

Presenting the members of the Executive Committee

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David Vossebrecher from Germany, Treasurer

David Vossebrecher was born in Dortmund, Germany in 1974, a city in one of the country's major industrial areas until the 1980ies. He studied psychology at Ruhr-Universität Bochum and at Freie Universität Berlin, where he became involved in Community Psychology. During his time in Berlin he also studied 'Critical Psychology' developed by Klaus Holzkamp and his colleagues, which has almost disappeared today – a great loss. Another issue of interest is qualitative research methods.

Since July 2005 David works as a research associate at Faculty of Human Sciences at University of Cologne (Köln) in Germany, where he also teaches on qualitative research methods, empowerment, and prevention/ health promotion. Besides this, he engages in projects in different fields of prevention (e.g. substance abuse, youth violence, conditions of early parenthood, health promotion), which work on a 'peer education' approach combined with an empowerment perspective. David carries responsibility for the project's evaluation. At present he is strongly dedicated to 'participatory' praxis-oriented research and evaluation, which he believes can play a part in supporting and fostering empowerment and participation processes. Off-mainstream research methods – like qualitative methods – can play an important role here.

David is glad to be part of ECPA and would like to take the opportunity to give thanks for the confidence and electing him as ECPA treasurer. He is looking forward to the next two year's work.



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