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“Daily on the way and active on the Subject of Reconciliation” RadioChico Switzerland, a Youth and School Radio

RadioChico Switzerland – a non-profit-making internet radio - under the direction of Mrs. Annemarie Koch - has been on air since 2007. Children and young people get the opportunity to learn by doing everything around broadcasting in mostly mobile studios at different schools, as well as in the main studio at Goldbach.

With their signing the Code of Ethics they undertake to stand by journalistic principles such as responsible research, interviews, reports and presentations. Furthermore they undertake to publish constructive news only – an exemplary and courageous step in today’s media landscape! RadioChico wants to strengthen children and young people, to promote their self-expression and to support their responsibility.

During the whole year 2009 RadioChico was busy hunting for interviews and broadcasting on the subject of reconciliation. The band GUNDI added a musical highlight with a new self-written reconciliation song by David Joss for RadioChico. The members of RadioChico wrote and expressed their own thoughts in a story, entitled: “Reconciliation: Love is...” telling how people work together towards reconciliation, thus overcoming their inner conflicts.

The children and young people interviewed different people and collected and published interesting personal statements about forgiveness and reconciliation. A selection of these interviews was summarized and produced on a CD-Rom. One of the statements saying that reconciliation requires: “jumping over one’s own shadow” occupied them for weeks.

The young people from RadioChico have explored and expanded their own potential to play peacemakers and they show us the way to a more peaceful future inviting us to: “jump and enjoy the jumping lessons”.