

## Invitation

Global challenges do not stop at national borders and can only be solved through joint, transnational cooperation – both at the political and societal level. German Volkshochschulen (adult education centres) and adult education facilities from the United Kingdom, Ukraine and the USA have come together as part of the Urban X-Change Network to engage in transnational partnerships. The project is funded by the German Federal Foreign Office and makes a major contribution to international diplomacy between towns and cities, and to “foreign policy between societies”. The cooperation activities are in support of international exchange, and enhance societies’ resilience, especially in times of increasing social challenges, crises and war.

**Join us online for our “Urban X Change – Transnational Digital Conference” on December 9, 2022, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. CET Central European Time**

**Please use the following link for your registration:** <https://dialog.ioeran.de/563121>  
You will be provided with the access link for the event once you have registered.

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10:00 a.m.	<b>Welcoming remarks</b> Christoph Jost – Director of DVV International
	<b>Opening address</b> Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer President of Deutscher Volkshochschul-Verband e.V. (DVV) German Adult Education Association
	<b>Opening address</b> Stefan Rößel Director for Cultural Relations Policy German Federal Foreign Office
10:30 a.m.	<b>Key Note Speech</b> Cathryn Clüver Ashbrook, Bertelsmann Foundation, German “Urban diplomacy – networks for transformation and political participation”
11:00 a.m.	<b>Panel discussion</b> Opening speech Dr. Ingrid Schöll, Director of Bonn Adult Education Centre, Germany “Challenges for adult education, for democracy and for an inclusive urban society”  Participants: Prof. Dr. Hanna Shvindina (CEO Lifelong Learning Center, City of Sumy, Ukraine), Helen Chicot (City of Rochdale Government, United Kingdom), Dr. Ingrid Schöll (vhs Bonn, Germany), Dr. Moritz Pieper (German Federal Foreign Office)
	<b>Questions and answers</b> Facilitated dialogue between plenary and panel
12:15 p.m.	<b>Closing remarks</b> Christoph Jost, Director of DVV International
12:30 p.m.	<b>End of conference</b>