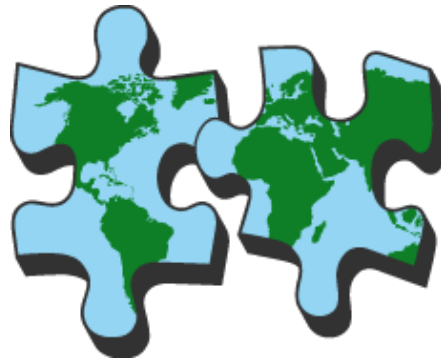


IBG

2023

Workcamps in Germany



IBG

Internationale Begegnung in Gemeinschaftsdiensten e.V.

ABOUT IBG

IBG is a German non-profit organisation founded in 1965 with the aim of contributing to peace and international understanding through international youth community services. IBG is committed to international understanding, the promotion of respect and openness, the strengthening of democratic awareness through independent and responsible action, the overcoming of disadvantageous social conditions, as well as a lasting positive impact of work camps on the local project communities.

IBG is a registered charity and does not have a political, religious or institutional affiliation. IBG receives funds from the European Union and from the German Ministry for Youth.

ABOUT OUR WORKCAMPS

Age limit: **18+** years old (exceptions are mentioned)

Camp language: English is the camp language in most IBG camps. **It is important that volunteers speak at least basic English!** If the camp language is not English, a special mention is made in the project description.

Work: Volunteers will work about **30 hours a week** (for example six hours a day, five days a week). Exceptions are mentioned in the descriptions and are made according to the needs of the project.

Accommodation: Accommodations will usually be in schools, gyms, youth centres, scouts huts or similar. In general, there are **basic conditions but all facilities** like kitchen, toilets and showers are available. If not, it is mentioned in the description.

Camp Leaders: Usually, our camps have **one or two camp leaders** who will support the organisation of free time activities, keep an account for the money for food and free time activities as well as provide some support to group processes. Apart from these responsibilities, they are **volunteers** like the others.

Food: In most workcamps, **meals are prepared in a self-organised manner by participants**. Everyone will take turns cooking.

Local population: Extensive contact to the local population is one of the aims of IBG work camps. Of course, the level and intensity depends on the possibilities and cannot be forced, but **volunteers should be interested in contact to the local population**.

Insurance: All relevant insurance (personal accident, illness, third liability) is provided only within the official camp dates. EU volunteers are not insured against illness, that's why they **have to bring** the European Health Insurance Card EHIC. We strongly recommend to (non-EU) volunteers who plan to travel beyond these dates to bring their own insurance. More information can be found in our Infosheet.

Visas: Volunteers who need a visa must apply at least three months in advance. In addition, German embassies usually ask for an addition of the **paragraphs 66-68 to our official invitations** ("Kosten fuer Rueckbefoerderung und Lebensunterhalt"). We would like to stress that IBG is not able to meet the conditions mentioned therein and that we cannot add these paragraphs to our official invitations.

Special needs: We believe that regardless of nationality, gender, sexual orientation, cultural or social background, income, education, religion and other beliefs, physical and health conditions or limitations, participation in our volunteering projects should be open to any young person. We are therefore **committed to overcoming obstacles and making access to international workcamps as easy as possible**. If you have volunteers who need individual support to join a work camp, please contact us. Together, we will find the best way to support them.

COVID-19: IBG will follow the national regulations and organise the projects in a way that they are as safe as possible. Important points for this season:

- Unlike the past season, **vaccination is not a requirement** for participating to our camps anymore this season.
- **Volunteers need to arrive at the workcamp with a negative Covid-19 test result**, either PCR test (no older than 48h) or an antigenic test (no older than 24h). Please note that it is very important that they get tested before leaving their country, as we cannot accept them in the camp if they are Covid-19 positive, for the safety of the other participants. In case their test at home is older than 48h or 24h once they arrive in Germany, they can do another one upon arrival (either buying a self test kit at the supermarket and keeping the result or using one of IBG's tests at the camp).
- We strongly advise all volunteers to **book refundable tickets**, as IBG cannot reimburse any travel tickets, no matter the circumstances.

International Trainings: IBG will organise two training courses in Germany, open to international participants.

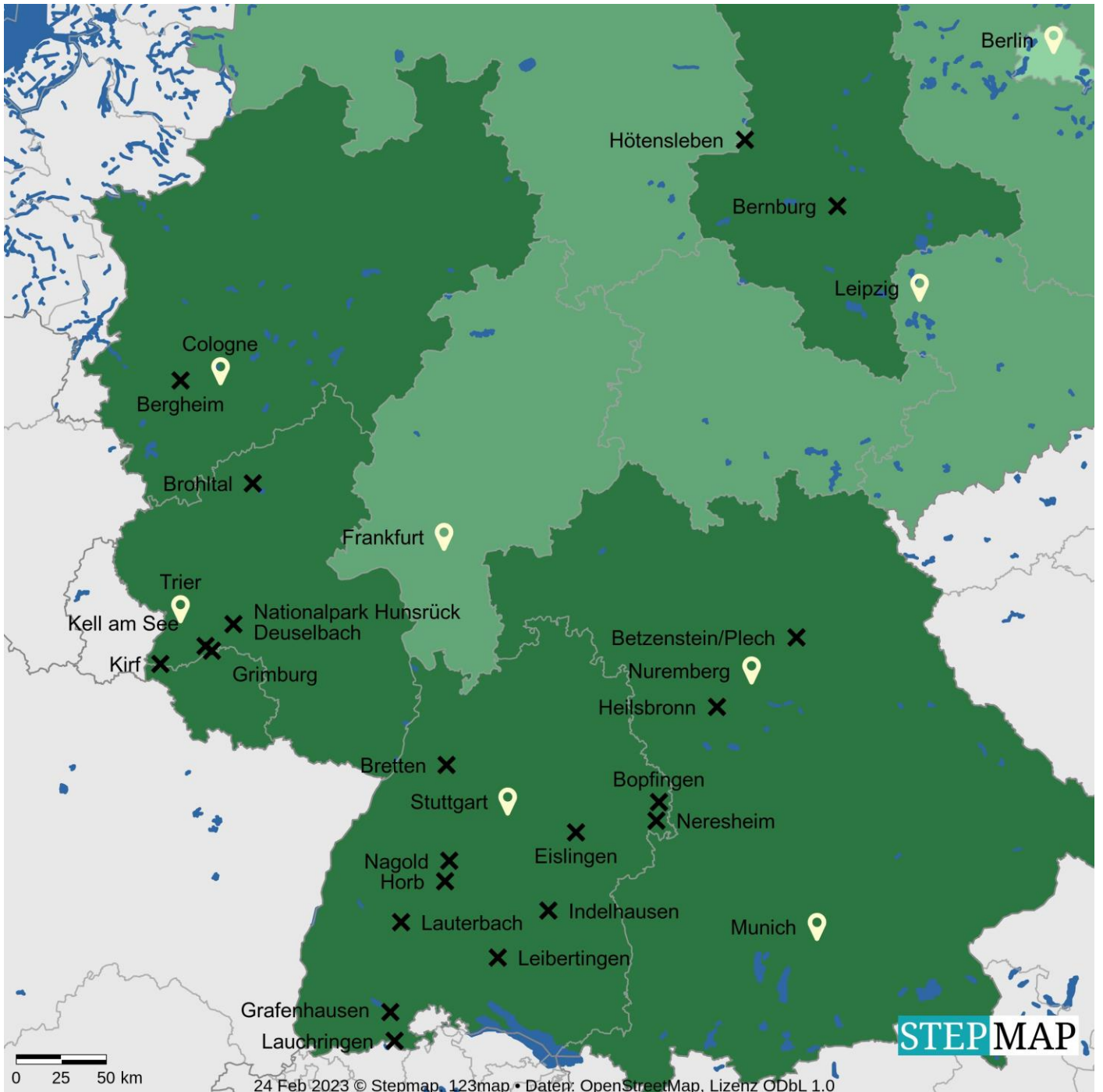
- "Training for Group Leaders in Environmental Projects", from May 16 to May 21, 2023. This training course is funded through the Erasmus+ EU Programme. It is open to EU Member and all eligible partners.
- Training for group leaders on the topic of inclusion in workcamps from August 24 to August 28, 2023. This training course is funded through the Erasmus+ EU programme. It is open to EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme. **You can find more information on these trainings on page 41-42.**

WORKCAMP PROGRAMME 2023

Code	Name	Dates	Type	Vols	Remarks
IBG 01	Forest School Indelhausen	11.03.-24.03.	ENVI/EDU	12	
IBG 02	Peatlands for climate and biodiversity	07.05-20.05	ENVI	8	
IBG 03	Grimburg Castle Festival	12.05.-22.05.	ENVI/MANU/ FEST	8	
IBG 04	Adventure Land Lauchringen	17.06.-01.07.	CONS/MANU	8	
IBG 05	Danube Valley Village Leibertingen	17.06.-01.07.	CONS/ENVI	12	
IBG 06	Camp Village Bergheim 1 - KidZ	21.06.-12.07.	CHIL/SOCI/DISA	5-6	ML, CGC (end date tbc)
IBG 07	Camp Village Bergheim 2 – TeenZ & GentZ	12.07.-03.08.	CHIL/SOCI	5-6	ML, CGC (start date tbc)
IBG 08	Horb - Make public spaces beautiful	01.07.-15.07.	RENO/CONS/ REFU	12	
IBG 09	Celtic House Bopfingen	08.07.-22.07.	CONS/RENO	12	
IBG 4M	Gardening & mosaic in Bretten vocational school	08.07-23.07.	MANU/ENVI/EDU		Age: 16-19 Only from Lombardy, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, Catalonia
IBG 10	Celtic Festival Nagold	11.07.-25.07.	FEST/ENVI	13	
IBG 11	Neresheim in Bloom	15.07-29.07.	FEST/ENVI	10	
IBG 12	Black Forest Experience Lauterbach	15.07.30.07.	ENVI/MANU	12	
IBG 13	Bernburg – Taking action for young people	15.07.-05.08.	RENO/CONS/ ENVI	12	Vols need to be able to ride a bike
IBG YE1	Forest School Indelhausen for Teens	16.07.-28.07	ENVI/EDU	24	Age: 16-20 Only for CONCF, DeAmicita, EstYes
IBG 14	Cold war and peace Hötensleben	21.07.-06.08.	RENO/HIST/ PEACE/STUDY	12	ML, Vols need to be able to ride a bike
IBG 15	Heilsbronn - path to fitness and sensory	22.07.-05.08.	MANU/ENVI	12	
IBG 16	Kirf – Woodwork and country life	29.07.-12.08.	RENO/ENVI	12	

IBG 17	National Park Hunsrück	06.08.-26.08.	ENVI	15	
IBG 18	Nature and creativity in Betzenstein & Plech	19.08.-03.09.	MANU/ENVI/ART	12	
IBG ESC1	Brohltal – Castle and Community	27.08.-16.09	RENO/ENVI/ MANU	15	Volunteering Team ML
IBG 19	Reviving peatlands for climate and biodiversity	03.09.-16.09.	ENVI	15	
IBG 20	Black Forest Village Grafenhausen	09.09.-20.09	MANU/RENO	12	
IBG 21	Educational Centre Kell am See	01.10.-16.10.	ENVI/MANU	12	

WORKCAMP MAP 2023



...peacing the world together

WORK: This workcamp is about helping to maintain a beautiful biosphere area while learning about “Waldpädagogik” (forest education)! During two weeks, you will support the forest school “Waldschulheim Indelhausen”, a place of non-formal environmental education for school classes.

This workcamp has two objectives.

- The first one is to help the foresters with diverse environmental tasks every morning (2,5 to 3h), which will help to protect the surrounding biosphere area.
- The second one is to learn about forest education and contribute to the forest school’s educative programme.

