

ABSTRACT

People who take part in cultural exchange programs and live far away from their home country usually had experience problems at the beginning of their arrival. This study aims to find out how the communication patterns carried out by GKPS youth in the GKPS youth partnership program in Hagen district, Germany and what obstacles occur when communication takes place while GKPS youth live in Germany. This study used a qualitative approach with a case study research method on the GKPS youth partnership program in the district of Hagen, Germany. Data collection techniques used are interviews, observation and literature. The results of this study indicate that the communication pattern that occurs in the GKPS youth partnership program in Hagen district is a multi-directional communication pattern, where all the youth who take part in the program can communicate with each congregation in Hagen. For communication barriers that occur, based on the results of this study it can be concluded that there are three biggest obstacles in the communication process, namely differences in language, stereotyping and culture shock.

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