

Important information about 22 April 2010



Dear parents!

What is Girls' Day – 'Future Prospects for Girls'?

Girls' Day – future prospects for girls – takes place every year on the 4th Thursday in April. Public companies and organisations open their doors to girls from 5th grade onwards. They provide information about a wide range of jobs that require training as well as of courses of studies in the areas of technology, natural sciences, IT and craft. Girls can try out their skills in a practical way, make important contacts and get to know women in management positions and those who are entrepreneurs.

Why is there a career day especially for girls?

Girls often decide in favour of »typically female« careers and fields of study. A lack of information about the broad variety of possible careers means that girls tend to stick to "typical women's professions". Therefore, they are not making full use of their talents and professional opportunities. Girls' Day as a girl-specific offer, where female pupils can discover their talents, skills and interests, provides a special chance for girls as well as for companies and organisations that are looking for qualified and motivated junior employees.

What can you do to support your daughter in finding a job?

You know the strengths and talents of your daughter; you can promote her interests and help her during the process of decision-making. Offer your support in the search for a suitable Girls' Day place. You can find various information about events in your region under "search for event" at www.girls-day.de. Talk to your daughter's teachers in order to see whether a participation in Girls' Day has already been planned by the school. Our Girls' Day website provides contact data of regional institutions ("workshop card") as well as several information for girls.

What do boys learn on Girls' Day?

Boys also choose their future job very often in a one-dimensional way without considering the wide range of career opportunities. There are many events offered at school and outside school which especially address boys. Ask at your son's school. Many initiatives and networks have already taken on the theme of boy-orientated encouragement in the areas of career selection, life planning and social competence. The service office "New Paths for Boys" provides information at www.neue-wege-fuer-jungs.de.

How does school participate in Girls' Day — 'Future Prospects for Girls'?

In almost all federal states, the annual participation in Girls' Day from grade 5 onwards is recommended by the ministry of education and cultural affairs. For the schools the event day – especially combined with age suitable preparation and follow-up activities – is a meaningful component within the scope of career orientation programmes. If your state classifies the Girls' Day as a school event (or if your school administration considers it as such) then the pupils are covered by the school's accident insurance. If the event you visit is entered on the event map on the internet at www.girls-day.de, the participants are covered by subsidiary accident and liability insurance.

Further information and support is available at www.girls-day.de. From 1st March you can also call the Girls' Day hotline: 0049 (0) 521 106 73 54 (Mon – Fri, 14.00 – 18.00)

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