



## **Special “Pedagogy” Award of the Conference of Regional Film Services**

**Category “Informational films and documentaries”**

### **Being different from one another without fear - An encounter with one’s own self in a foreign setting**

**European Youth Centre for Education and Encounter, Weimar**

**(42 minutes, German, 2005)**

The special prize “Pedagogy” within the framework of the TOURA D’OR 2006 is awarded to the film *Being different from one another without fear – An encounter with one’s own self in a foreign setting*, which was produced by Matthias Körting and Stephan Schack on behalf of the European Youth Centre for Education and Encounter in Weimar.

In a film travel diary, a 17 year old girl recounts her experiences and impressions during her journey to Turkey with a youth group that was accompanied by pedagogically trained staff. Their target was Karaburun at the Turkish Riviera. The “European Youth Centre for Education and Encounter Weimar“ organises such two-week journeys to promote direct exchange. Contacts to families, insights into the everyday life of gardeners or hairdressers, discussions on gender issues, deliberations on religious or cultural differences are the basis for reflection on one’s own attitude on the one hand, while also encouraging acceptance of “diversity”, on the other hand.

This is an interesting example of inter-cultural encounters facilitated through government and private commitment. Although the quality of the film invites critical arguments, the documentation of a successful and sustainable youth project is a good example, which encourages and facilitates the encounter with the unfamiliar without fear.