You want to learn how the knowledge about forests is transmitted to young people in Germany? Then this is the perfect workcamp for you! In the mornings you will work outside with the foresters and in the afternoons you will participate to different workshops about themes such as climate change, the forest ecosystem and economy or biodiversity conservation. During your workcamp, there will be a German school class (7th class, so 13 years old) staying at the forest school too. During some activities, you will be in contact with them. If you’re interested, you will have the possibility to co-organise workshops relating to forest education for your group and/or the school class.

This is a special project for nature lovers and people interested in learning about nature protection work and how to pass on important knowledge about forests to future generations.

ACCOMMODATION: You will be accommodated in shared rooms (2 to 4 beds) directly in the forest school. There is a dining room, a common room where you can relax or play games, bathroom facilities with shared showers, as well as a gym hall, a volleyball court, table tennis tables and two climbing walls. Meals will be provided by the school, so you don't have to cook by yourself. The forest school tries its best to serve local and bio food. There will be vegetarian and vegan options but we need to know about your needs in advance! Please inform us of any dietary restrictions or allergies you may have. Lastly, there is little phone reception in the forest school. Wifi is provided but it is quite slow – you will be able to exchange messages but streaming videos will most likely not function.

LOCATION: The “Waldschulheim” is located in the small village of Indelhausen in the middle of a geopark and at the southern end of the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve “Schwaebische Alb” in southern Germany. This area features diverse mountainous and cultural landscapes, protected ecosystems with rare plants and animals and notable forest, meadow and orchard habitats. The surroundings are perfect for outdoors activities like hiking. It is very rural, and there are many great view-points and various old castle ruins that are worth visiting. Due to this, visiting bigger cities is quite complicated so the free time activities will be mainly done close-by, enjoying the beautiful surroundings.

PROJECT: This project is organised in cooperation with the Swabian Alb Biosphere Reserve (Biosphärengebiet Schwäbische Alb), which was awarded UNESCO biosphere reserve status in 2009 and the forest school in Indelhausen. The forest school “Waldschulheim Indelhausen” is a pedagogical institution founded in 1977. The building used to be the village school and now serves 1,000 students and teachers every year as a non-formal learning place on the topic of forest and nature. Groups of students of the grades 7 to 9 of all school types usually stay here for two weeks and participate in different tasks of simple forest work, an educational program about the forest and excursions as well as games, fun and sports. You can take a look at the place here: <https://waldschulheim-indelhausen.forstbw.de/>. By participating in this workcamp, you are actively supporting biodiversity (UN SDG 15) and help us work against climate change (UN SDG 13).

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Next train station: Riedlingen

Next international train station: Stuttgart

Next airports (in case you really need to fly): Stuttgart (STR)

MEETING POINT AND TIME: Riedlingen train station, in the afternoon (please arrive whenever you can between 1pm and 7pm on March 11th, your camp leaders will be there to greet you). You can plan your trip by using the German Railway website: <https://www.bahn.com/en>

IBG 02 Peatlands for climate and biodiversity | 07.-20.05.23 | ENVI | 8 vols

WORK: Active for climate protection and biodiversity – save the peatlands in the Hunsrück area.

You will actively contribute to protecting some special peatlands, which are situated on the slopes of the lower mountain range called “Hunsrück”. These areas were drained more than 100 years ago for forestry use but they are a valuable and natural Co2 storage. Therefore the revitalisation of these peatlands was started, Under the supervision of a Park Ranger you will improve the water balance in the moor areas in order to renature the moors, and also to help the moors to arrange better with the consequences of climate change . The measures will include closing some ditches as well as other small interventions to control the water flow. The work is expected to take place in two different Hunsrück peatland areas: A peatland forest area near the tiny village of Hochscheid and an area of open moorland near Morbach. As this one moor has been opened up for tourism, one task might be the closure of a ditch under a footbridge used along a hiking trail. This will make the revitalised moor more visible for hikers and offers the opportunity for environmental education activities. During the work and on some excursions, the park ranger will introduce you to many aspects of the ecological background.

Attention: The work might be physically hard and you will get wet and muddy for sure! Please bring hiking boots, rubber boots and working clothes.

ACCOMMODATION: You will stay in the community centre of Deuselbach. The accommodation is spacious, has a huge kitchen including a dish-washer and a living room, toilets, showers and a washing machine. There is one big sleeping room with camping beds. Please bring a sleeping bag with you! Volunteers will cook together and share kitchen and cleaning tasks. Wifi is available. Around the accommodation there is enough space to play games, make a barbecue, eat outside and enjoy the nice view.

LOCATION: The workcamp will take place in the western part of the region Rhineland-Palatinate. You will stay in Deuselbach, a small village with 260 inhabitants. The local villagers are very much interested to welcome you. They are used to international volunteers, as they have hosted several international Workcamps since 2016. Deuselbach has one pub, no shops, but there will be plenty of activities or parties with locals. The next bigger village (Thalfang) is 5km away and you can find everything you need there. In addition, the region attracts many tourists who come for hiking (all year long) or skiing (in the winter). The next bigger city is Trier (40 km), the oldest German city with many Roman sights, a huge cathedral and plenty of things to do (walking through vineyard, shopping, clubs...).

The landscape in this area is dominated by huge forests, steep hills, small brooks and ponds, rocks and marshes. Only small hamlets interrupt the nature, a perfect region for plenty of different species but also for hiking. You will really feel different here!

PROJECT: This workcamp is a first-time cooperation between IBG and the department for Nature of the local authorities "Landkreis Bernkastel-Wittlich". The local partner is very interested in making its own contribution to nature protection and to fighting climate change. Among various other aspects, they focus a lot on peatland restoration. Although it is a first time cooperation, the Park Ranger who is supervising the group, is quite experienced with international Workcamps, as he supported already seven different projects nearby. By participating in this workcamp, you are actively supporting biodiversity (UN SDG 15) and help us work against climate change (UN SDG 13).

REMARKS: This is a special project for nature lovers and people interested in nature protection work. You will get wet and dirty. Please be prepared that spring in the Hunsrück area can either be warm and sunny or quite fresh and rainy.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

International bus stops: suitable international bus stops are in Mainz, Saarbrücken and Trier
Most suitable airports (if you really have to take the plane): Frankfurt (FRA), Luxembourg (LUX) or Frankfurt-Hahn (HHN).

MEETING POINT: You will be picked up from the bus stop called “Hunsrückhaus/Erbeskopf, Deuselbach”. Please inform your campleader about your arrival time on May 7th. Please check for connections from anywhere to Deuselbach www.bahn.com/en. There are regular busses to Deuselbach from the train stations of Idar-Oberstein, Trier and Neubrücke(Nahe).

IBG 03 Grimburg Castle festival | 12.05.-22.05.23 | ENVI/MANU/FEST | 8 vols

WORK: We invite 8 volunteers to come to Grimburg Castle this spring to live and work in the medieval castle and support a team of local volunteers at a small festival. Grimburg Castle was built around the year 1190 and has been destroyed and reconstructed several times. Today, volunteers of a local heritage association take care of the castle and organise a small festival there each year. Since this is a lot of work they can really use your help. So every spring, a group of international volunteers meets at the castle to support the renovation and the festival work.

Continue the tradition, join this workcamp and...

- ...support the Grimburg Castle festival on May 18th: 500 to 1000 visitors come to the castle’s spring festival each year. Together with the local volunteers you will set up a tent and benches for visitors, sell food and drinks, organise small games for children and wash up dishes. Of course, you will also celebrate together with all the volunteers and visitors.
- ...work on the castle’s area: Before and after the festival, you will cut bushes and grass, clean the stone walls, plant and weed in the historic herb garden or clean the exhibition in the castle’s and witches museum. The tasks for each day will depend on the weather conditions.

ACCOMMODATION: You will live in one of the castle’s towers and feel like a former inhabitant of this medieval place. At night you will have the castle to yourselves, so you can sit around a campfire, listen to music, share food and enjoy living in nature. The conditions are basic but very cosy; you will sleep in bunk beds on the first floor. Please bring a sleeping bag. On the ground floor of the tower, you will have a space to cook and eat. If the weather is fine, you will have meals mainly outside. Toilets and a shower are within 50m. There is electricity but no running water in the tower itself. Please be aware that, just like in medieval times, you do not have an internet connection at Grimburg Castle. As usual in old buildings some animals might visit you, last year there was a very curious dormouse (not dangerous at all!).

LOCATION: Grimburg Castle is surrounded by nature, overlooking the forests and valleys. In your free time you can go for a walk or a hike, enjoy the spring outside or make a campfire at night. Grimburg Castle is quite isolated. The next village is not far, but you will find the closest shops 10km away (in a town called Hermeskeil). So, volunteers interested in outdoor activities are especially welcome. But even though it is isolated, in this workcamp you will meet local people, share time with them and get

to know the area. You can also visit Trier, the oldest German city, on an excursion day. In Trier, you will find many historical sites from the Roman period. Since it is a university town, there are also many clubs, shops and events.

PROJECT: Grimburg Castle was a ruin for centuries until in 1978, when a group of local volunteers formed an association and started reconstructing the medieval castle, including the impressive castle tower. Still today, they continue with the renovation work. In the past years, the association has been trying to increase the accessibility and attractiveness of this unique site. Many hikers visit the castle during the spring and summer season each year. People also come here for youth activities, weddings, historic markets and knights' festivals.

Apply now to support the local heritage association and join this year's workcamp at Grimburg Castle.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Next bus station: "Bahnhof, Hermeskeil"

Next international train stations: Trier (45min to Hermeskeil), Saarbrücken (1h30 to Hermeskeil) or Mainz(2h30 to Hermeskeil),.

Next airports, in case you really need to fly: Frankfurt (FRA), Luxembourg (LUX) or Frankfurt-Hahn (HHN)

MEETING POINT: Bus stop of "Bahnhof, Hermeskeil". Hermeskeil can be reached by bus either from the train station of Trier or the station of Türkismühle. Please check www.bahn.com/en for the best connections to "Bahnhof, Hermeskeil". Your campleaders will arrange several pick-up times from the meeting point between 4pm and 8pm on May 12.

IBG 04 Adventure Land Lauchringen | 17.06.-01.07.2023 | CONS/MANU | 8 vols

WORK: This year, the Family Center and, more generally, the community of Lauchringen, are counting on your help to continue the work of previous workcamp groups. You will work on improving the outdoor infrastructure of the "Adventure Land", an inclusive place for children and school groups. In addition, you will improve, maintain and beautify some of the town's public spaces.

1. In the Adventure Land, you will:

- Build up some **wooden huts**, which will be used for the children's holiday programme in the Adventure land. This year's programme will have "Circus" as the main theme, so the huts will be designed accordingly;

- Maintain and improve the **Adventure Land's garden**. Your tasks will be for instance to build up raised garden beds, to take care of the vegetable garden, to weed and plant flowers;
- Do other **building works**, depending on the Adventure Land's team's plans. These will involve working with wood, nailing, screwing, sanding down and painting.

2. In other parts of Lauchringen you will:

- Remove **invasive water plants** from the banks of the Wutach River to preserve biodiversity. Since "Springkraut" (Himalayan balsam) multiplies very quickly and endangers other native species, it is important to remove it from the riverbanks to protect local flora and fauna.
- Build a **bench in the "Generations Park"** behind the Family Center. This bench will be there to promote social interaction while hiding the front of the underground parking lot, which is considered not very pretty by the residents of Lauchringen.

The work will be led by a professional instructor, so no previous experience is needed. You will work around 30 hours per week, somewhere between 8am to 4pm from Monday to Friday with a lunchbreak.

