



Dear WIHW team,

I heard on 29th of January, that there is a UN World Interfaith Harmony Week and had an idea about rockpainting. @wihweek encouraged us to try to organise a rockpainting event for the WIHW, although the time left was short.

Melanie and I wanted to find a place that depends to no faith group – a place where people come by. But it is Winter in Austria and cold outside, therefore we asked our big shopping center in Villach – ATRIO and they gave us a place and time for our rockpainting event in the Entrance area beside the escalator. We were very glad about this great spot.

At the board with information (see pic at the end) many people stopped and looked what's going on and we informed them about World Interfaith Harmony Week and the rocks for peace.

About 50 people of different ages (children, teenagers, adults), different faiths and different languages took their time to sit down and paint rocks with us. We had several great conversations and more than 100 rocks were painted. The painters took their rocks with them to bring them to a place where others can find them. People who find the rocks are invited to post them at Instagram or at Facebook and to let the rocks travel. As we know about our other rocks most of the rocks find a new home and we never hear again from them. But it is great to know that they are somewhere to remind people of peace, tolerance, god, friendship, respect, love,... and all things that help to live together in harmony on our earth.

We took pictures of the rocks (see attached), but not from all.

You also find pictures at Instagram @friedenssteine and some are also in our facebook group Friedenssteine.

It was a great time meeting that different people, painting rocks with them and have time to speak with them, about God, people and the world.

Parallel to organizing this event I invited rockpainters around the world to paint rocks for WIHW. See our other report.

An Information about who we are and what's #Friedenssteine about is also attached.

Best regards

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