

Our approach: Strong children. Strong democracy.

RespAct aims to support children and young adults develop strong and independent personalities. The program is designed for young people between the age of 8 to 18 years, attending schools and youth projects. Learning boxing techniques and engaging in roleplays and video work, participants learn to stand up for their interests, gain collaborators and apply personal responsibility in solving problems in their neighborhood. During the closing *RespAct* summit, young people discuss their ideas with decision makers from business, politics and the public sector. When they witness their ideas being implemented, participants gain the powerful experience that they are indeed able to shape their surroundings by engaging in the democratic process. Our project received much recognition and was, among others, awarded the Hauptstadtpreis für Integration und Toleranz (2012) and the Mete-Eksi-Preis (2012).

Successes for a more livable city

- Collaboration with Berlin's waste management in **cleaning up** schools and playgrounds
- **Clothing drive** organized by students to support the housing project for **homeless people** in Berlin-Neukölln
- Inauguration of a **30 speed limit zone** in front of an elementary school
- **Safety training** for students with the local police

Success in the development of participants

- An internal evaluation (2014) concluded that participants have
- strengthened **self-confidence** and show more **resilience**
- a more **positive outlook on the future**
- concrete **improvement projects** planned for their neighborhood
- improved social competencies and became more **solution-oriented, assertive, able to communicate and work well in a team**

++RespAct offers project weeks, after school groups, action days and RespAct summits ++

If you are interested or would like to ask questions, please contact us info@respect.org

