



NESW

NETWORK OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING WOMEN

Autumn 2019

Upcoming Meeting Dates in 2020 (subject to change!)

January 24
February 28
March 27
April 24

Our website is: www.nesw.de
Monthly registration:
registration@nesw.de

September 2019 Franziska Schlemmer Joins the CT!

Franziska was born in Freiburg. After studying agriculture in Bonn, she went to Argentina to work on citrus diseases. Interest in these plants brought her to Riverside, California, where she completed her PhD in Plant Pathology. Afterwards she worked for eight years in South Africa. Not content to sit still, a Spanish language course sent her to Costa Rica for nine weeks.

She now lives in Freiburg spending her time running, reading English and Spanish literature and, occasionally, writing short stories.



SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 27th at 7:30pm

How can we achieve a turnaround in the regional agriculture and food sector?

Dr Jenny Lay-Kumar, project manager at *Regionalwert AG Freiburg* says: 'by simply doing it ourselves!' During her presentation, Dr Lay-Kumar will share with us the motivation behind the founding of *Regionalwert*, a public company with an innovative shareholding structure, operating to sustain regional agriculture. She will also highlight the broad scope behind its economical approach.



Biomarkt Breisach-A Regionalwert Shop

Regionalwert's aim is to demonstrate to its shareholders the impact of money on the socio-ecological dimensions of business by pointing out the sustainability of financial investment, enabling shareholders to evaluate its benefits.

After the presentation, Dr Lay-Kumar will lead us in an interactive game in order to show, in a rather playful manner, how we *can* initiate a turnaround in the agriculture and food sector!

Restaurant: 7:30pm Rössle
Restauration, Alte Bundestraße 33,
79194 Gundelfingen.

OCTOBER

Friday, October 25th at 7:30pm

Boutique LeSac Revisited!

This second-hand boutique for women is operated by the charitable organization *OFF (Obdach für Frauen)* and, in October 2018, they celebrated their 20th anniversary of helping women get back on their feet.



OFF is run by a group of charismatic women formerly headed by Renate Lepach who, together with her colleague Elisabeth Armbruster, has entertained the Network several times in the past. Renate stepped down earlier this year handing over the reins to her colleague Veronika Lehmann, but promises to join us this evening!

Learn more about this vital lifeline for women in need from the team behind the scenes. This is an exceptional "win-win" social enterprise for women from all backgrounds and cultures.

Finger food will be provided by an outside caterer, who just happens to be one of the women helped by *OFF*; and *Boutique LeSac* will provide soft drinks and wine for a total cost of 16€.

Venue: 7:30pm - *Boutique LeSac*,
Sedanstraße 22, 79098 Freiburg
(Cellar entrance under *Waschbär*)

NEWS

NOVEMBER

Friday, November 22nd at 7:30pm

A Taste of Village Life in Bolia on Africa's Ivory Coast



Daily news and social media bring poverty and deprivation, extreme weather conditions, famine and war from countries around the globe into our homes every day. As we enjoy our creature comforts, it's hard to imagine the extreme hardship some people endure every day of their lives - simple things we take for granted like clothes, schools, running water, food, etc. Fortunately, there are many charities worldwide helping to create a better life for many people.

One such charity is *Initiative Bolia e.V.* on the Ivory Coast which was set up by a friend of member Rachel Ives. In 2017, Rachel decided to experience first-hand the progress being made in Bolia to renovate the village school. After a memorable trip, Rachel is delighted to share with us a visual presentation portraying her account of village life, and what the charity has managed to achieve thus far.



Restaurant: 7:30pm - *Kantine*, Marie-Curie-Straße 1, 79100 Freiburg

Membership Fees



30€ Annually
(due by the end of January)

17.50€ Half Yearly
(January-June, July-December)

5€ Evening Fee for
Non-Members
(to be paid at the evening's event)

Guests and new members are always welcome. The evening fee is waived for first time guests!



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DECEMBER

Friday, December 13th at 7:30pm

Here's to a Jolly Indian Xmas Bash!

It's the festive season once again and we're looking forward to another jolly round of *Secret Santa Gift Exchange*! Why not recycle something at home that's gathering dust, or look for something quirky and fun! Wrap it up, bring it along and throw it in Santa's sack. With any luck, you'll go home with something you've always wanted!

We're delighted to host this year's Christmas meeting at the Royal Panjab Restaurant in Freiburg - delicious Indian food that will have your taste buds tingling! Come along and enjoy some Christmas cheer in a brand-new venue in the company of your Network friends!

Restaurant: 7:30pm - *Royal Panjab*, Kaiser-Joseph-Straße 278, 79098 Freiburg

SUSANNE LEAVES FREIBURG!

It's hard to believe that our first *Secret Santa Gift Exchange* took place in December 2013. Introduced by then CT member Susanne Jeffs, it has become a firm Christmas favourite. Sadly, Susanne and her family returned to Vancouver this summer after eleven years in Freiburg. The original plan was to spend only one year in the area, so we are very lucky to have had Susanne here all this time.

In addition to being an active member of the Network and serving on the CT for three years, Susanne worked tirelessly on her children's school bazaar every Christmas, as well as organizing the annual street party at her home in Wittnau. Her job as curator at a local art gallery also gave her a tremendous sense of satisfaction and pride. Susanne will be sorely missed by us all - and we wish her and her family every happiness back 'home' in Canada!