ACCOMMODATION: You will live inside the building on the "Adventure Land": There are two big rooms with sleeping mats which can be separated by gender, a kitchen, and sanitary facilities. Please, bring a sleeping bag. There is also a big common room that you can use for your activities. On most days, groups of children will come to the Adventure Land in the afternoon, and you will need to share the common room and the sanitary facilities with them. The two rooms for sleeping, however, are private and reserved only for your group. Have a look at pictures of the new building and area [here](#). In the Adventure Land, there is a washing machine, which can be used in agreement with the local workers, and there is Wifi. Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. During the week, you will have a rapid cold lunch during your break. In the evening and at the weekend, you will have more time to cook warm meals from different countries. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION: Lauchringen is a small and pretty town in the very south of Germany. It is located inside the Black Forest, which means you will be surrounded by beautiful nature. In your free time, you can go on hikes and explore the Black Forest. Lauchringen is also very close to the Swiss border and not far from places like Lake Constance and the university town of Freiburg. In Lauchringen itself, you can find everything you need for your everyday life: supermarkets, bakeries, cafés, etc.

PROJECT: The community of Lauchringen is going to host an international workcamp for the fifth time. The project will take place in cooperation with the “Familienzentrum” (family centre). The family centre offers various programs for people of all ages to meet, exchange and educate themselves. In 2018, they built the “Adventure Land”: A big house with sleeping facilities, a kitchen, sanitary facilities, a workshop space, and a big common room. The place offers an afternoon program for children and youngsters and hosts groups during school holidays. The Adventure Land is a very special and inclusive place, from which everyone has something to learn! By participating in this work camp, you are actively supporting inclusive education (SDG 4).

REMARK: Please bring a sleeping bag, sturdy working shoes and clothes, as well as sun and rain protection.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Next train station: Lauchringen West

Next international train stations: Basel (Switzerland), Zurich (Switzerland). From Basel train station it takes about 1,5 hour and there are tickets from 22€. From Zurich it takes 1,5-2 hours and there are tickets from 30€.

Next airports, in case you really need to fly: Basel (BSL), Zuerich (ZRH) – both in Switzerland

MEETING POINT AND TIME: Please, try and arrive at Lauchringen train station between 1pm and 7pm on June 17th. Find the best connection on the German railway company's website: <https://www.bahn.com/en>

IBG 05 Danube Valley Village – Leibertingen | 17.06.-01.07.23 | CONS/ENVI | 12 vols

WORK: The community of Leibertingen is counting on you to realise projects, which are desired by and will benefit the local population. Different wishes have been expressed and you will help on one or several of the following projects:

- **Renew a barbecue area close to the Wildenstein castle** (*Burg Wildenstein*). Outside barbecue areas are public places where the locals can gather and where hikers or tourists can have a rest. There are free places where people can enjoy time in the nature. The one barbecue spot close to the Wildenstein castle needs to be improved and this is where you can help.
- **Help to maintain hiking trails.** Due to its beautiful nature, the region around Leibertingen is famous for hiking. It offers many beautiful hiking trails, which need to be maintained. To do so, you will make sure the paths are free of growing vegetation (ie. You will cut branches and free the soil of dead leaves or other plants, which might be dangerous to walk on), replace worn out wood segments along the hiking trail and clean up the information boards.

- **Make the tree trail inclusive!** In Leibertingen there is a “tree education trail”, along which young and adult visitors can read information about specific trees on information boards. The community wants to make this trail more inclusive by adding sitting possibilities (benches) and specific parking spots for strollers and wheelchairs.

The work will be led by a professional instructor, so no previous experience is needed. You will work around 30 hours per week and your group will commonly decide on how to spend your free time.

ACCOMMODATION: Your group will most probably stay in the building of the aviation club in Leibertingen. You will sleep in shared rooms with single beds. Pillows, covers and bedsheets are provided but you can also bring a sleeping bag if you want. In the building there is an equipped kitchen, several bathrooms with showers and several toilets. The building is surrounded by nature and small aircrafts. Please note, that the accommodation may change but we will inform you if it's the case.

Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION: Leibertingen is a village of about 2,100 inhabitants, nestled in the the “Upper Danube Nature Park” (Naturpark Obere Donau). It is located directly over the Danube valley, about 600m to 870m above sea level, and very close to the old mountain chain of the Swabian Alb. Coming to Leibertingen, you can expect spectacular scenery and wonderful hikes through forests, hills, rocks and along the Danube river. On the outskirts of the village you can visit the Wildenstein Castle, which overlooks the Danube valley. In the castle, there is one of the oldest youth hostels in Germany! During the weekend, you might go on excursions to the famous Hohenzollern Castle, to the city of Sigmaringen which also has a beautiful castle or to Lake Constance.

PROJECT: The community in Leibertingen is inviting an international workcamp for the second time in a row! Last year, a group of volunteers helped to restore a natural outdoor swimming pool (*Naturbad*) and helped pave the alleys of one of the town's cemeteries. The workcamp was a huge success and the inhabitants of Leibertingen are looking forward to meeting you, the next group of volunteers! This time again, your work will satisfy needs, which have been expressed to the municipality. Also, the locals are looking forward to introduce you to their beautiful region.

REMARK: As the weather can be unpredictable in June in Germany, be sure to pack clothes for cold and warm weather (16 to 30 °C), as well as raingear!

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Next train station: “Hausen i Tal”

Next international train stations: Ulm (1,5 to 2h away), Konstanz in Switzerland (1,5 to 2h away), Zurich in Switzerland (2,5h away), Stuttgart (3h away)

Next airports, in case you really need to fly: **Zurich (ZRH)** in Switzerland – from Zurich airport it takes 2,5 to 3 hours to Hausen i Tal and it costs around 20-25€. **Stuttgart (STR)** – from Stuttgart airport it takes 3 to 3,5 hours to Hausen i Tal and it costs between 20 and 25€.

MEETING POINT AND TIME: Train station “Hausen i Tal” in the afternoon/evening

IBG 06 Camp Village Bergheim 1 - KidZ | 21.06.-12.07. | CHIL/SOCI/DISA | 5-6 vols

(End date to be confirmed)

WORK: Come and volunteer in a summer village for different (age) groups! Over 3 weeks of various activities await you while you assist in a summer camp for children and young people with or without mental disabilities near Cologne! The summer village does start on the 25th of June. Prior to that, you will work with the local team and help building up the infrastructure of the area. Typically this involves setting up the tents for the children. Your job then will be to work together with the local team and provide different types of activities and workshops for the participants. The children should be able to try out different types of sport, creative (group) activities, do arts and crafting or simply chill or play games. In the first two weeks the program caters for children aged 7 to 12. In the next week the participants are children and young people with or without mental disabilities. The young people might be older (up to 18), but the developmental age is up to 12. For this week the team is also supported by professionals from an NGO working with people with disabilities and integration assistants.

Aside from helping with the program, there will also be “backstage” tasks, such as going grocery shopping or cleaning. Another responsibility is the night duty: Since the participants are under-age, someone always needs to stay awake. Don’t worry, you won’t need to stay up the whole night and you won’t need to do it alone. It can easily turn into a nice long campfire-evening with friends. It is very important to the local team that you feel and become part of one big group of teamers.

ACCOMMODATION: You will sleep in big group tents on the camp village site. Camp mats will be provided, but please bring your own sleeping bag! There are showers and sanitary facilities available, but the accommodation itself is quite basic. There will be no need for cooking since you will be eating together with the local team and the participants, so everything will be provided, but of course it is expected that you may help with cleaning and so on. You can get a glimpse of the project area on the homepage of the association, where you can find pictures from the previous years: <https://www.woanders.org/fotos/>

LOCATION: The camp village is situated on a meadow surrounded by trees a bit outside of the town of Bergheim. In Bergheim, you can find different shops and cafés, and Bergheim itself is only 20km away from Cologne. On your days off you can therefore visit Cologne, which is the fourth most populous city of Germany, famous for its cathedral and the Roman-Germanic museum. You can also go on trips to other nearby towns, for example to Bonn.

PROJECT: Woanders e.V. is a non-profit organization which wants to reach people of all ages, support cross-generational interaction and contact between people from different areas of life. Their work intends to reduce fear of contact and support tolerance and curiosity for other people, by strengthening the team-spirit “We”. Each summer for over a month, they organize a camping village full of activities for different age groups: This year the program starts two weeks of kids-program for children aged 7 to 12. The next week is dedicated to children and young people with or without mental disabilities. The young people might be older (up to 18), but the developmental age is up to 12. (After the end of this workcamp the program does continue with a week of camping for teenagers (12-15 years old), then followed by a long weekend for adolescents (14+) and finally a week of family camp. If you want to stay for the whole duration, you are welcome to apply also for the second workcamp IBG 07 which ends on the 3rd of August). You can find the camp village schedule here: www.woanders.org/zeltstadt/

Participants usually stay there for a full week, most of them will stay overnight in tents and have their meals there as well. It is a project aimed mostly towards children and teens with fewer opportunities but it is open to people from all backgrounds. Priority is given to participants from nearby communities. Since 2020 we successfully support this project with small groups of international volunteers and the local team is looking forward to meet new international friends. By volunteering in this project, you are contributing to a sustainable and inclusive community (UN SDG 11).

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Next train station: Paffendorf

Next international bus stops: Suitable international bus stops are in Cologne, Düsseldorf or Bonn

Next airport (if you really have to take the plane): Cologne (CGN), Düsseldorf (DUS)

MEETING POINT AND TIME: You have to arrive in Paffendorf train station. Please check for connections from anywhere to Paffendorf www.bahn.com/en from there it is only a 15 minute walk to the camp village. There will be someone waiting to accompany you.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: We ask for a motivation letter to be sent with the application! Since the project involves children, you need to provide a certificate of good conduct before the start of the project.

5-6 vols (*Starting date to be confirmed*)

WORK: Come and volunteer in a summer village for different (age) groups! Over 2 weeks of various activities await you while you assist in a summer camp for children, teenagers and young families near Cologne! The summer village does start on the 25th of June and several weeks of program for children and young people with and without disabilities have already happened when your camp starts. Your project starts with the arrival of a teenager group aged 12 to 15 and a week full of activities with and for the young participants. Your job will be to help with different types of workshops, where the youngsters can try out different types of sport, creative activities, do arts and crafting or simply chill or play games. The second week of the program is dedicated to families with (small) children. In the last days the job will be helping with the dismantling of the infrastructure, which gets stored away until the next year.

Aside from helping with the program, there will also be “backstage” tasks, such as going grocery shopping or cleaning. Another responsibility is the night duty: Since the participants are under-age, someone always needs to stay awake. Don’t worry, you won’t need to stay up the whole night and you won’t need to do it alone. It can easily turn into a nice long campfire-evening with friends. It is very important to the local team that you feel and become part of one big group of teamers.

ACCOMMODATION: You will sleep in big group tents on the camp village site. Camp mats will be provided, but please bring your own sleeping bag! There are showers and sanitary facilities available, but the accommodation itself is quite basic. There will be no need for cooking since you will be eating together with the local team and the participants, so everything will be provided, but of course it is expected that you may help with cleaning and so on. You can get a glimpse of the project area on the homepage of the association, where you can find pictures from the previous years: <https://www.woanders.org/fotos/>

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family camp. (Before this workcamp the program started with two weeks of kids-program for children aged 7 to 12. The next week is dedicated to children and young people with or without mental disabilities. The young people might be older (up to 18), but the developmental age is up to 12. If you want to stay for the whole duration, you are welcome to apply also for the first workcamp IBG 06 which starts on the 21st of June)

You can find the camp village schedule here: www.woanders.org/zeltstadt/

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Next train station: Paffendorf

Next international bus stops: Suitable international bus stops are in Cologne, Düsseldorf or Bonn

Next airport (if you really have to take the plane): Cologne (CGN), Düsseldorf (DUS)

MEETING POINT AND TIME: You have to arrive in Paffendorf train station. Please check for connections from anywhere to Paffendorf www.bahn.com/en from there it is only a 15 minute walk to the camp village. There will be someone waiting to accompany you.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: We ask for a motivation letter to be sent with the application! Since the project involves minors, you need to provide a certificate of good conduct before the start of the project.

