

## Intercultural communication

The field of "Intercultural Communication" covers social interactions between people from different cultures. The focus is on modes of expression and behaviours such as pitch, tone of voice, facial expressions and gestures, and their effects in an intercultural environment. We have put together enjoyable, informative session for you.

19 September 2019, 13.30 – 17.00

### Description of course: Gestures and movement

The objective of these session, which build on one another, is to boost intercultural communication skills. This is done by:

- **emphasizing the factors that connect people and**
- **exploring cultural differences while promoting respect for diversity.**

### Content:

We focus on activities that support living (together), that inspire feelings of joy and therefore overcome boundaries. Music and movement are a universal language. We follow our instinct to explore and connect with other people through the mediums of dance and theatre. The simple gesture of smiling, of giving someone your hand, is understood in every culture.

Through play we exchange ideas and information about the culture, the historical, religious and social backgrounds of students from all the countries represented. Our understanding and compassion are awakened. In this way we reduce obstacles to engaging with the unknown. This may help us to prevent or detect misunderstandings, for example, which can be caused by different modes of expression, presentation and behaviours such as pitch, tone of voice, facial expressions, gestures, degree of politeness and degree of friendliness. The intention is to counteract prejudices which could cause problems. A simulation game orientates us within the University and the city of Magdeburg.

Bring a cushion or blanket with you to sit on and wear loose, comfortable clothing. Bring a couple of photos of where you are from and of your loved ones. Two women look forward to getting to know people of other nationalities.