

## pressrelease

### **Dr. Marvin Deversi will be the new executive director at Education Y**

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As of February 1, 2023, Dr. Marvin Deversi will be the new managing director at EDUCATION Y. He replaces Marek Wallenfels, who joined the team of the Bertelsmann Stiftung in September 2022 as their director (Education and Next Generation).

With the 31-year-old from Bochum, EDUCATION Y gains an expert in further development and digitization of organizational structures. Most recently, he was head of the corporate development department at BARMER health insurance. With a doctorate in economics, he advised companies in the field of evidence-based human resource management and conducted research at the universities of Munich, Cologne, and Chicago.

EDUCATION Y's Board of Directors welcomes his strong motivation towards the work of a social profit organization and his extensive community involvement. Dr. Deversi has been involved in educational work in schools and social education for more than 10 years, among others for the German Aidshilfe. He has developed his social and economic expertise by combining research and practice.

Board President Rita Süssmuth emphasizes: "We are pleased to have found a committed executive director. Dr. Deversi has convinced us with his creative ideas and a high degree of professionalism. His work in one of the largest health insurance companies in Germany in corporate development, as well as his organizational expertise and personal conviction, led to the unanimous decision to hire him. He sees his most important task in developing the potential of children and young people in order to achieve more equal opportunities in the education system for all of us."

Through its programs and initiatives, EDUCATION Y and the Pacemaker Initiative are committed to the vision of providing children and young people with the skills they need to lead successful, self-determined lives oriented toward solidarity in a globalized and digital society of the 21st century. Through contemporary impact management, the programs, initiatives, and projects are set up in a needs- and goal-oriented manner and regularly evaluated.

Marika Südbeck, member of the management team, emphasizes "We are looking forward to sharing the passion and enthusiasm for future-oriented, participatory education with Marvin Deversi. As part of our interdisciplinary team, we are committed to further innovate the education sector and implement quality education programs. Together with Marvin Deversi, we will continue our journey with strength and confidence."

Describing his plans as the new executive director, Dr. Deversi says, "Educational equity is a topic close to my heart. As part of a strong team with the Board of Directors, the Board of Trustees, and all Education Y staff, I want to work on enabling a future through education for all children and youth. This includes making lasting

change in our education system as well as advocating for civic engagement. I am particularly passionate about the digital literacy of students, as it is the key to equity. I will use the first few weeks to ask questions, listen, understand, and analyze the current situation to lay the foundation for a trusting common path. I'm really looking forward to working with the highly motivated team at EDUCATION Y, who is doing a great job."

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Former Family Minister and President of the German Bundestag Prof. Dr. Rita Süßmuth steers the strategic direction of EDUCATION Y as President of the Board together with the Executive Board. The goal of Education Y is to empower children and young people to work together in solidarity, to achieve greater justice of opportunities and to bring about a change in culture throughout society. Education Y is a social profit organization that works impact-oriented and systemically.