IBG 08 Horb - Make public spaces beautiful | 01.07.-15.07.2023 | RENO/CONS/REFU | 12 vols

WORK: The community of Horb is counting on your help to extend and improve some of its public infrastructure like benches and urban gardening spaces in the city centre and at a new shared accommodation for refugees. Currently a shared accommodation for refugees for up to 150 people is being built in a "container village", very close to the Marmorwerk (Horb's youth centre). The first refugees will probably move there in May. The Youth Department, the Integration Office and the Youth Council are counting on your help to make the outdoor area of the container village as well as other parts of Horb more beautiful and enjoyable for the residents. Your concrete tasks will be:

- **Build wooden raised beds for schools, kindergartens and the container village.** Together with the municipal workers, you will help produce 40 raised beds for the various social

institutions in the city. These will then be made available to children, young people and adults so that they can plant them with herbs and vegetables.

- **Restore benches in the city and put up new benches for the community shelter for refugees.** A large number of the benches in the city of Horb urgently need to be restored so that they can be used by the citizens again. In addition, you will help build 10 new wooden benches for the new community shelter. These and the raised beds should make the outdoor area more beautiful and useful to the residents.
- **Refurbish community gardens to make them more usable and more attractive.** In the city centre not far from the city hall, the community garden is to be expanded. The area hasn't been maintained or used for years, and is to be restored together with the municipal workers so that various beds can be planted there. The garden will then be available to all interested citizens who do not have a garden at home.

The work will be led by a professional instructor, so no previous experience is needed. You will work around 30 hours per week, somewhere between 8am to 4pm from Monday to Friday with a lunchbreak.

ACCOMMODATION: You will stay at Horb's youth house called *Marmorwerk* (the "marble factory" in German). The Marmorwerk has an equipped kitchen, common rooms where you will sleep on camp beds (please bring a sleeping bag with you!), toilets and a big outdoor area. To shower, you will need to walk 4-5 min to the town's indoor swimming pool. The Marmorwerk is very central so it will take you only 5-7mn to walk to the supermarket and train station. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION: Horb am Neckar is a beautiful town with 25.300 inhabitants, located on the banks on the Neckar river and surrounded by green hills. Horb is about 900 years old! You will feel its long history when exploring the town center. Between the church overlooking the town, the half-timbered houses, the old towers and gates and the narrow paved alleys, you will find many interesting and pretty sights there. At the weekend you will be able to visit further places in the region. Horb is located on the slopes of the Black Forest, which means that you can easily go for hikes there. With regional trains, you can reach cities like Tübingen (35mn) or Stuttgart (50mn) or even reach Lake Constance (2h to 2h30), the biggest lake in Germany. Plus, the locals have plenty of ideas and recommendations and they would be happy to spend time with you also during your free time, to make you discover their lovely region. **On the last weekend of the workcamp, a concert in the Marmorwerk is already being planned for you!**

PROJECT: This project is a first cooperation between the Youth Department in Horb and IBG. After visiting a workcamp in 2022, the Youth Department team in Horb has decided to organize one in

their town too. This project has been developed with the integration office, the youth council and the municipal employees. Your work will significantly contribute to the well-being of the people living in the container village (refugees) but also to the local population by renewing, expanding and improving the outside infrastructure in Horb's town center.

TRAVEL INFORMATION:

Next train station: Horb

Next international bus stops: Stuttgart, Ulm or Villingen-Schwenningen

Next airport (if you really have to take a plane): Stuttgart (STR)

MEETING POINT AND TIME: Horb train station (please try to arrive between 1pm and 7pm at Horb train station on July 1). You can check for connections from anywhere to Horb on www.bahn.com/en

IBG 09 Celtic House Bopfingen | 08.07.-22.07.2023 | CONS/RENO | 12 vols

WORK: We invite 12 international volunteers to help continue the construction of the Celtic housing complex in Bopfingen. So far, six workcamp groups, local volunteers of the community of Bopfingen and a team of professional craftsmen have been working on the three houses of the Celtic housing complex. Your task will be to continue the work there by finishing the walls and floors. The working place is set on the top of the hill "Ipf", so you will be working outside a lot with a wonderful view over the region. All the materials you work with are natural materials like clay, wood, and stone. The work will be led by a professional instructor, so no previous experience is needed. Expect manual work! You will work around 30 hours per week, somewhere between 8am to 4pm from Monday to Friday with a 1-2 hour lunchbreak.

ACCOMMODATION: You will be staying at a local gym hall at about 10 minutes walking distance from the city centre and 15 minutes from the train station. You will all sleep in the very big main room of the gym hall. Camp beds are provided but **please bring your own sleeping bag!** In the gym hall there is also a kitchen which you can use for cooking, tables and chairs, different toilets which can be separated by gender and one bathroom with one shower. Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION: Bopfingen is a small town in southern Germany. It has a beautiful centre with a lot of houses in old German style. What makes Bopfingen special is the hill next to the town which is called "Ipf" with its flat plateau on the top. The "Ipf" has an important historical meaning in this area. In former times, the Celts lived there and until today a lot of archaeologists and historians come to

explore the region. It is surrounded by beautiful nature where you can go for a walk or hike. Around Bopfingen, you will find various museums, the romantic historic city of Nördlingen, and the Ries (a large circular meteor impact crater with a diameter of 24 km). If you would like to visit a bigger city, Ulm is not far away with its famous cathedral and the highest church tower in the world.

PROJECT: The town of Bopfingen invites an international workcamp for the seventh time this year! A couple years back, researchers found archaeological evidence from the Celtic people that used to live here thousands of years ago in the Iron Age. The town's project for the next years is to rebuild some of the houses in Celtic style to show tourists how the Celts may have lived in this area. By participating to this project you contribute to protecting the local cultural heritage in a sustainable way (UN SDG 9 and 11). You will also be part of the strong partnership between international volunteers and this project in Bopfingen, as international workcamps have helped with building the complex almost every year.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Next train station: Bopfingen

Next international train stations: Stuttgart (about 2h away), Ulm (about 2h away), Augsburg (about 3h away), Munich (about 3h away)

Next airports (in case you really need to take a plane): Stuttgart (STR), Munich (MUC)

MEETING POINT AND TIME: Please, try and arrive at Bopfingen train station between 1pm and 7pm on July 9th. Find the best connection on the German railway company's website: <https://www.bahn.com/en>

IBG 4M Gardening & mosaic in Bretten vocational school | 08.07-23.07.2022 |

CONS/ENVI | 14 vols (number of places tbc)

AGE: 16-19 years old

WORK: In these two weeks, you will completely redesign the courtyard of the vocational school in Bretten. Together with local students, you will help putting up gardening spaces and raised beds, you will extend and improve a chill out area and you will create a big mosaic about interculturality.

Specific tasks will be:

- Preparing the ground for the vegetable gardens i.e. digging up earth, filling the space with soil and compost, planting seeds.
- Building up raised beds using wooden planks. This will include nailing, screwing and sanding down the wooden planks.
- Installing sitting elements.

- Designing and creating a big colorful mosaic, using different kinds of material like glass, ceramic, tiles or mirror pieces.

Your work will have valuable consequences for the students and teachers of the school. Besides the ecological aspect, the encounter is particularly important. Young people should like to spend time in the courtyard and chill outside. In addition, the products from the vegetable gardens will be directly used by students during cooking lessons. The rooms for the cooking lessons are located opposite to where the vegetable gardens will be. Last but not least, you will work together with young people from Bretten, therefore getting to know their expectations first hand!

PROJECT: The local vocational school in Bretten will host international volunteers for the first time this year. For a very long time, some teachers of the school were looking for a way to make use of the space in the school's courtyard. They've had time to think about what they would like to do there and thanks to your help, they will finally have the chance to realize their wishes this summer! Another very important aspect to them is the intercultural richness which you will bring to their school and students. By working and living together with the school's students, you will get to know local young people in your age, their reality, everyday life, projects etc. and you will bring your own culture closer to them! By participating to this workcamp, you will contribute to UN SDG Goal 11, making sustainable cities and communities.

Attention: This project is dedicated to volunteers from the four partner regions of Baden-Württemberg: Lombardy in Italy, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes in France and Catalonia in Spain. We want to demonstrate that youth is an essential part of a partnership and that this partnership cannot be reduced to the sectors of economy, science, culture and administration. Therefore you should either come from one of these four regions or have a close link to them.

ACCOMMODATION: You will each live with one student of Bretten and their family from July 10 until 21. Some of the school's students chose to participate in the project with you during two weeks. It means that they will work with you and host one of you at home. They are happy to host an international volunteer, show them around and introduce the "German way of life" to them! To get to know each other and end the project collectively, the volunteers will spend the first and last weekend together. On the first weekend, they will explore the school of Bretten and the last weekend there will be a get-away in a beautiful group house near Bretten. Please bring a sleeping bag with you for the first and last weekend! Only during those weekends, your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION: Bretten is a very nice town with approx. 28.000 inhabitants, not far from Stuttgart (60km) and Karlsruhe (25km). The historic city center is absolutely worth seeing. The many half-timbered houses, the market square, the small cafés and shops make Bretten enjoyable for tourists and locals. As you will be working with local young people, you will gain a lot of tips about what to do in Bretten and around during your free time. The cities of Stuttgart, Karlsruhe or Heidelberg are easily reachable with public transportations.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Next train station: Bretten

Next international train station: Stuttgart (from here take a local train to Bretten. There are connections twice an hour and the travel time is about one hour in total) or Karlsruhe (from here take a local train to Bretten. There are many connections and the travel time is about 45 min in total.)

Next airport (in case you really need to take a flight): Stuttgart

REMARK: This project is only for volunteers aged 16-19 from Baden-Wurtemberg, Lombardy, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes and Catalonia (or with a close link to these regions).

NO EXTRA FEE

IBG 10 Celtic Festival Nagold | 11.07.23 - 25.07.23 | FEST/ENVI | 13 vols

PROJECT: The “YOUZ” is not only Nagold’s youth centre, it is also a non-profit organisation working with children and young people. During the whole year, the YOUZ team organises events, workshops, school support, holiday programmes... and many more things for children and young people. They are also one of IBG’s oldest partners! For more than 25 years, they have been organizing very successful workcamps with us, inviting volunteers to help them with different renovation tasks and, every second year, organizing the Celtic Festival.

WORK: This year again, the workcamp participants will be helping out at the Celtic Festival, which will take place on July 22 and 23 in Nagold. During the festival, “Highland Games” are organised and many different “clans” come to compete on various tasks. The games usually demand strength, agility and a lot of team cooperation. You will be able to participate to the games as the YOUZ team too. The Highland Games are much appreciated and attract a lot of visitors! In addition, the festival programme includes many musical events and of course, a lot of food and refreshments stalls. Your role will be to help the local clubs and associations participating in the festival with the preparations. These can be for music, dance and international food, painting festival signs, as well as constructing some of the wooden structures for the festival grounds. On other days, you will work on various environmental tasks within the community of Nagold.

