



DIE STADT ALS SCHULE CELEBRATES ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY IN BERLIN



On November 2nd Die Stadt als Schule celebrated its 20th Anniversary as a Productive School in Berlin. The original site was on one floor in a commercial building a few blocks from what was then Check Point Charlie in a divided Berlin. Today it occupies a splendid building all its own in a unified Berlin and served as the site for the day long gala event featuring speakers and participants from its past and present.

In the morning administrators, teachers, students, educators, and politicians spoke of their experiences and involvement with this ground breaking experiment in education. The occasion was marked with much emotion as many recalled the roles they played.

After lunch they reassembled for a series of workshops discussing various aspects of Productive Education.

After a coffee and outdoor cocktail break all returned to the auditorium for a lively panel discussion by a cross section of educators and administrators on the meaning and future for greater educational reform.

The celebration concluded with a series of addresses by distinguished educators who were instrumental in conceptualizing the idea of this type of education. Then various individuals from various other INEPS sites rose to speak. Representatives from Spain, Finland, France and the United States congratulated Die Stadt als Schule on its success. A musical chorus of teachers ended with an entertaining series of songs.

The evening concluded with a buffet dinner and celebration.



WHERE IT ALL BEGAN

In 1983 a group of Berliners came to New York City and visited City As School. Jens Schneider is on the left and Ingrid Boehm is on the right. In the middle (in shirt and tie) was the principal and founder of CAS, Fred Koury.

