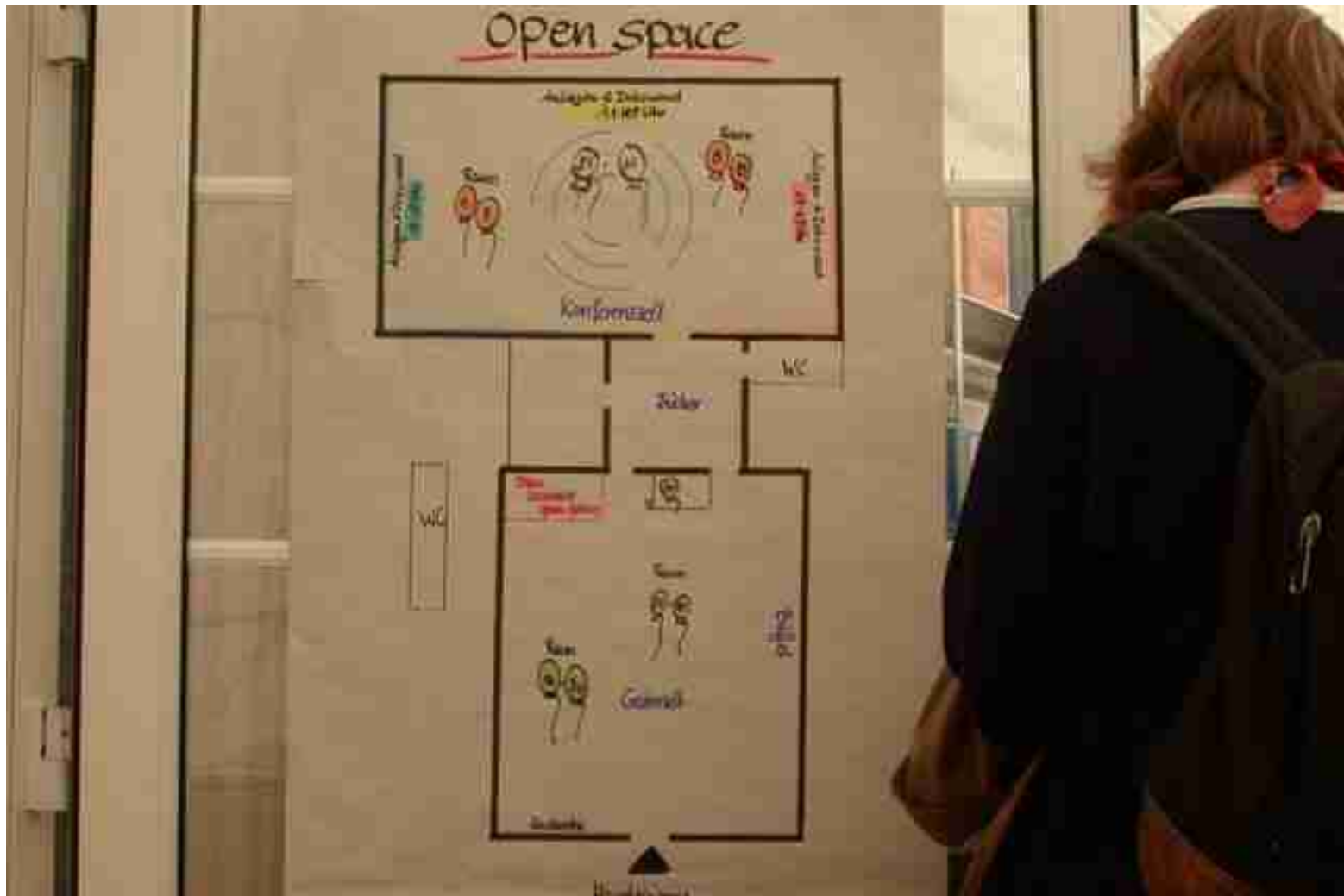




Welcome to the fotoshow of the world's hugest Open Space,
May 3rd in Würzburg, Germany



This is our location: two huge tents with a passthrough



And this is, what it's all about. One day of Open Space, embedded in a four days congress for systems constellations.



Of course we have a schedule....



..and a team to lead through and to do all the preparations.



And there is a lot to do:



There are numbers to write...



...balloons to blow up...



- many balloons -



....butterflies to paint...



...charts to write. (I guess, this is going to be the „Law of two Feet“)



Not to forget the markers...



...and the report sheets.



This doesn't look like a break-out room at all!



Ok, this is much better.



„And how will this be done?“



But lifting the posters with the balloons works really fine.



