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**Anke (43)** was raised in Plön, a small town in Schleswig-Holstein, and in Hamburg, and currently lives in Ahrensburg, a suburb of Hamburg. She received a *Magister Artium* (equivalent of a master degree) in General and Comparative Literature, Modern German Literature and Political Sciences. She works as an environmental journalist and is the head of the North German office and editor of a political and ecological magazine. Recently, she and her family moved into a social-ecological housing project.

**Anna (42)** was raised in the Brandenburg countryside, near Berlin where she lives today. She has a *Magister Artium* in Sinology, Modern German Literature and German as a Foreign Language as well as an MBA. After working as Sinologist and teacher of German as a Foreign Language, she became a project manager for software implementation for a large German company.

**Christa (60)** was raised in Lönigen, a small village in Lower Saxony, and currently lives in Vechta, a town in Lower Saxony. Her highest educational degree is the *Zweites Staatsexamen* (second state examination; which means certified teacher). She is a *Realschule* (intermediate school) teacher of German, English, geography, and history. In November 2006, she and two students were the German delegation at the Global Youth Meeting on Health in India.

**Daniel G (55)** was raised in Wetzlar, a city in Hesse, and currently lives in Weimar, a city in Thuringia. He has a University *Diplom* (equivalent of a master degree) in Political Sciences. He's the head of the department Memorial Site Pedagogy of the Foundation Memorial Sites Buchenwald and Mittelbau Dora (former concentration camps of the Nazis). In 1977/78 he worked for 18 months in Israel as a volunteer with *Aktion Sühnezeichen Friedensdienste* (Action Reconciliation Service for Peace). 1978-1980 he studied Peace and Conflict Resolution at the *Freie Universität Berlin* (Free University Berlin) and continued his studies in Hamburg. In the 80s he became active in the West German peace movement.

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**Gerald (42)** was raised in Gotha, a city in Thuringia and currently lives in Berlin. His highest educational degree is a *Magister Artium* in Business Administration. For some years he worked as a banker. Currently, he works a freelance journalist, TV-, print-, online-editor, and film maker. As a teenager he had a pen pal in Ohio. Because of the frequent communication with her, his English became excellent for GDR-standards. He belonged to the last young men who had to serve in the *Nationale Volksarmee* (National People's Army, the army of the GDR). He experienced the fall of the wall at the exciting age of 20. In 1990 he started an apprenticeship program at a bank in Frankfurt/Main. He lived in East and West.

**Gregor (29)** was raised and still lives in East Berlin. His highest school degree is the *Abitur* (equivalent of a high school degree). Currently he's in an apprenticeship to become an educator.

**Irmtraud (68)** was raised in Ruhland, a small town in Brandenburg, and currently lives in Leipzig. Her highest school degree is the equivalent to a *Realschule* degree (intermediate school degree). For political and ideological reasons, she was not allowed to make the *Abitur*. After completing an apprenticeship, she worked as a bookbinder for some years, but also trained to become a vocalist. For 25 years she was a housewife and mother of four children, but at the same time she worked occasionally as vocalist, as soloist and also in the *Leipziger Rundfunkchor* (Leipzig Broadcasting Choir). In 1989-1990, she was involved in the Peaceful Revolution in Leipzig. From 2000-2008 she was a board member of the *Stiftung zur Aufarbeitung der SED-Diktatur* (Federal Foundation for the Reappraisal of the SED Dictatorship). Today she is a staff member of the *Gedenkstätte Museum in der "Runden Ecke" Leipzig* (Memorial Place Museum in the "Round Corner" Leipzig).

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**Stefan (44)** lives in Frankfurt/Main. He has a *Magister Artium* in Japanology, Sinology, German Language and Literature Studies, and Anglistics. He works as an intercultural consultant, coordinator, lector, translator, interpreter, author, journalist, publicist, teacher, course leader, and project manager.

**Tobias (45)** was raised and still lives in Leipzig. His highest school degree is the equivalent to a *Realschule* degree. Because of political and ideological reasons he was not allowed to make the *Abitur*. He completed an apprenticeship to become a cabinet maker and wood and furniture restorer and worked in this profession until the fall of the Berlin Wall. Afterwards he became archive commissioner of the *Stasi* files in the Leipzig district and vice director of the branch office Leipzig of the Federal Commissioner for the *Stasi* Archives. He participated in the *Junge Gemeinde* (a form of church youth work within the Lutheran church of the GDR). During the 1980s he was engaged in different third-world-groups, in the environmental seminar Röttha and in different environmental groups in Leipzig. In 1989 he was among the organizers of the Pleiße-pilgrimage. In the same year he had several encounters with the *Stasi*. In December 1989 he was part of the group which occupied the *Stasi* offices in Leipzig and was involved in the final liquidation of the *Stasi*. Today, he's the director of the Citizen Committee Leipzig which is responsible for the Museum "In the Round Corner" (a museum about the *Stasi* in the former *Stasi* headquarters of Leipzig).

**Ulrich (78)** was raised in Hagen, a city in North Rhine-Westphalia and currently lives in Vechta, a town in Lower Saxony. He studied theology and became a Dominican padre. His highest educational degree is the *Zweites Staatsexamen* in German and History. He's a retired *Gymnasium* teacher and pastor.

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