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Museum Koenig Bonn

Climate and Biodiversity Protection: The Museum Koenig as a dialogue forum

Thinking climate and biodiversity protection together: How this challenge can be realised was the topic of yesterday's discussion evening "Bonn discusses: Climate and Biodiversity Protection Thought of Locally". Around 80 participants attended the lively debate on the challenges in the different areas and the possibilities for action at policy and citizen level. The Leibniz Institute for the Analysis of Biodiversity Change (LIB), Museum Koenig Bonn provided a platform for constructive dialogue between citizens, the City of Bonn and stakeholders in the field of climate and biodiversity.

As diverse as the interests of the around 80 participants were, as diverse and lively was the discussion. From the subsidisation of agriculture, which is destructive to the climate and biodiversity, to the ecosystem of the moor as an effective CO2 reservoir, to the question of where wind turbines and species protection are in conflict. In addition to the experts Dr. Jan Burck (Germanwatch), Dr. Monika Hachtel (NABU Bonn, Biologische Station Bonn/Rhein-Erft), Prof. Dr. Bernhard Misof (General Director of the LIB), Bernd Schmitz (Solidarische Landwirtschaft), Lukas Falkner (Bonn4Future - Bonn im Wandel) and Caroline Tiefenbach (Students4Future), numerous voices from the audience participated. Moderator Prof. Dr. Nikolaus Froitzheim (University of Bonn, Extinction Rebellion) welcomed citizens of Bonn as well as representatives of the City of Bonn and various initiatives to the participatory discussion round.

"As LIB, Museum Koenig Bonn, it is our goal to bring the discussion about the challenges of biodiversity and climate protection to the centre of society. We want to actively develop and promote possible solutions together with citizens, local politics, industry and science," explains Bernhard Misof.

There was agreement that a change in values must take place at all stages - among citizens, but also in politics and business. In order to promote climate and biodiversity protection together, "everyone has to be involved", said one participant in the discussion.

Afterwards, an open exchange took place in the museum, where local initiatives, among others Greenpeace, Parents4Future, the Leyenhof as well as research projects of the LIB, Museum Koenig presented themselves.

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About the LIB

The LIB is dedicated to researching biodiversity and its changes, the results of which are disseminated to the wider society in an educational manner. In order to better understand the current mass extinction of flora and fauna, researchers are looking for connections and causes of – often – man-made changes. The goal is to develop solutions for the preservation of ecosystems and species in order to maintain the basis of current life.

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