

„Put your eyes on tomorrow and your feet on today!“ (Mirjam Makeba)

Make Change Possible e.V. (MCP) What You Need To Know

What: MCP e.V. is a registered, non-profit organisation founded in Heidelberg, Germany and working with the people of Mayana, a village near Rundu in northern Namibia.

Where? While MCP was formed in Germany and focuses its efforts in Mayana, participants, supporters, and interested parties come from around the world.

Who? MCP is entirely volunteer-run. It is made up of a small group of people of various ages and professions, committed to a big vision: to provide personal opportunities for people to meet as equal partners across nations and languages and to support the development of “world citizenship”, starting at the grass-roots level.

When? MCP e.V. was officially founded in June 2010. Members of the Heidelberg International School (H.I.S.) community were instrumental in its formation.

Why? MCP is the realisation of a vision of a teacher and a student to connect with people across nations, language, and culture **on a personal level**. It is first and foremost an educational organisation, continuing to maintain those connections made with Mayana over the last decade, support the community in Mayana to develop at a grassroots level, and provide opportunities for interested students and parties to commit to a project and grow these connections across borders.

How? By offering annual project trips to Mayana and by working **with** the people of Mayana to support development at a grassroots level. MCP e.V. provides opportunity for International Baccalaureate (IB) students to undertake a three week Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS) trip to Mayana as well as invites other interested parties to join an annual Friends Trip. A group of local members run year-round projects in Mayana, supported financially by fundraising in Germany and beyond.

What you might want to know

Who runs MCP e.V.? MCP has a board that have a telephone meeting every two weeks to discuss progress. There are 2 annual board meetings and an AGM where all members are invited. MCP is a registered and recognized German charity. H.I.S. and the Kopernikus Gymnasium also run an MCP working group at their school supporting the projects. MCP provides a monthly newsletter. MCP members are also running the fundraising platform at betterplace and are on facebook as well as maintain the website.

What are the current projects running in Mayana? These are the services, clubs and opportunities currently supported in Mayana: the Meho Kindergarten; Caretaker; Chicken House (20 chickens); Donkey Cart (available to rent by local people for transportation); Garden; Games Club; Sit & Knit Club; Netball club, Orchard (growing fresh fruit for the Kindergarten);

What is the Mayana Meho Foundation (MMF)? The MMF is a an independent, registered NGO in Namibia run by the people of Mayana. MCP e.V. supported the formation of the foundation. According to Namibian law it has 3 Board members and 4 directors who are responsible. An outside auditor checks the booking on an annual basis. The Board of both organisations are co operating in partnership regarding the planning of long term projects. They develop operational plans and have an annual update meeting. MCP acts as investor and MMF is responsible for the running of the projects including the running costs. MMF provides a monthly update report to MCP.

Who are MCP e.V.'s official partners? H.I.S., Helioz GmbH, Association of German International Schools (AGIS), Kopernikus Gymnasium Blankenfelde, Kleine Engel Projekt.

In what ways is MCP. e.V. an educational organisation? MCP provides people with the chance to connect with others across the miles in a real and authentic way. Since the people of Mayana can not come to the world, the skills, knowledge and experiences of project trip participants provide an opportunity of the world coming to them. The projects trips allow participants to experience first hand life in Mayana. They then share this knowledge with their community on their return. MCP has made a number of videos about life in Mayana, offers resources and information to schools, and supports people in engaging in their own projects.

Program leaders at Mayana Meho Kindergarten and Center can apply for a personal educational need to MCP in return for their commitment.

MCP also runs Educational trips for young people of the Mayana community in order to get to know their own country and make informed choices about their own future.

MCP Project and Participation Overview

European Summer: The Trips

- CAS Trip
- Friends Trip
- Edu Trip

Rest of the year: Community Projects in Mayana, run by local people

Other areas support by MCP in Mayana:
- Meho Kindergarten (2 classroom)

Educational Training

- For locals who want educational funding
- 1 year of voluntary service is provided
- MCP supports educational training

50:50 Projects

- MCP supports small business with resources
- Businesses can keep 50% of profit.