

dOS (the German Occupational Science Association) celebrates!

On the eve of the 6th OSE conference 2021, twenty-five participants of the German Occupational Science group “deutsche Occupational Science” (dOS) announced and celebrated their foundation as an official association according to German laws. They will be soon an “e.V.”, which stands for “registered association” in Germany. The German Occupational Science “deutsche Occupational Science” (dOS) was founded by the organizing committee of the 4th Occupational Science Europe (OSE) Conference in Hildesheim in 2017. This conference had its historic significance as the first European occupational science conference held in a non-English speaking country. In early 2018, the dOS group had its first meeting open to researchers, teachers and practitioners interested in advancing OS in Germany and in the German language. The group, currently consisting of around 30 active members, has growing together since then, published a mission statement, developed an OS reading list and have held several meetings in which lively discussion occurred.

While celebrating their new legal status, dOS is excited to see the establishment of other local and language-specific OS groups. Such groups are an essential part to promote occupational science locally but also to promote and inspire diversity in thinking, scientific discourses, and theoretical approaches within the European and global OS community.

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