

SAME vision and strategic aims

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Introduction

SAME, 'Solidarity Action Day Movement in Europe', is a European network that brings together several organizations that carry out an annual Action Day. During this day, pupils get the chance to exercise a job of their choice instead of going to school. Their salaries are used to support youth-related projects all over the world.

The 'vision of SAME' is the overarching concept of an ideal future state the network wants to achieve. It shows the way into the future and guides SAME in its decision making. In contrast, the 'strategic aims of SAME' are precise objectives SAME wants to achieve in the long and medium term, so as to realize the vision in small steps.

Vision of SAME

SAME encourages young people to stand up for a fair and democratic world by taking up social commitment, showing solidarity through intercultural cooperation and becoming active citizens in European, as well as in global society.

Strategic aims of SAME

1. The SAME member organizations are strengthened through the exchange of best practices. Intercultural cooperation, the exchange of experiences and mutual learning, both on a personal and on an organizational level, are stimulated. This improves the quality of the Action Days.
2. SAME believes in the power of young people and wants to make their voices heard. It positively influences public opinion and policy makers. SAME lobbies for Action Day affairs on a European level.
3. SAME spreads the Action Day and supports new Action Day initiatives. During the Action Day, young people get a unique opportunity to show solidarity and to stand up for peers in an effective manner.
4. European young people organize common actions to raise awareness, promote solidarity and youth participation and strive for a fair and democratic world.