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Women from ethnic minorities in social enterprise

Interview form

Overview

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My name is Cristabel Durán Rangel, I'm originally from Venezuela, but I'm also Colombian and I've been living here in Freiburg for 16 years. I studied forestry here and I studied forestry in my country as well, so I come from the environmental field and I did my doctorate here and I am active in the association "Pro Venezuela".

Our association actually exists since 2014 and our members are spread all over the country. We founded the Freiburg section last year (2019). So, in the whole association in Germany I am in the board and here, I don't like to say that I am the chairman because we have a really horizontal structure. But I do say that I am the coordinator, because you also need someone who has this contact with the other sections. We have a Skype meeting once a month, because we are all spread out, we also have a meeting for the board. And I am the only one who was originally in "Pro Venezuela" and I told all Venezuelans, with some we are good friends, some are just acquaintances, I said, you always do so much for Venezuela, you always want to do something, then let's just create a section.

So for us it's important that we inform. That we inform what is going on in Venezuela. Because the problem is that the country is very far away from here. And in Germany, other problems are more likely to be noticed. Yes, and what happens in Venezuela, sometimes the media informs, but not always. And for us, it's about informing what's happening in Venezuela and expressing our opinion about it.

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At the same time, we are also there when Venezuelans come here, as a meeting place for Venezuelans and for people who are interested in Venezuela or people who might have problems here. Thus, with the papers, because there are so many problems in Venezuela with the issuing of passports. And there we also want to support the people and at the end of the day it's also about this meeting place with people from a country, you know, where so I don't know, like for music or something and other activities, because that's also just nice. But I would say it's about information, we want to be a reference point or if someone wants to know about Venezuela.. If we have a big event, then we meet more regularly. If we have an event, then we organize it. For example, we showed a film in the Wiehre Kino, in cooperation with the municipal cinema. And it was about the humanitarian situation in Venezuela. So, we have big humanitarian problems. There is no medicine, hardly any food. And we got a very good film suggested and we showed this film in cooperation with the municipal cinema. And we also did that with another association, which is called "AleVen" and they are also like us, they are spread all over Germany. We just talked for a very long time about the film with the director, he was not there, but via Skype. Basically, we talked about healthcare. And of course, it's not only about healthcare but there is also always politics involved.

Full video [here](#)



Benefizkonzert
für humanitäre Hilfe in Venezuela

WANN? Am Samstag, den 23.11.19

WO? Stadtteilsaal 
Stadtteilzentrum Vauban 037 e.V.
Freiburg

PROGRAMM
 **Einlass: 17:00 Uhr**
Typische Arepas, Getränke und mehr...

Sitzkonzert: 18:00 Uhr
 Mozart, Piazzolla, venezolanische Musik, Cárdenas
mit Cristina Alvarado-Belli, Rémi Alarçon, Eva Bonk, Daniela Sánchez,
Kevin Guerra, David Auli, Leonel Ortiz und dem Ábo Klavierquartett

Unterhaltungsmusik: 20:00 Uhr
 Blue Bananas Band