ACCOMMODATION: You will be staying in the youth centre (YOUZ), a very big and spacious building located in Nagold's city centre. You will be sleeping in two different sleeping rooms with beds (you don't need to bring anything, the beds have bed sheets, covers and pillows). To prepare meals, you will use the centre's large kitchen, which has all the equipment you need. WIFI is provided in the house. Showers are available at the swimming pool nearby. The YOUZ has many more rooms and offices so you will meet a lot of people! You can take a look at their website here: <http://www.youznagold.de/YOUZ2012/wordpress/>

Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION: Nagold is located in the beautiful Black Forest and has about 22,000 inhabitants. As the youth centre is located in the inner city of Nagold, it is a meeting point for young people aged between 14 and 20 years old. You will find many possibilities to spend your free time in the youth centre itself (i.e. rooms and equipment to play music, to dance and make video and many other things). The region around Nagold has a lot to offer as well. On the weekend, you can easily visit cities like Stuttgart or Tübingen with public transportation. The area around Nagold with the beautiful nature of the Black Forest is perfect for hiking. In addition, activities like horse riding, swimming (at the local swimming pool or in lakes) and play beach volleyball can all be organised. Last but not least, the local youth will be around most of the time, so you can expect to get in touch and exchange with them!

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Next train station: Nagold

Next international train station or bus stop: Stuttgart

Next airport (in case you really need to take a flight): Stuttgart (STR)

MEETING POINT AND TIME: Please, try and arrive at Nagold train station whenever you can between 1pm and 7pm on July 11. Find the best connection on the German railway company's website: <https://www.bahn.com/en>

IBG 11 Neresheim in Bloom | 15.07.-29.07.2023 | FEST/ENVI | 10 vols

WORK: In this workcamp, you will prepare the summer festival "Neresheim in Bloom", which will be opened on July 22. Your main tasks will be to

- build, move and install various flowerbeds;
- build up a summer playground for children to use during the festival;

- help to prepare for the opening ceremony on July 22.

Your work in the park also includes tasks like digging up the lawn in order to prepare the flower beds, so be prepared to work with earth and soil. You will work together with municipal workers and members of diverse local associations.

The work will be led by a professional instructor, so no previous experience is needed. You will work around 30 hours per week, somewhere between 8am to 4pm from Monday to Friday with a lunchbreak.

ACCOMMODATION: You will be accommodated in the building of the local fire station, which offers one big room for sleeping, toilets and a kitchen. You will sleep on camp beds, so please bring your own sleeping bag – and a pillow if you need one. The showers are located in the public swimming pool, which is only a 200m walk away. Supermarkets can be easily reached by foot.

Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION: Neresheim is a small but lively town with around 8,000 inhabitants. The region around it is called the “Härtsfeld” and it is located in the east of the Swabian Jura, a mountain range in the region of Baden-Württemberg. Neresheim is the cultural centre of the Härtsfeld, which is why you can find more than 100 local clubs, associations and youth initiatives there; a lot for the town’s size! This cultural dynamism will give you many possibilities to interact with locals and to discover the local culture. In your free time, you will find attractions directly in Neresheim like the famous Abbey, the local museum and open air or indoor swimming pools. The beautiful nature surrounding it also invites you to explore and hike the local trails. On weekends you can also go on excursions to town and cities like Aalen, Ulm or Stuttgart or reach the banks of the Danube River. The municipality of Neresheim is even planning to organise a bus for your excursions!

PROJECT: For the third time, Neresheim will organize the festival “Neresheim in Bloom” (*Blühendes Neresheim* in German), which will start on July 22 and last until September 2023.

The goal of Neresheim’s municipality is to bring life and colour to the town by filling the streets and parks with flowers, art pieces and cultural events during the summer months. Indeed during this time a lot of cultural events like concerts, comedy shows, lectures, sports competitions, hiking trips or beer tastings are organised. The local associations, artists and municipal workers work together to prepare the town for the event and they are counting on your help! By helping Neresheim prepare the festival you will help facilitate sustainable cities and communities (UN SDG 11).

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Next train station: Aalen

Next local bus stop: Neresheim (Bus 110 from Aalen to Neresheim leaves at 13:10, 16:10 and 18:10 on July 15)

Next international train or bus stations: Stuttgart, Nuremberg

Next airports (if you need to take a flight): Stuttgart (STR), Nuremberg (NUE)

MEETING POINT AND TIME: Please arrive in Neresheim between 1pm and 7pm on July 15. Find the best connection on the German railway company's website: <https://www.bahn.com/en>

IBG 12 Black Forest Experience Lauterbach | 15.07.-30.07.2021 | ENVI/MANU | 12 vols

WORK: Help the community of Lauterbach take care of its beautiful forest and of its wildlife-rich open land! Lauterbach has many nature conservation areas to offer and your valuable help is needed for various conservation tasks.

During this workcamp you will be working in the forest and open land and you will help the municipality to maintain the diverse landscape. Your tasks:

- Maintaining a wet meadow as a habitat for rare species of flora and fauna. This involves removing mown material from the meadow by hand;
- removal of woody plants from the forest moor biotopes with tree-trimmers and saws;
- maintenance of beautiful hiking trails, so that everyone can enjoy the great landscape as well;
- removal of so-called "neophytes" (invasive non-native vegetation) from protected areas, as they threaten native biodiversity;
- you may also repair fences and maintain ecologically valuable grassland areas, supporting our local graziers.

Be prepared for hard physical work! Due to working in swampy (boggy) and steep areas, rubber boots and/or sturdy shoes are required for effective work! The work will be led by a professional instructor, so no previous experience is needed. You will work around 30 hours per week, somewhere between 8am to 3pm from Monday to Friday with a lunchbreak.

ACCOMMODATION: You will stay in a nice community house in the middle of the forest, called "Mosenmättle Guest House". There, you will find sanitary facilities, showers, a common room with sofas and tables and a well-equipped kitchen for you to use. You will sleep in 4 multi-bed rooms (with bunkbeds). As the house is located in a very rural area, the internet access and mobile phone coverage will most probably be limited. Just be prepared to spend two wonderful, adventurous weeks away from your busy and usual everyday life. Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and

everybody will take turns for cooking and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION: Lauterbach is situated in the heart of the Black Forest nature park, close to the towns of Schramberg and Rottweil. You will have many possibilities to hike and experience nature first hand. Just step out the door and find yourself surrounded by beautiful landscapes! In your free time, you will have the possibility to go to the swimming or to visit cities like Rottweil or Freiburg.

PROJECT: It is the 14th time that the community of Lauterbach and a local Landscape Development Association invite an international workcamp! Above all, the local hosts are very happy to be supported by a workcamp at different environmental and construction tasks in a nature protected area! Not only is your help valuable to them but they are also very happy to share their knowledge about forest preservation to foreign volunteers. By volunteering in this project, you are actively protecting nature and biodiversity (UN SDG 15).

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Next train station: Hausach

Next international train stations: Stuttgart (2 to 2,5 from Stuttgart main station to Hausach) or in Switzerland: Basel (about 2 hours from Basel train station to Hausach) or in France: Strasbourg (1 to 1,5 hours from Strasbourg train station to Hausach)

Next airports (in case you really need to take a flight): Stuttgart (STR), Strasbourg (SXB), Basel (BSL)

MEETING POINT AND TIME: On July 15, there will be pickups from Hausach train station in the afternoon. The exact times of the pickups will be given in the specific infosheet. Find the best connection to Hausach on the German railway company's website: <https://www.bahn.com/en>

IBG 13 Bernburg – taking action for young people | 15.07.-05.08.2023 | RENO/CONS/ENVI | 12 vols

WORK: The international workcamps in Bernburg (Saale) have already a long tradition. Each year, the local youth department defines together with IBG different actions where they want to improve the living conditions for young people, and ask for the support of international volunteers to realise them. This year's workcamp consists of two projects:

- Set up a "bare foot sensory path" alongside a bicycle path in Biendorf, a district of Bernburg and help children and young people becoming more aware of their senses.
- Support the construction of a kitchen for the large hall in the "Klubhaus der Jugend", as a follow-up project to the two IBG projects for the design of the sanitary facilities according to Hundertwasser. Part of it are for example drywall works, painting works and the assembly of the kitchen furniture.

The work will be led by a professional instructor, so no previous experience is needed. You will work around 30 hours per week, somewhere between 8am to 4pm from Monday to Friday with a lunchbreak. You will reach the work place with two mini-busses. In addition you will get bicycles for leisure activities.

ACCOMMODATION: The accommodation will be on the first floor of Bernburg's youth club. It will be basic but with all facilities needed, such as a kitchen, a shower and a bathroom. Participants will sleep on sport mats. Please bring a sleeping bag with you! Your group of volunteers will frequently come in contact with the local youth. During the workcamp, the ground floor of the youth club will be regularly open to them. You can spend your time there as well and move upstairs to the first floor, which is reserved only for the international group, if you want more privacy.

Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION: The town of Bernburg is situated in the eastern part of Germany and it has a history of more than 1000 years. Overlooking the valley formed by the Saale River, there is a medieval castle. There are plenty of possibilities for leisure activities, such as visiting the town, having a drink in a local pub, go on excursions to cities like Leipzig or Magdeburg, canoeing on the river, hiking or simply making conversation with the locals. As you will stay in the local youth club, there will be many options to do some activities with the locals like playing darts or billards, use the outdoor sportsgrounds or barbecue area.

PROJECT: Since more than 20 years, the municipality of Bernburg has been inviting international workcamps almost each summer! All former camps have been running very successfully in cooperation with a local youth club "Klubhaus der Jugend", due to experienced and motivated people, lots of leisure activities and good contact to locals.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Next train station: Bernburg Hbf

Next international bus stops: Suitable international bus stops are in Leipzig, Magdeburg and Berlin

Next airport (if you really have to take the plane): Leipzig (LEJ), Berlin (BER)

MEETING POINT AND TIME: Please arrange your travel in a way that you arrive in the afternoon or early evening to the train station of Bernburg (Saale). Please check for connections from anywhere to Bernburg www.bahn.com/en

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Volunteers need to be able to ride a bike.

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AGE: 16 to 20

WORK: This workcamp is about helping to maintain a beautiful biosphere area while learning about “Waldpädagogik” (forest education)! During two weeks, you will support the forest school “Waldschulheim Indelhausen”, a place of non-formal environmental education for school classes.

This workcamp has two objectives.

- The first one is to help the foresters with diverse environmental tasks every morning (2,5 to 3h), which will help to protect the surrounding biosphere area.
- The second one is to learn about forest education and if you are interested, contribute to the forest school’s educative programme yourself.

You want to increase your knowledge about forests and learn about how it is transmitted to young people in Germany? Then this is the perfect workcamp for you! In the mornings you will work outside with the foresters, gaining experience and know-how about how to preserve a forest, and in the afternoons you will participate to different workshops about themes such as climate change, the forest ecosystem and forest economy or biodiversity conservation. Actively preserving the forest and learning why it is essential to do it go hand in hand; this is why the workshops about forest education in the afternoons are as important as the practical work outside in the mornings! If you’re interested, you will have the possibility to co-organise workshops relating to forest education for your group. This is a special project for nature lovers and people interested in learning about nature protection work and how to pass on important knowledge about forests to future generations.

ACCOMMODATION: You will be staying at the forest school from July 17 until the end of the work camp. On the first night (July 16), you will stay at a group house located in Owen, a town between Stuttgart and Indelhausen. The [Freizeitheim Owen](#) offers shared rooms for 4 to 12 people, common rooms, sanitary facilities, a kitchen and a big outside area. On July 17 you will all leave after breakfast to travel together to Indelhausen.

At the forest school you will be accommodated in shared rooms (2 to 4 beds). The building is quite big, there is a dining room, a common room where you can relax or play games, bathroom facilities with shared showers, as well as a gym hall, a volleyball court, table tennis tables and two climbing walls. Meals will be provided by the school, so you don't have to cook by yourself. The forest school tries its best to serve local and bio food. There will be vegetarian and vegan options but we need to know about your needs in advance! Please inform us of any dietary restrictions or allergies you may have. Lastly, there is little phone reception in the forest school. Wifi is provided but it is quite slow – you will be able to exchange messages but streaming videos will most likely not function. Be ready for a digital detox!

