

150 years of the allotment garden movement in Germany

In 2014 the allotment association „Dr Schreber“ is celebrating its 150th anniversary. This is a sufficient reason to celebrate also the “Day of the Garden” in Leipzig. Together with the citizens of Leipzig, the politicians and small and adult allotment gardeners, the German allotment garden federation (BDG) will celebrate adequately this anniversary.

It is not without reason that the “Schreber movement” and with it the allotment movement is considered as the origin of the “Urban Gardening” in Europe.

Before more than 150 years Schreber requested green spaces for children to play and do sports. Till his death his ideas did not fall to fertile grounds. Later school director Dr Hauschild based himself on these ideas asking playgrounds for children living in large cities. He founded together with people from Leipzig an association for the promotion of children’s education in a green area. In honour of Schreber he called the association “association Schreber”. The “children plots” were transformed in “family plots” and later in “Schreber plots” (allotments)

The popularity of these plots increased rapidly. Already in 1870 there were 100 gardens in Leipzig. Very soon other German towns founded their “garden colonies”. Today there are approximately 1,000,000 allotment gardens in Germany enabling not only children to play here and make discoveries. But also adult town inhabitants can find here compensation to all-day life, relax, garden, celebrate with friends and appreciate Schreber’s legacy.

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