



"Tunnel of Peace", part of the front side "An der Weide"

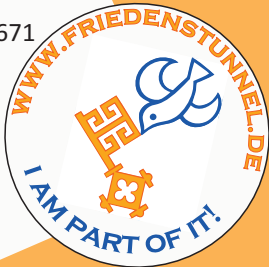
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J. Böhrnsen, Mayor of Bremen

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THE SOCIETY

Representatives of the following associations have committed themselves to the project "Tunnel of Peace - Bremen takes a Stand":



Alevist Congregation Bremen

Bahá'í Congregation Bremen

Bremen Evangelical Church

Umbrella Association Islamic Federation

German-Indian Hindu Association

Catholic Church Bremen

Raja-Yoga-Center Brahma Kumaris

Soka Gakka International - Germany

Zen Circle Bremen



Together with numerous people interested in peace work.

The symbols on the left have been incorporated in the vaulted ceiling of the Tunnel of Peace with kind permission from the respective associations.



We are lighting a beacon of hope by further transforming the Tunnel of Peace and by events that promote tolerance, interfaith dialogue and understanding such as panel discussions on the subject of "Peace in Practice", cultural events on the subject of "Tunnel Encounters" and above all the school project "Peace starts out small" which is formally encouraged by Mayor Jens Böhrnsen.



After completion the Tunnel of Peace will remain a solid basis for the aforementioned projects.

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 of peaceful coexistence





Rembertitunnel: Before transformation



After transformation: "Tunnel of Peace"



Model, "Tunnel of Peace", front side "Parkallee"

THE PROJECT



The idea for a „Tunnel of Peace“ originated as a spontaneous reaction by artist Regina Heygster to the terrorist act of September 11, 2001:

She contacted representatives of the different world religions in Bremen asking them to join in lighting a beacon of peace in public space by

giving artistic form to the Remberti Tunnel turning it into the "Tunnel of Peace".

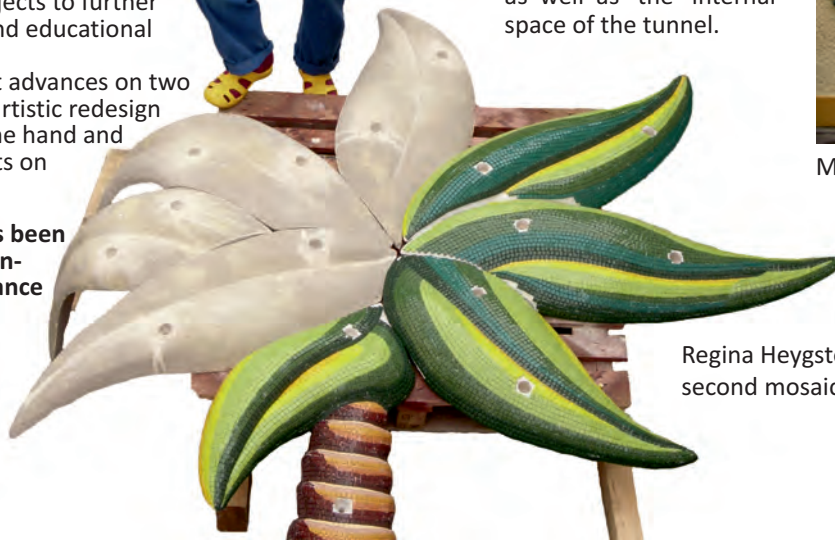
The religious associations interested in interfaith dialogue each send a representative to the "Tunnel of Peace – Bremen Takes a Stand (Registered Society)". Since 2002 the volunteers of the society, believers and non believers, have been working together to transform the dark and much used Remberti Tunnel into a bright and friendly beacon of peace according to Regina Heygster's vision.



At the same time they have been involved in various projects to further peace in the cultural and educational realm.

Accordingly the project advances on two levels: structural and artistic redesign of the tunnel on the one hand and content-related projects on the other.

The city of Bremen has been long known for its open-mindedness and tolerance and this project is in keeping with this tradition.



Regina Heygster at work at her second mosaic relief "Palm Tree"

THE IMPLEMENTATION

A first milestone was reached in 2010 with the redesign of both front sides of the tunnel:



The fronts and arches will feature symbols of peace from different religions and cultures. The design will focus on the peaceful coexistence of the religious communities as well as their uniqueness and this will be expressed in easily recognizable symbols and clear statements.

The vaulted ceiling, side walls and front sides of the tunnel will be decorated with color mosaics.

The artist sees the mosaic reliefs of different trees from all over the world as representing the deep spiritual significance they have had from time memorial. They will adorn the front as well as the internal space of the tunnel.



Mosaic relief "Oak Tree"

THE PURPOSE

Our main vision is quite plain:

Flanked by content-related peace projects we want to transform the Remberti Tunnel into the completely redesigned "Bremen Tunnel of Peace", a new landmark for Bremen: An encouraging, convincing and meaningful beacon of peace which Bremen citizens as well as others can identify with and be proud of!

A MILESTONE

The representatives of the different religious associations and the Board of Directors of the society celebrate the unveiling of the first tree mosaic.



Ferdinand Rogge (Bahá'í), Dr. Janna Wolff (Treasurer)
Regina Heygster (Chairperson), Bilal Günai (Muslim)
Michael Sabass (Buddhist), Hans-Gerhard Klatt (Christian)
Nepal Lodh (Hindu), Sedat Sevimli (Alevist)