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Young People as Architects of the Future

Search for a meaningful life:
Workshop with Paulo Coelho

18 „Architects of the Future“ are to make their contributions to a future with meaning at the Waldzell Meeting at Melk Abbey in September. They will have the opportunity to talk to the world's best scientists and to work intensively for two days under the patronage of „Alchemist“ Paulo Coelho.

The two initiators of this event, Andreas Salcher and Gundula Schatz, want the question of meaning in life to become a concern of society. In last years' Meeting four Nobel laureates took part as speakers; this year Nobel laureate in Medicine Christian de Duve, author of „Vital Dust: Life as a Cosmic Imperative“, and world-famous historian Paul Kennedy have accepted the invitation to the Meeting. Other notables on the list of speakers: Craig Venter, decoder of the human genome, Thom Mayne, architect and recipient of the Pritzker Prize 2005, Tenzin Palmo, founder of a Buddhist convent for women in Tibet, Anthony Robbins, coach and author of „Unlimited Power“, Peter Senge, professor at MIT, Jonathan Wittenberg, a renowned rabbi, Anton Zeilinger, quantum researcher from Vienna, and conductor Franz Welser-Möst.

Now 18 scholarships are being granted to young people from all over the world who have already made an „exceptional contribution“ to the future and a meaningful life. The KURIER nominates one applicant aged between 19 and 33 years, with a good command of English being a prerequisite.

Application. The Curriculum Vitae should display personal interests and critical phases or turning points in life. The Motivation Letter is supposed to describe the applicant's own initiative. If possible a Letter of Recommendation from a distinguished personage may be included. Deadline for submitting the application: 15 July.