And the cushions!



Oh god, there must be thousands!



Hours of work later...



„Well done folks, see you tomorrow!“



Phew, tired. Let's go to bed. Only two hours of sleep tonight



Next morning, 6.49 am



This way please!



30 minutes to go:
Harrison Owen, concentrating before showing up



The crowd is increasing...



....increasing...



...and increasing.



1 more minute to go! 2108 waiting to start.



Ok, let's do it!



Walking the circle in a duet – Harrison in English..



...and Michael in German....



...not translating, ...



...but each in his own way.



Open Space spirit is arising.



And now the time has come....



....for the topics of your passion!



It is a hard time waiting for
convening....



...the queue is pretty long...



.....and only one in front.



She already made her announcement....



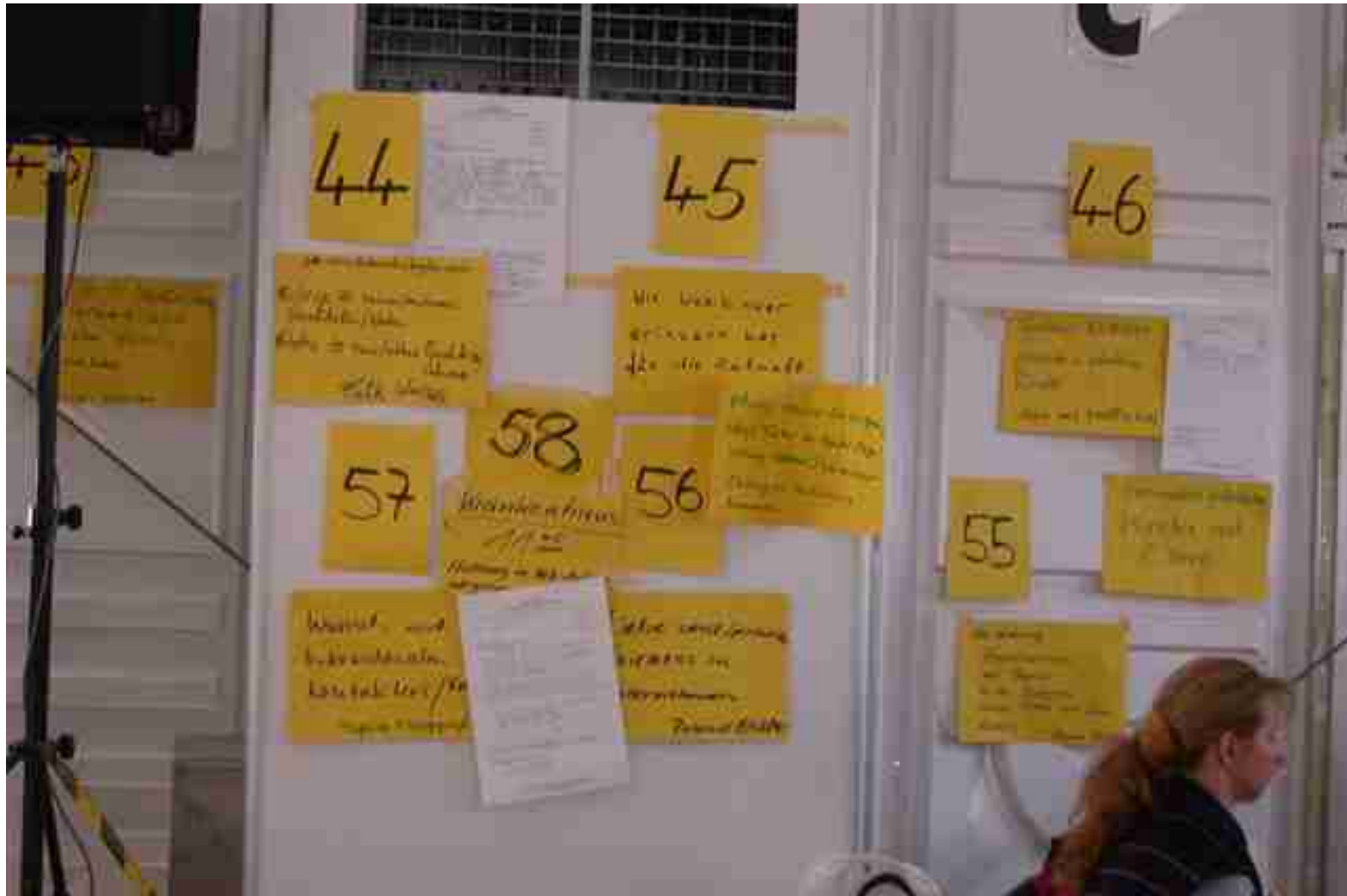
....while others relax....