LOCATION: The “Waldschulheim Indelhausen” is located in the small village of Hayingen in the middle of a geopark, at the southern end of the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve “Schwaebische Alb” in southern Germany. This area features diverse mountainous and cultural landscapes, protected ecosystems with rare plants and animals and notable forest, meadow and orchard habitats. The surroundings are perfect for outdoors activities like hiking. It is very rural, and there are many great view-points and various old castle ruins that are worth visiting. Because Hayingen is quite far from bigger cities, the free time activities will be mainly done close-by in the nature, enjoying the beautiful surroundings and getting to know the local culture.

PROJECT: This work camp is designed for volunteers from Estonia, France, Germany and Spain aged between 16 and 20 years old. It is organised in cooperation with the forest school Indelhausen (*Waldschulheim Indelhausen*). The forest school is a pedagogical institution founded in 1977. The building used to be the village school and now serves 1,000 students and teachers every year as a non-formal learning place on the topic of forest and nature. Groups of students of the grades 7 to 9 of all school types usually stay here for two weeks and participate in different tasks of simple forest work, they take part to the school’s educational program about the forest, go on excursions or play games, have fun and do sports. You can take a look at the place here: <https://waldschulheim-indelhausen.forstbw.de/>. By participating in this workcamp, you are actively supporting biodiversity (UN SDG 15) and help us work against climate change (UN SDG 13).

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Next international train station or airport: Stuttgart

MEETING POINT AND TIME: Owen train station in the afternoon. Please try to be there between 1pm and 8pm. Your camp leaders will come and pick you up at the train station. You can plan your trip to “Owen(Teck)” by using the German Railway website: <https://www.bahn.com/en>

PREPARATORY MEETING: All participants will attend a kick-off meeting on **July 6st at 5pm**. During this meeting, the workcamp programme will be presented and participants will have the opportunity to ask questions. If you cannot join the meeting, please inform your sending organisation or your camp leaders as early as possible.

IBG 14 Cold war and peace Höstensleben | 21.07. – 06.08.2023 | 10-12 vols

RENO/HIST/PEACE/STUDY

WORK & STUDY The Border Memorial is quite impressive and many visitors come to see it every year. To keep it in good conditions and to improve the access to the memorial, a lot of maintenance works are regularly needed. This is too much for the volunteers of the local association alone, so they are happy to get support from you. You will help them on maintenance and repair works at the

Border Memorial and its surrounding. You will also set up a geocache at the Border Memorial and build a wooden seating area. In the course of the workcamp, there will be several study parts and excursions to learn more about the period of the German division, contemporary Germany and its people (History Lab). The work will be led by a professional instructor, so no previous experience is needed.

ACCOMODATION: You will stay in Hötensleben former town hall. After the town hall moved to another place, the building has been renovated and now includes several holiday apartments. The apartments are quite comfortable and spacious, so that there will be enough room for everyone. There are different sleeping rooms with single beds and camp beds and a good equipped kitchen as well. Please bring a sleeping bag with you.

Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION: Hötensleben is a little village with about 2,500 inhabitants. International workcamps have been taking place there for well over 20 years, so local inhabitants are looking forward to welcome the volunteers. Many activities will be done together with locals, e.g. the voluntary fire brigade of Hötensleben. Volunteers should be interested in German contemporary history as you will work at and visit historical places and commemoration sites related to Germany's history. You will be given bicycles so that you can be mobile in your free time and, for example, go to the swimming pool. This year, Hötensleben is celebrating its 25th workcamp anniversary, so be prepared for some special activities to celebrate this (party!).

PROJECT: During the period of the Cold War, the village of Hötensleben used to be directly on the inner German border (Eastern side) that was dividing Germany. From 1952 to 1989, the village was part of an exclusion zone, created by the East German dictatorship. The exclusion zone was spread along the 1400 km borderline with West Germany and its goal was to prevent illegal border crossings. Walls, barbed wire fences, and watchtowers blocked the view and the roads to the West. Border guards, mines, and guns made sure that no one would try to flee from East Germany. For the villagers, as for all people living in the 5 km exclusion zone, life was even more restricted than elsewhere in the country. Armed forces and state surveillance were ever-present. Still, many people died trying to escape.

After the fall of the Iron Curtain in 1989, the border fortifications were preserved by the local Border Memorial Association (*Grenzdenkmalverein*). A section of 400 metres of the former fortification system can still be visited today. The Border Memorial depicts life at the former border – in East and

West Germany, informs about the rigid border regime, and commemorates its victims. It belongs to the Marienborn Memorial of German Division.

TRAVEL INFORMATION:

Next train station: Magdeburg Hbf

Next international train station or bus stop: Berlin, Leipzig, Hannover

Next airport (if you really have to take a flight): Berlin (BER)

MEETING POINT AND TIME: Please arrange your travel in a way that you can take the last bus of the day from Magdeburg to Hötensleben (departing at 4.30 pm from Magdeburg). For train connections from anywhere to Magdeburg, please check www.bahn.com/en For those missing this connection we will organise one later pick up in Schöningen ZOB in the evening (train to Helmstadt first, than bus to Schöningen).

REQUIREMENTS: Please add a short **motivation letter** to your application, describing your interest in this special project. **You should be able to ride a bicycle!**

IBG 15 Heilsbronn - path to fitness and sensory | 22.07-05.08.2023 | MANU/ENVI | 12 vols

WORK: Every year, the municipality of Heilsbronn is counting on the help of international volunteers to maintain and renovate parts of the town's infrastructure. For this year, three projects are in discussion:

- **Maintain a fitness trail in the forest, called "Vita Parcours"**. To keep the fitness trail practicable for visitors, you will clear the trail of over-grown plants along the paths and on different stations. You will also help to clean the signs and stations, as well as help to pick up left-over trash along the way.
- **Renovate a "barefoot path"**. A barefoot path is a short way, where people can walk on barefoot, to experience different sensations. One part of it is made with pebbles, another with moss, another one with pine cones... etc. The barefoot paths in Heilsbronn are loved by kids and families and they need to be renovated regularly. You will help emptying and refilling the different parts of the path.
- **Build a "Kneipp pool"**. The Kneipp pools are shallow pools of water, open to all, where visitors can practice hydrotherapy. Once the trousers are up to the knee, you can walk in the (cold!) water, which is said to have health benefits. Kneipp pools are quite popular in Germany, you can look it up.

At this stage, it is still uncertain if you will be working on all three projects. Other projects might also be added. In any case, you should expect working outside with municipal workers, doing renovation or construction works. The work will be led by a professional instructor from the builder's yard, so no

previous experience is needed. You will work 30 hours per week, somewhere between 8am to 4pm from Monday to Friday with a lunchbreak on site.

ACCOMMODATION: You will be accommodated in the local youth club called “JUZ”, right above the municipal workers’ premises, where there are offices, warehouses for tractors, tools and materials, as well as workshops for working different materials. In the youth club, there are two big rooms and one small room where you will sleep on camp beds or on mattresses on the floor. **Please bring a sleeping bag!** All rooms are open. In addition, there is a small kitchen, a common room with sofas and games for you to chill, two toilets and one bathroom. You might have the possibility to use the builder’s yard’s showers during the evenings. In the house, there is a washing machine and a Wifi connection. The local youth who usually visit the club are looking forward to welcoming you and getting to know the international volunteers.

Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION: Heilsbronn is a town of 9,300 inhabitants, located in the idyllic Bavarian region called *Franken* (Franconia). Because Heilsbronn is situated on one of the paths leading to the famous pilgrimage city Santiago de Compostella in Spain, it is frequently visited by tourists as well as pilgrims. But Heilsbronn city centre also has a lot to offer! There, you will find traditional half-timbered houses and some unique sites, such as “Heilsbronn Abbey”, a Cistercian monastery and the local cathedral, both built in the 12th century. A guided tour might be organised for you, if you’re interested. Besides, the town can arrange free entrance to the outdoor swimming pool for your group. Nature-lovers can find several hiking trails in the beautiful surrounding landscape. The worth-seeing cities of Nuremberg, Bamberg and Rothenburg ob der Tauber are not too far away and might be visited on weekends, using public transportation.

PROJECT: The town of Heilsbronn has been hosting workcamps for 13 years already and is looking forward to welcoming another international group of volunteers this summer. The local community is a big fan of workcamps and international volunteering and has introduced other neighbouring cities to the workcamp idea as well. This year, your support will help the community maintain, renovate and extend its infrastructure (UN SDG 11 sustainable communities).

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Next train station: Heilsbronn (20mn walk from the accommodation). Attention: please do not get mixed up with another German city called Heilbronn (same but without an s). This one is more than 2 hours away from Heilsbronn!

Next international train or bus station: Nuremberg (around 25 min from Heilsbronn with the train).

Next airports (in case you really need to take a flight): Nuremberg (NUE), Stuttgart (STR), Frankfurt (FRA). From Nuremberg airport it takes 45mn, from Stuttgart airport 2h45 and from Frankfurt airport 3h30 to reach Heilsbronn with the train.

MEETING POINT AND TIME: Please, try and arrive at Heilsbronn train station between 1pm and 7pm on July 22. Find the best connection on the German railway company's website:

<https://www.bahn.com/en>

IBG 16 Kirf – Woodwork and country life | 29.07.-12.08.2023 | RENO/ENVI | 12 vols

WORK: You will construct a wooden hut at a small fountain that will serve as a waiting area for the bus stop and as a local meeting point.

Until now, school children and other people waiting for the bus get wet if it rains while waiting for the bus. This is the main reason why the local community of the village Kirf is asking for your support. Under the guidance of professional craftsmen, you will build a wooden shelter. The shelter will be at the local small fountain where the bus stops. At the same time, this place is also a meeting point for the local population, so the shelter will increase the quality of life in the village. Besides this main project, you will also renovate the barbecue hut and other communal facilities. In order to strengthen the biodiversity around the village, different nesting boxes and insect hotels will be built and hung up. **Volunteers with interest and perhaps even experience in woodwork are therefore particularly welcome!**

ACCOMMODATION: You will most probably live and sleep in the community centre of the village, but this has still to be confirmed. But in any case, the entire necessary infrastructure will be provided: Space to sleep and stay, camp beds or mattresses, a kitchen, access to sanitary facilities and showers. Please bring a sleeping bag. Outside the community centre, you have plenty of space to play games and sports. Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION: Kirf is a small community which consists of the main village Kirf and two small hamlets. 800 inhabitants live there in total. It will be a highlight for the local community to host your international group. They already have many ideas for joint activities and are looking forward to meeting you all. Kirf itself is beautifully nestled in hills and meadows; you will experience the real country life in Germany. The nearest shops and supermarkets are in Saarburg, about 8km away. There is a regular bus connection to Saarburg. Much of the free time will be spent in nature (the region is perfect for hiking) or in common activities with the local population. But you will certainly

visit Saarburg, a small town with a nice castle, a medieval town centre, a famous waterfall and mills, vineyards, many tourists, a swimming pool, a chairlift and a summer toboggan run and much more.

PROJECT: The village of Kirf is asking for the support of international volunteers for the first time this year. The village community has developed many projects to make the place attractive and lively, and this project will be another piece in the mosaic of this concept. Please note that the encounters are just as important as the work itself, so be prepared to get deeply involved in the village life!

Apply now to support us and join the first international workcamp in the village of Kirf!

TRAVEL INFORMATION: You will first have to travel to Saarburg. From there you have a direct bus to Kirf every two hours. Please organize your journey in a way that you arrive in Saarburg before 6.45pm as the last bus of the day leaves at 6.57pm. You can check connections from anywhere to “Saarburg(Bz Trier)” here: www.bahn.com/en.

