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## Special ship highlighting tolerance and openness under construction



Anyone walking by the harbour in recent days will have noticed much hammering and sawing as a ship symbolising tolerance and openness is being built. Once it is complete, the vessel will be at anchor off the lake promenade by the Rössliwiese from Saturday 10 September until Thursday 13 October.

The idea behind the construction of these ships of tolerance came from artists Ilya and Emilia Kabakov from the former Soviet Union, whose works have frequently been exhibited at the Kunsthaus Zug (KZ, art gallery). Others have been built in Siva (Egypt), Venice, New York and London, each one highlighting the importance of tolerance and openness.

As Raffaella Manferdini, the head of communication at the KZ, explained, some 50 people are involved in the construction of the vessel, six of whom are technical assistants of the artists, with all others from the region, many of them volunteers from the local GGZ@work charity organisation, which helps the unemployed return to the world of work, as well as apprentice joiners from the GIBZ trades training centre in Zug. "We have already worked with these two groups before and as it all went so well we decided to engage them again," said Manferdini.

Work actually started on the ship last Tuesday and is expected to continue until Saturday 27 August. Once complete, the vessel will be 18 metres long and 5.5 metres wide, with its mast extending as high as 11 metres. One of its finishing touches will be a special sail made up of 120 pictures portraying messages relating to tolerance and respect, each one made by 115 classes from both public and private kindergartens, primary and secondary schools as well as vocational schools from the canton of Zug. The finished construction will then be mounted on a raft and anchored 20 metres off the lake shore at the aforementioned location.

From the middle of October the ship will be on special exhibition at the Zug Fair, with visitors able to see the interior. As to what precisely will be able to be seen has not yet been decided, though it is known other places where the ship has been built will be on show, in addition to a film diary of its construction by local film producer Remo Hegglin.

Matthias Haldemann, the director of the ZK, said that the timing of the exhibition of this ship could not have come at a better time, bearing in mind the current refugee crisis.