussions which is conduct by the chatters is live projected in the rooms.
- The third ingredient depends on the local programmers who provide the evening with recitations and performances. As long as the topic is related to the generation 7080 and the world view. Centrally in

that local interpretation stands, however, that it must be shown slightly relevant for an international public.

Practical

We have already had a few tests of the project. Next year, after this summer break, we would start this concept as an serial, that we would like to repeat every month for more than a year. We would really like you guys into it.

On June 22th of this year, we will have our third Worldchat. This theme will be The Future of Money. It would be very nice to have you on board on that date. We could arrange same production by ourselves.

Our proposal

Right now we are looking for some interesting partners. Partners who are sharing our believe in the basic-concept. Our proposal exists in two requests. The first request is the question if you would like to play a role at our Worldchat which is going to be at June 22th. This concept is about the Future of Money (see www.worldchat7080.com). The second question is if you and your organisation would like it to play a role in our serial next year. Therefore, you have to write down a concept which can be a part of the serial. It is not our aim and purpose that we are going to do all the work and deliver all the ideas from De Balie in Amsterdam. You must play a big role in it.

So our request is in concrete words, if you could write down a worldchat plan, which can be made for not more then 15.000 Euros. We are going to search for money to support that plan.

In that way, there is a kind of network arises, which is just our purpose in the Worldchat-concept. Your concept has to ready in big lines before the end of June 2007.

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