Next train station: Saarburg(Bz Trier)

Next international busses/trains: Saarbrücken, Trier

Next airport (if you really have to take a flight): Luxemburg

IBG 17 National Park Hunsrück | 06.08.-26.08.2023 | ENVI | 15 vols

WORK: The Park Rangers of the National Park Hunsrück-Hochwald are waiting for your support to preserve the fauna and flora in this unique natural environment and to provide endangered species with their original habitats again. At the same time it is a great opportunity for you to learn a lot about this ecosystem, the rangers will show and explain a lot. Three main tasks are waiting for you:

1. Taking care of the nutrient-poor grassland and arnica meadows within the national park (mowing works, work to stop the spreading of shrubs etc.). Doing this, you can preserve a valuable habitat with a very high biodiversity. This is especially the case for insects such as bees and butterflies, and flowering plants like orchids.
2. Working on the wildlife park of Wildenburg Castle. Here you can find wolves, deer, wild boars, wildcats, mouflons and many other animals. Your task will mainly be to renew wooden fences and to build elements for the animals can hide behind. You will also construct wooden barriers to protect small trees from getting damaged by the animals.
3. Giving water its natural space back! Inside the national park there are many places where the natural flow of water was changed (due to interruptions of the stream’s curves, drainage channels etc.). In many cases this alteration is negatively impacting the biodiversity of these streams. You will therefore help to restore the natural flow of the water by closing some water channels and revitalizing natural flow elements.

Other environmental protection tasks can be added. Attention: The work might be physically hard and you will get wet and muddy for sure! Please bring hiking boots and working clothes.

ACCOMMODATION: You will stay in the community centre of Deuselbach. The accommodation is spacious, has a huge kitchen including a dish-washer and a living room, toilets and showers. There is one big sleeping room with camping beds. Wifi and even a washing machine are available. Please bring your sleeping bag.

Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION: The workcamp will take place in the western part of Rhineland-Palatinate. You will stay in Deuselbach, a small village with 260 inhabitants. The local villagers are very much interested to welcome you, so you can expect many parties and events to happen. Deuselbach has a pub but no shops. The next bigger village (Thalfang) is 4km far, here you can find everything you need (shops, swimming pool...). There are also many tourists in the area as it is well known for hiking all over the year and for skiing in winter. The next bigger city is Trier (40 km), the oldest Germany city with many Roman sights, a huge cathedral and plenty of things to do (vineyard, shopping, clubs...). You will do several excursions with the support of the Park Rangers, e.g. to Trier.

PROJECT: The National Park Hunsrück-Hochwald is the newest German National Park to protect the nature. The park was just founded in 2015. The landscape is dominated by huge forests, steep hills, small brooks and ponds, rocks and marshes. Only small hamlets interrupt the nature, a perfect region for plenty of different species but also for hiking. You will support the National Park Rangers in their work to preserve the habitat of endangered species and to protect ecologically valuable ecosystems. This workcamp will continue the mission of several workcamps in the past years.

TRAVEL INFORMATION:

Next train station: Idar-Oberstein or Trier or Neubrücke(Nahe).

Next international bus stops: suitable international bus stops are in Mainz, Saarbrücken and Trier

Next airports (if you really have to take the plane): Frankfurt (FRA), Luxembourg (LUX) or Frankfurt-Hahn (HHN)

MEETING POINT AND TIME: You will be picked up from the bus stop called "Hunsrückhaus/Erbeskopf, Deuselbach". Please inform your camp leader about your arrival time on Aug 6. Please check for connections from anywhere to Deuselbach on www.bahn.com/en. There are regular busses to Deuselbach from the train stations of Idar-Oberstein, Trier and Neubrücke(Nahe).

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WORK: The communities of Betzenstein and Plech are both counting on your help to realise diverse ecological, renovation and artistic projects. A lot of different tasks will await you during these two weeks. In Betzenstein you will:

- Help to make a playground for children beautiful by adding artistic elements to it;
- Realise artistic design and maintenance work at the local outdoor swimming pool;
- Maintaining hiking trails;
- Maintaining a “natural monument” called the Schmidberg tower;
- Constructing nesting boxes for animals.

In Plech, you will:

- Maintain beautiful hiking trails in an environmentally friendly and sustainable way;
- Help repair a historic fence, which is listed as protected monument;
- Bring in your creativity to artistically enhance a nature and discovery trail – you might be working with wood and colours;
- Help with woodwork on a pavilion and some wooden shelters for hikers in the nature;
- Support of associations in the field of sports and local history, helping to shape and experience a cultural event, the “Franconian village church fair” (*Fränkische Dorf-Kirchweih*)

As you will be staying in Betzenstein, you can reach the work places by foot there. When you will be working in Plech, the local workers will pick you up with a small bus. The work will be led by a professional instructor from the municipal maintenance department, so no previous experience is needed. You will work 30 hours per week, somewhere between 8am to 4pm from Monday to Friday with a lunchbreak on site. Please bring clothing that is suitable for outdoor work (that can get dirty), as well as sturdy shoes!

ACCOMMODATION: You will be accommodated in Betzenstein’s primary school and sports hall. You will sleep on sports mats in one big room in the sports hall, so please bring a sleeping bag (and a pillow if you want). The building has toilets, showers and changing rooms separated by gender. To cook, you will have access to the big and very well equipped kitchen in the primary school.

Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION: The Bavarian region in which Betzenstein and Plech are located in the Bavarian region of Franconia, famous for its dialect, wine and beer production and of course, for its beautiful nature and

cultural landmarks. Betzenstein and Plech are specifically located in a part of Franconia called “Franconian Switzerland” (*Fränkische Schweiz* in German), due to its mountainous and hilly landscapes. For this reason, the region is much appreciated by hikers and nature lovers. In addition, in Betzenstein, Plech and neighbouring towns, you can find interesting museums, beautiful churches and fountains. There is also the possibility to go bouldering or climbing if you are interested. On the weekends there are busses to nearby cities like Nuremberg or Pegnitz. Your hosts are happy to show you around and to get to know you throughout the two weeks!

PROJECT: Betzenstein and Plech are two neighbouring small towns in the region of Franconia, about 35km from the city of Nuremberg. This year, the two municipalities will organize an international workcamp together for the third time. Various tasks await you in this project, since you will be working in Betzenstein and in Plech. The town hall workers and inhabitants are looking forward to meeting you! In the two towns there are different clubs and associations, who you will have a chance to meet and even work with during your stay. This way, you will really get to know the place and the people. Your support will help the communities maintain, renovate and artistically enhance their infrastructure (UN SDG 11 sustainable communities).

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Next train station: Neuhaus (Pegnitz)

Next international train or bus stations: Nuremberg - 35 min from Neuhaus (Pegnitz) with the train.

Next airport (if you really need to take a flight): Nuremberg (NUE), Munich (MUC), Stuttgart (STR).

MEETING POINT AND TIME: Please, try to arrive at Neuhaus (Pegnitz) train station in the afternoon on August 19. There will be pick-ups organised by your camp leaders at 15:15, 17:15 and 19:15. Find the best connection on the German railway company's website: <https://www.bahn.com/en>

IBG ESC1 Brohltal – castle and community | 27.08.-16.09.23 | RENO/ENVI/MANU 15 vols

WORK: A huge variety of tasks is waiting for your active help: Put your hands on history at Olbrück castle, improve hiking trails in the Brohl valley (*Brohltal* in German) and support the local communities of the three villages Oberzissen, Niederdürenbach and Hain in different small projects.

- **Olbrück castle – put your hands on history:** Much of Olbrück Castle is in ruins; only the large tower has been reconstructed. The castle grounds are a magical place where you feel transported back in time. It is located in the middle of nature, but the view extends into the Rhine valley and to the city of Bonn. Today, the castle grounds are used as a kind of open-air museum and to host cultural events. Unfortunately, in the last years access had to be

restricted for safety reasons. In several places, remains of the walls are no longer safe. That's why the local association that cares for the preservation of the castle is asking for your help. Together with a group of former craftsmen (who are now retired), you will continue securing the masonry. In concrete terms, mortar joints are being renewed; stones that have fallen out of the walls are reinserted and fixed. You will help to clear the walls from vegetation and to refasten the wall crowns (the top of the wall). Additional tasks in the historic herb garden and other areas of the castle complex are also possible.

- **Hiking paths in the Brohl Valley:** In the past years the inhabitants of the villages have already improved and partly newly signposted the local hiking paths. But there is still some work to be done: Paths need to be maintained and cut free of vegetation, benches, rest areas and information boards need to be completed and maintained.
- **Community work in the villages:** The local village councils of Niederdürenbach and Oberzissen asked their citizens, the local associations and initiatives where they see a need for improvements and want to get help from international volunteers. They found plenty of different small projects! Due to this particular project structure, a wide range of tasks awaits you. There will be different activities in the field of improving playgrounds and public places, maintaining local infrastructure and much more. This part has not yet been planned in all details; much will be developed and concretised with the villagers in the coming few months

ACCOMMODATION: You will stay in the community centre of the small village Hain, at the foot of the castle Olbrück. The house offers a big hall with enough space for the group. It is fully equipped with kitchen and sanitary facilities including showers. Outside there is a covered space that can be used as a dining area when it is warm enough. Otherwise, the hall must be divided into a dining area and a sleeping area. In any case, the amount of privacy will be very limited. The outdoor area surrounding the house also invites you to enjoy the outdoor table football and provides other free time possibilities. Please bring your own sleeping bag.

Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, tidying up and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

PROJECT: The aim of the project is to make the *Brohltal* (Brohl valley) international. The villages of Oberzissen and Niederdürenbach and the local heritage association in Hain are asking for the support of international volunteers for the first time together. This cooperation will be an important step towards more inter-municipal cooperation. The people living in the villages are already excited to meet you and to get to know the different cultures of all volunteers. In this way, as many inhabitants of the Brohl valley as possible - young and old - should experience international commitment,

European citizenship and solidarity together with yourselves. Various events as the annual village party in Oberzissen (Aug 27th-29th) and a rock music festival on Sep 9th will ensure together with other joint activities that the exchange is as intensive as possible and exciting for you as volunteer as well.

LOCATION: The Brohl valley with Oberzissen and Niederdürenbach is situated in a hilly landscape not far from the Rhine River and the city of Bonn. The Olbrück castle and the neighbouring village Hain where you will stay are overlooking the valley. Oberzissen and Niederdürenbach have about 1.000 inhabitants each. There, you can find some very active associations, pubs, some interesting sights and – most importantly – many friendly people. A historic railway leads through the village with a real steam engine running on weekends. The villages are surrounded by a beautiful landscape, so in your free time you can go hiking, discover nature, have barbecues, and get to know the local inhabitants during different activities together. You will spend most of your time with the people in the three villages, but you will enjoy a few excursions on your days off - maybe to the Rhine valley or to Bonn or Cologne.

TRAVEL INFORMATION:

Next train stations: Bad Breisig, Brohl or Sinzig

Next international train/bus stations: Bonn, Cologne, Koblenz

Next airport (in case you really have to take a flight): Cologne (CGN)

MEETING POINT AND TIME: You will be picked up from the bus stop in Niedorzissen. Depending on the direction and hour of your travel, different train stations are most suitable (Bad Breisig, Brohl, Sinzig). To find the best connection from anywhere to Niedorzissen, please check: www.bahn.com/en

REQUIREMENTS: We ask for a motivation letter to be sent with the application! There will be an online preparation meeting for the international volunteers, to already get to know part of the local team and get introduced to their methods and approach on youth work.

This project is a **Volunteering Team within the European Solidarity Corps** program. Volunteers have to have legal residency in an EU country, there is a strict age limit of 18 to 30 years and there are a few important steps to take before and after the project:

- Registering in the ESC portal
- signing a Volunteering agreement
- handing in a personal report and travel tickets

In return, participation is free of charge, as well as food and accommodation. Volunteers need to stay the full duration of the project in order to get their pocket money (5 euros per day) and travel cost reimbursed (the maximum reimbursement amount is defined by the ESC program depending on distance and it provides higher amounts for green travel)

IBG 19 Reviving peatlands for climate and biodiversity | 03.09.-16.09.2023 | ENVI | 15 vols

WORK: Active for climate protection and biodiversity – save the peatlands in the Hunsrück area!

