

Invitation

DRIN - Visions for Children's Books. A webinar on diversity and representation

A webinar by the **Goethe-Institut Finland** in cooperation with **Deutsche Akademie für Kinder- und Jugendliteratur, Finland-Institut in Deutschland** and **Sankt Michaelsbund**

Children's books shape our worldview. It is important to be able to find yourself in stories, illustrations and narratives and, at the same time, to get to know the variety of realities that surround us. However, the current children's literature does not reflect our increasingly diverse societies. What can diversity-oriented, norm-critical and prejudice-conscious children's books look like that help children understand the world and its own place in it?

How can alternative, under-represented narratives, voices and images be introduced into the book market? What good examples can we share? And what can the various players in this field – authors, illustrators, publishers, libraries and readers – learn from each other? What can be the contribution of these decision makers towards a more diverse, representative, inclusive and norm-critical children's literature? These are questions the Goethe-Institut together with the artist Warda Ahmed, the illustrator EL BOUM and the author Chantal-Fleur Sandjon are asking in the project [DRIN](#) – Diversity, Representation, Inclusion, Norm Critique.

Besides networking and knowledge exchange, another goal of the project is book production. Examples of best practices from around the world will create an archive to provide inspiration for translations and motivate the creation of these “visionary” books.

We invite you to take part in the webinar that aims to share insights into children's literature, into the work of its creators and users. In the second part of the webinar we hope to exchange openly and in a safe digital space on visions, new standards that challenge the status quo and best practices to reach the goals of DRIN.

The webinar will include an introduction to the project DRIN, a key note and four short lectures with a Q&A.

Timetable (Central European Time) on Thu 04.06.2020:

- 13:00 Introduction of the project by the Goethe-Institut Finnland and welcome by Claudia Pecher (Deutsche Akademie für Kinder- und Jugendliteratur and Sankt Michaelsbund) and the project creators Chantal-Fleur Sandjon and Jasmina El Bouamraoui
- 13:20 Keynote [Prof. Dr. Maisha Auma](#) (Germany)
- 14:00 Short lectures à 15 min by: [Johanna Lestelä](#) (author, Finland), [Dapo Adeola](#) (illustrator, UK), [Allen Fatimaharan](#) (illustrator, UK) and [Woody Oliphant](#) (librarian, Sweden) – with time for questions
- 15:30 Exchanging visions
- 17:00 End of the webinar

The participation is free of charge, but we kindly ask you **to register until Fri 29.05.2020 via e-mail: anmeldungen.kultur.helsinki@goethe.de**. You will then receive further information about the technical format of the webinar.

We are looking forward to meet you in June!

Kind regards

The DRIN-team and its cooperation partners

