

# Garbage away, trees here

**Foundation “Live To Love Germany“ and Nabu (Naturschutzbund Deutschland – Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union) in action at the Osterbek stream**

**Bramfeld** The humanitarian organization “Live To Love Germany“ with place of business in Eimsbüttel has invited to two activities in one last Sunday. In the framework of “Hamburg cleans up“, the initiative of the Hamburger sanitation department, garbage and plastic was collected on the bank of the Osterbek stream (directly Am Luisenhof), so that the birds breeding there soon can safely bring up their offspring. Especially for the animals even the smallest plastic particles pose a great threat. Simultaneously three trees were planted in cooperation with the Naturschutzbund (Nabu), which are in danger of extinction: one black poplar and two European white elms. With them the organization wants to direct the awareness to trees and plants with healing power.



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## **Regular activities**

The members of “Live To Love Germany“ met at the Osterbek stream and first of all raised a basis camp, because one wanted to meet the adverse weather conditions with a canopy roof, coffee and tea. “We are doing regularly activities of collecting plastic and cleaning up. One must not stop to be initiative. We also want to raise awareness to the worldwide plastic problem“, so Gianna Wabner, CEO of the foundation. “Live To Love“ cares also for homeless people in Hamburg; providing food, clothing and medicinal help since 2007. Also parks, lakes and woods are cleaned of garbage and awareness projects appropriate for children and age-appropriate about plastic are organized in schools. Also sponsorships for animals at an animal sanctuary in Schleswig-Holstein are being supported. The Buddhist background of the organization one feels in these activities so to speak beneficially. Part of this international network of humanitarian and charitable activities is “Live To Love Germany“. The organization of local and the support of international aid projects through active work, donations or noncash benefits is the central task. At the same time the whole work of “Live To Love“ is on a voluntary basis. Founder of “Live To Love“ is the Gyalwang Drukpa. He is the head of the by now 1.000 year old Tibetan-Buddhist Drukpa tradition and was awarded for his commitment with the “Millenium Development Goals Award“ of the United Nations in New York in 2010. “Live To Love“ has developed into an international aid network since the foundation in 2007, whose theoretical fundament is the message of love, compassion and action. Although “Live To Love“ has indeed a Buddhist background, but is a purely humanitarian, not a political organization, which is open for all people. (sdo)