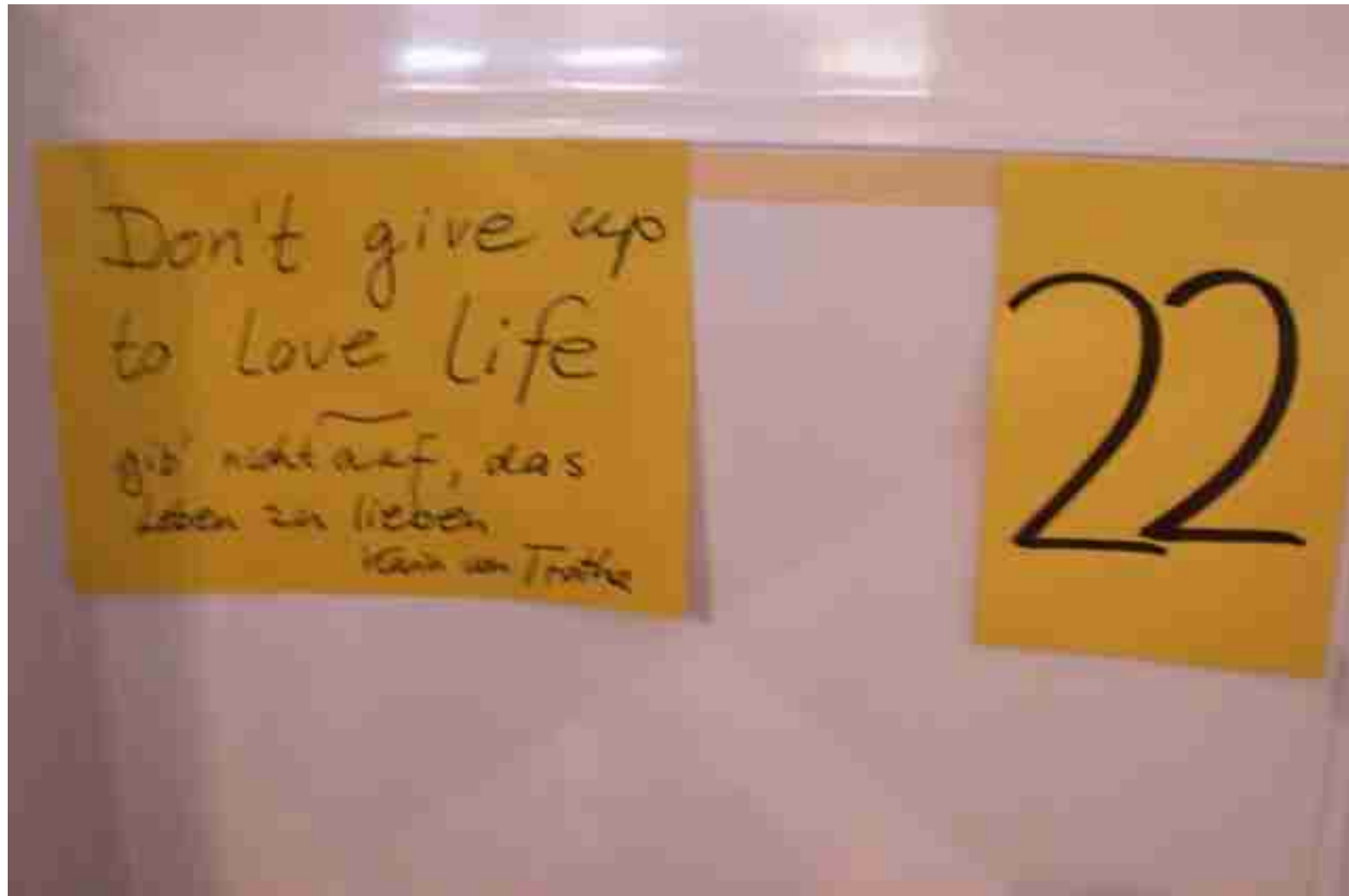
....or observe.



