

PRESS RELEASE

changes.AWARD – The winners have been selected!

Two winner teams travel to Cape Canaveral in Florida. The second winner team visits the particle accelerator CERN in Geneva and the third winner team goes to Berlin to see a technology location.

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The winners of the changes.AWARD are chosen! On 19 June 2016 four winner teams have been awarded by a high-class jury during this year's „Cromford Parkfest“. The biggest surprise: Two winner teams are selected!

The awards have been given over by Klaus Pesch, Mayor of the City Ratingen, Wolfgang Küppers, Chairman of “Freunde und Förderer des Industriemuseums Cromford” and Georg Jennen, General Manager of the German Branch of Mitsubishi Electric.

The winners will await exciting journeys to locations, which have changed the world.

Two winner teams have won the changes.AWARD: A team of Theodor-Fliedner-Gymnasium in Düsseldorf-Kaiserswerth and a team of Kopernikus-Gymnasium in Ratingen. The first mentioned team convinced the jury with „Savie“, a tool, which can send emergency signals by using a sensor. This is especially interesting for horsemen, because in case of an accident this innovation can save lives. The Kopernikus-Gymnasium impressed the jury with „Guardian“, an emergency call implemented in a piece of jewellery, which can be essential for seniors. Both teams win the trip to Cape Canaveral to visit the space center. The jury decided

concordantly to award two winner teams, because both projects are outstanding in one field – to save lives actively. In addition, both ideas complement one another and may be combined in future.

The second price goes to Adam-Cüppers-Berufskolleg with the innovative idea to provide via code a tutorial to facilitate the installation of furniture, and travels to Geneva to the particle accelerator CERN. Another team of Kopernikus-Gymnasium wins the third price, a journey to Berlin to visit a technology location, with the convincing concept M.A.S.K. This idea enables firemen to read essential information on the screen of their helmets in the field.

The winner teams do not only win a trip to Cape Canaveral but also a four week internship at Mitsubishi Electric. Congratulations!

Besides the lucky winners and their parents also a lot of representatives of the participating schools and the jury members have been welcomed to the award ceremony. Special thanks went to the teachers and coaches of the teams, which motivated them to top performances.

Under the patronage of Garrelt Duin, Minister for Economic Affairs, Energy, Industry, Middle Class and Trade of North-Rhine Westphalia, 11 teams of five schools fought for the desirable changes. AWARD.

The theme „Conception of an innovative product, idea or problem solution within the field of communication“ has been realized by all teams in a creative and foresighted way – according to „changes for the better“.



Wolfgang Küppers

„With the changes.AWARD we enthused young people about tradition and especially about technology. The project was a huge success and all participants had a lot of fun. We are looking forward to the next changes.AWARD“, says Wolfgang Küppers, Chairman “Freunde und Förderer des Industriemuseums”.

„We are impressed by the creativity and professionalism of all concepts and we appreciate the active participation in the changes.AWARD. All projects provide interesting and innovative insights into a possible future communication world from the point of view of today’s youth“, explains Georg Jennen, General Manager of the German Branch of Mitsubishi Electric.



Georg Jennen



Klaus Pesch

„The changes.AWARD shows how much potential is behind our pupils. All innovative and trendsetting ideas make the changes.AWARD a unique platform for young creative people in our region“, states Klaus Pesch, Mayor of the City Ratingen.



Group photo with winners and participants – everybody is a winner!

About Freunde und Förderer des Industriemuseums Cromford e.V.

The friends' association was founded in 1993 with the purpose to keep the knowledge about the early industrial development alive. Since then the association links economy and culture in the textile factory Cromford via its high-class board of trustees which consists of personalities of industry, politics and culture.

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