

Statement of the Board of Radebeuler Kultur e.V. on the election of Dr. Jörg Bernig as Head of Cultural Services of the City of Radebeul.

The election of Jörg Bernig on 20 May 2020 as head of Cultural Services of Radebeul is a source of great concern for many artists, creators of culture as well as citizens of Radebeul. The election of Jörg Bernig, a Neue Rechte (New Right) sympathizer, who has repeatedly revealed his affinity to right-wing cultural policy through numerous publications and statements in recent years, could lead to a split between artists and those people of Radebeul interested in art and culture. Due to his political and xenophobic attitude, we do not trust Jörg Bernig to represent the cultural scene in our cosmopolitan art and culture city Radebeul.

We see a threat to existing activities, such as the various festivals, starting with the transregionally known International Festival of Itinerant Theatre, the Karl May Festival, the Kasperjade (Punch Theatre), the XJAZZ Festival and other contemporary activities in the field of visual arts. These multifarious influences and forms of artistic expression create an inimitable diversity which is widely recognised and appreciated and which must be preserved.

The election of Dr. Jörg Bernig is a grave signal for the relevance of culture today. We are concerned that this head of the Cultural Services may restrict or hinder the free exercise of art and culture.

We therefore believe that Jörg Bernig is the wrong person to become Head of Cultural Services of the city of Radebeul.

Please support our action and sign our Open Letter below by clicking on the attached link:
<http://chng.it/w5NtkDVR>

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The Board of Directors of the Association "Radebeuler Kultur e.V."