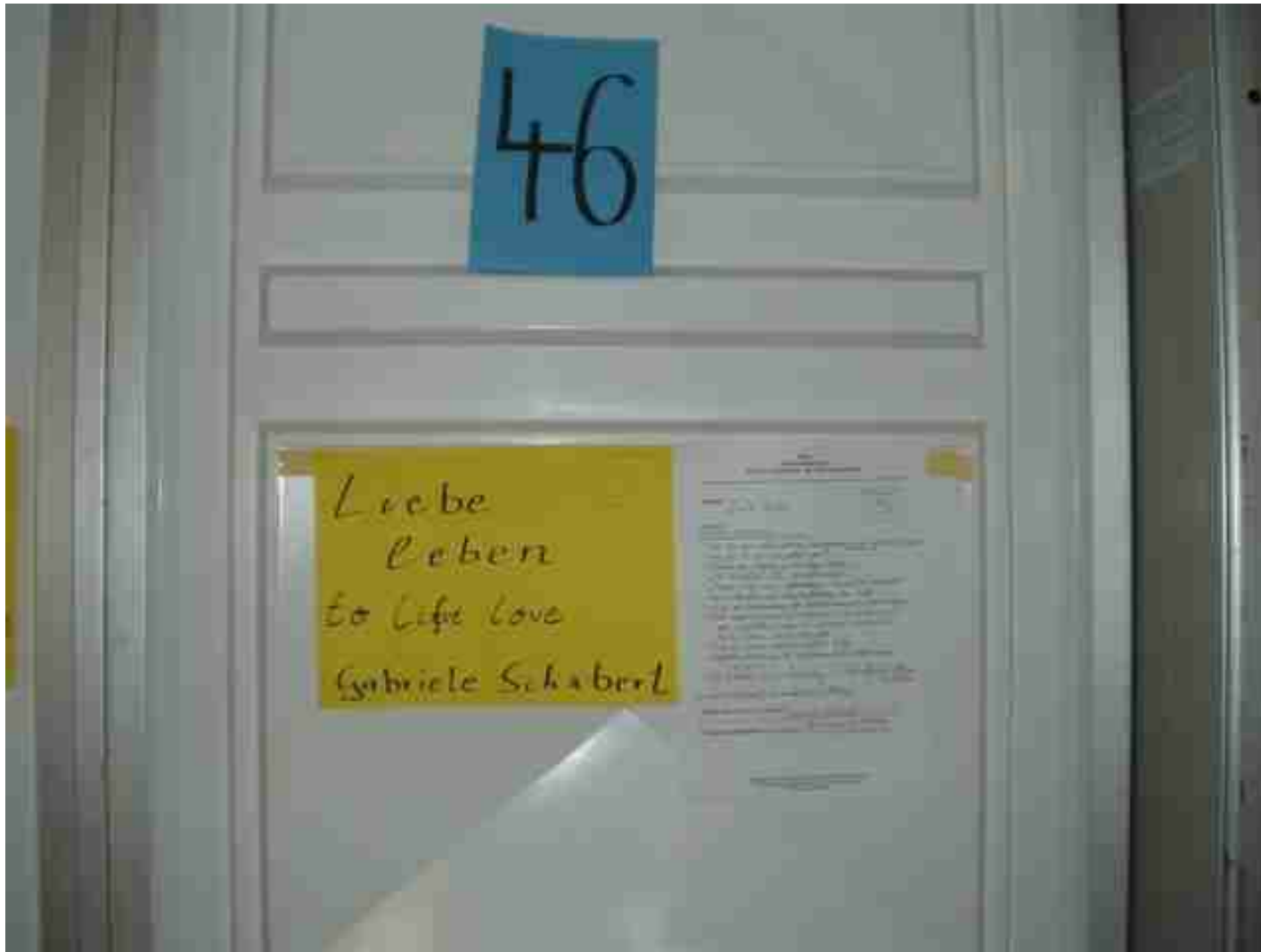
The bulletinboard, 150 m long.



What a choice, 232 workshops!



Some workshops sound more appellative...



...others inspiring...



...and there is support.



It's hard to decide where to go...



...and quite a walk to see them all...



...this can cut you down.



But how to find the group?



Numbered balloons show you the way...



..and sometimes you get helpful advice for your journey.



Anyway, dozens of working groups in three sessions.



...and so many different ways to feel comfortable: On chairs...



..on the ground...



...chairs and ground.



Some groups were large,



...some of them were small...



...some of them were really packed...



...some very tiny.



Butterflies...



...more butterflies...



...a single butterfly..



...a tired butterfly.



Sometimes people need to rest...



...relax in the sun...



...or in the beergarden...



....some need to dance (or is it taj chi?)...



...to read..



...to have a meal.



It needs a long kitchen line....



„to feed the masses.



The Open Space staff is still on duty:



Collecting report sheets...



...at the copyingmachine....



....fixing the enlarged report sheets...



...selling the German edition of Harrison's' new book..



...and being totally present and absolutely invisible by taking a nap.



In the afternoon more groupwork:
Doing system constellations...



...more systems constellations



Some doing bodywork...



...moving...



...giving free hugs...



...talking..



...having fun.



At last: closing session, back in the circle again.



Some people dropped out, but still a huge crowd.



Sharing experiences made in this Open Space:
The mikes are open.



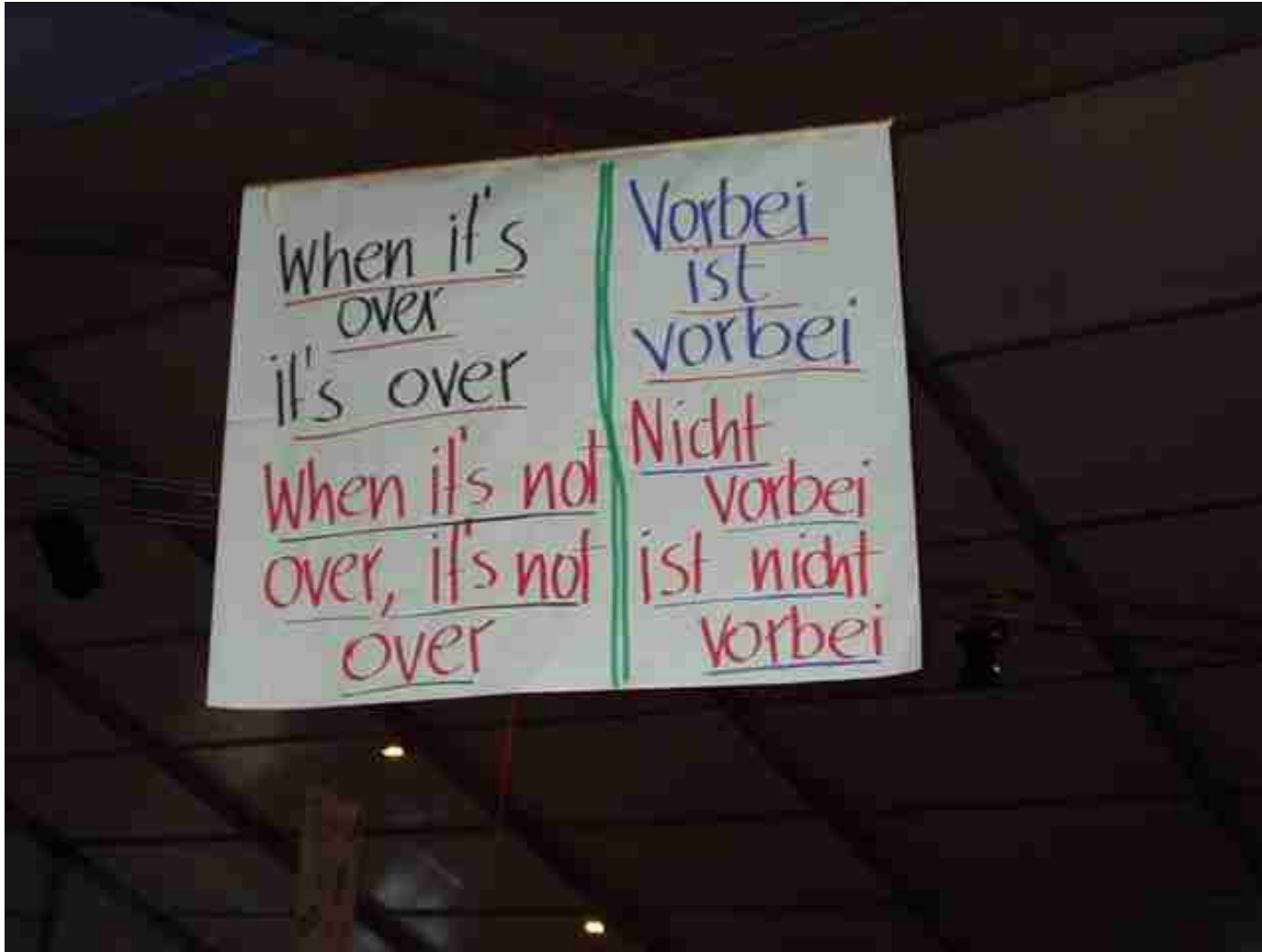
The medicine wheel helps to understand how Open Space works



Another duet.



And there is still high concentration.



And then: when it's over, it's over...



...it's time to say good bye...



...put the rubbish in the bags and the goodies in your heart.
I will never forget this day.



I hope you enjoyed the show.

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We had a lot of fun.