You will actively contribute to protecting a special peatland called “Weyrichsbruch”. This area was drained more than 150 years ago for forestry use. Peatlands are a valuable and natural Co2 storage as well as an ecological habitat with a high and very specialized biodiversity. For these reasons, in the 1980s it was decided to revitalize a small part of the Weyrichsbruch. Now the regional authorities for nature protection want to revitalise a much bigger part and this is where you can help! Under the supervision of two experienced Park Rangers you will improve the water balance in this peatland in order to renature the bog, and help it to cope better with the consequences of climate change. Some of your tasks will be to undo the drainage of the area by blocking or filling ditches, or by building small wooden barriers. While working, you will be able to discover many rare species which have already returned. The park Rangers will be happy to explain to you the ecological background and the consequences of climate change and they will guide you to discover this special habitat and its species.

The Weyrichsbruch is bordering a well-known hiking trail. On that trail, it is possible to take a look inside the bog from a wooden plank path. In addition, various information boards have been placed around the area to convey the ecological background of the Weyrichsbruch and thus contribute to environmental education.

Attention: The work might be physically hard and you will get wet and muddy for sure! Please bring hiking boots, rubber boots and suitable working clothes.

ACCOMMODATION: You will stay in the Educational Centre in Kell am See, which is an important place for youth work in the whole area around the city of Trier. This public and non-profit centre offers the opportunity for youth groups, associations and schools to spend some days or weeks here running a seminar or other projects.

You will stay in five wooden tepees for max. five persons each. Staying here, among pure nature and with the campfire in the middle of the tepees’ circle is a wonderful experience. You will sleep on mattresses inside the tepees. Please bring a sleeping bag with you! Close to the tepees, you will have access to your own kitchen including a dish-washer, to a living room and sanitary facilities, all inside the Educational Centre. In your free time you can use the different outdoor facilities of the centre like the campfire and the basketball, football and volleyball fields. Close to the centre, there is also a lake and hiking trails. Please be aware that the tepees have electricity but no heating, so it might be cold at night. The facilities in the centre (kitchen, living room and sanitary facilities) can be heated though. Your working place Weyrichsbruch is about 10min by car. The Park Rangers will pick you up every morning.

Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION: The workcamp will take place in Kell am See, a village 30 km from Trier, not far from the border with Luxemburg. The landscape in this area is very beautiful! It is dominated by huge forests, steep hills, small brooks and ponds, rocks and marshes. Only small hamlets interrupt the nature, which makes it a perfect region for plenty of different species but also for hiking. You will really feel different here!

The area is well known for cycling, walking and other kinds of outdoor activities. There is a local holiday resort nearby the Education Centre, which offers more than 200 holiday bungalows next to a lake and locals love to come here for cycling (there is a 45 km cycling path on a former railway roadbed) or to spend a nice day outside. The region also offers plenty of historic sites (castles, museums....). In addition, you will have the opportunity to come in contact with local associations, e.g. the local voluntary fire brigade. Since there aren't many public transportation means available around Kell am See, the number of excursions will be limited. However, you will have the chance to visit the city of Trier with its famous Roman sites, the cathedral and birth place of Karl-Marx.

PROJECT: This workcamp is based on the cooperation between IBG and the regional "Foundation for Nature and environment". We have been working together since 2016, organising one or two international Workcamps per year in the field of nature protection.

REMARKS: This is a special project for nature lovers and people interested in nature protection work. You will get wet and dirty. Please be prepared that September in the Hunsrück area can either be warm and sunny or quite fresh and rainy.

TRAVEL INFORMATION:

Next train station: Trier

Next international bus stops: Suitable international bus stops are in Trier, Saarbrücken and Luxembourg.

Next airport (if you really have to take the plane): Luxembourg (LUX)

MEETING POINT AND TIME: You will be picked up from the bus stop in Kell am See. Please inform your camp leader about your arrival time on Sep 3. You can check for connections from anywhere to Kell am See on: www.bahn.com/en.

IBG 20 Black Forest Village Grafenhausen | 09.09.-20.09.23 | MANU/RENO | 12 vols

WORK: The people in Grafenhausen count on your help to renovate parts of their much appreciated *Skulpturenpark* (sculpture park), but also to add beautiful and useful natural elements to it. In this big green area, located in the centre of Grafenhausen, you can find many different contemporary artistic works and installations, done by various artists. For this reason, the Skulpturenpark is a regional touristic attraction. The community of Grafenhausen now has different projects in mind, which you will help realise:

- **Bring in flowers!** You will help create flower beds in different parts of the sculpture parc, for the delight of the visitors. This includes working with earth, preparing the soil, planting flowers and building outside delimitations.
- **Create a garden to produce natural colours!** You will create a garden area from scratch, which will be specifically for plants, which will be used by a local artist for painting! Indeed, the artist Judith Anders uses natural products like beetroot or curcuma for the colours in her art pieces. This project will be done in cooperation with her. You will be working with soil, shovelling and planting.
- **Renovate wooden sitting areas.** For this task, you will be working with wood, sanding down damaged parts and painting benches and table anew.

The work will be led by a professional instructor, so no previous experience is needed. Sometimes you might be split up in smaller groups to do different tasks. Working hours will be approximately from 8am to 4pm from Monday to Friday with a 1-2 hour break for lunch.

ACCOMMODATION: You will be accommodated in a beautiful wooden group house, in the middle of the village, called the Hagehus. The house is equipped with hot showers and toilets which can be separated by gender, a kitchen, a big common room and a dorm. You will sleep on mattresses on the floor (bed sheets are provided but no pillow nor cover) in the dorm, one big common room. Please bring your own sleeping bag! In the house, there is a washing machine and a Wifi connection. The bakery/café and local supermarket are at walking distance.

Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION: Grafenhausen is located in the very south of Germany, in the famous Black Forest. It is a very nice village with typical south German architecture, surrounded by beautiful landscapes. In addition to the forest, there are many lakes and mountains close-by. Indeed, the Feldberg, the highest German mountain outside of the Alps, is about half an hour by car, which makes this area perfect for hiking trips! The famous German beer "Tannenzäpfle" is brewed in Grafenhausen and

you'll have the possibility to visit the brewery during your stay. The village is in a very rural area, so be prepared for two calm weeks in the Black Forest, far away from the big city life. To go shopping, the community will lend you a small bus and for excursions you will receive travel passes with which you can use public transportation in the whole Black Forest area. From the next train station, there are regular connections to Freiburg (a university city) and Lake Constance. Grafenhausen is located at about 1.000 meters altitude; therefore the weather at the end of the summer can be quite unpredictable. Be prepared for warm and sunny temperatures, as well as coldness and rain.

PROJECT: Grafenhausen is a beautiful village with about 2.100 inhabitants. Even if it's not very big, the village has a lot to offer: e.g. the very interactive "Black Forest Museum", a public pool, and a beautiful and touristic sculpture park, where the international group of 2016 worked and where you will be working. Indeed, the locals are now used to welcoming international volunteers for different projects that will help their community, almost every year. In 2023, they invite a workcamp for the 7th time. By joining this workcamp, you are supporting the sustainable development within the community (UN SDG 11).

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Next train station: Seebrugg

Next local bus stop: "Schule/Rathaus, Grafenhausen"

Next international train stations: Basel (Switzerland), Zurich (Switzerland), Strasbourg (France), Karlsruhe (Germany), Stuttgart (Germany)

Next airports (in case you really need to take a plane): Basel (BSL), Karlsruhe (Baden-Baden) (FKB), Zurich (ZRH), Stuttgart (STR).

MEETING POINT AND TIME: Please, try and arrive at "Schule/Rathaus, Grafenhausen" bus station between 1pm and 8pm on September 9. Find the best connection on the German railway company's website: <https://www.bahn.com/en>

REMARK: You will need to leave the accommodation (cleaned up) before 11am on Sept 20.

IBG 21 Educational Centre Kell am See | 01.10.-16.10.2023 | ENVI/MANU | 12 vols

WORK: Support the educational centre Kell am See, an important place for youth work in the whole area of Trier, by doing environmental and maintenance works! The educational centre is public, non-profit and offers the opportunity for youth groups, associations and schools to spend some days or weeks here, running a seminar or some other projects. One focus of the offer is on environmental education and outdoor activities. You will be working to take care and maintain the green areas around the regional education centre. Your tasks will include:

- cutting the grass and bushes;

- renovating/taking care of the playground and its big swing, the low rope course, the tree houses and the sports grounds;
- tending the herbs garden and the insect hotel;
- building wooden benches;
- cleaning the grounds of the centre.

In addition, you will continue to pedagogically upgrade the outdoor area and create new offers. For example, one of the past workcamp groups set up an outdoor kitchen with pizza oven, which is used for different educational actions with youngsters.

ACCOMMODATION: You will stay in five several wooden tepees for max. five persons each. It is really great to stay here surrounded by pure nature, with the campfire in the middle of the circle of tepees. In the centre you will have your own kitchen including a dish-washer, a living room and sanitary facilities. For your free time you will find perfect conditions: billiard, plenty of outdoor facilities (campfire, basketball, football, volleyball...). Please be aware that the tepees have beds and electricity but no heating, so it might be cold at night. Bring a warm sleeping bag! In the different facilities of the centre, there is heating. Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION: Kell am See is a village 30 km from Trier, surrounded by beautiful landscapes. The area is well known for cycling, hiking and other ways of outdoor activities. In Kell, there is a holiday resort, which offers more than 200 holiday bungalows next to a lake (close to the educational centre). The area is not just appreciated by tourists: People from the area also come here for cycling (there is a 45 km cycling path on a former railway roadbed) or to spend a nice day outside. In addition, the region offers plenty of historic sites (castles, museums....). You will get the opportunity to come in contact with local associations, e.g. the local voluntary fire brigade. Since public transport is poor, the number of excursions will be limited but you will for sure visit Trier, famous for its Roman sites, its cathedral and for being the birth place of Karl-Marx.

PROJECT: Kell am See is a touristic village not far from Trier, the oldest German city. The regional youth department runs an educational centre in this village, which offers different environmental educational activities for youth groups and school classes. Also, school classes or youth associations can come here for several days and run seminars or trainings of their own. The centre was just renovated a couple of years ago and different new outdoor and training facilities were installed. For centre's team, not only is the support of international volunteers important, but they also share the aims of international volunteering and want to offer a nice opportunity to you. By participating in this project, you are supporting education on environmental issues (UN SDG 4 and 13).

TRAVEL INFORMATION:

Next train station: Trier

Next international bus stops: Suitable international bus stops are in Trier, Saarbrücken and Luxembourg.

Next airport (if you really have to take the plane): Luxembourg (LUX)

MEETING POINT AND TIME: You will be picked up from the bus stop in Kell am See. From Trier to Kell am See, you can take the bus No. 230, which leaves every 2 hours. Please inform your compleader about your arrival time on Oct 1. You can check for connections from anywhere to Kell am See on: www.bahn.com/en.

Training for Group Leaders in Environmental Projects | 16.05.-21.05.2023 |

30 participants

TRAINING DESCRIPTION: We organize this training for everyone who wants to take on responsibility as a leader of an international workcamp in an environmental project. The main topics of the training are group processes, conflict management, leadership, safety and health, and issues of social justice, diversity, ecological sustainability and climate protection. Most workshops will be organized in groups and with practical exercises. There will be excursions to environmental projects and possibly to a workcamp taking place nearby.

ACCOMMODATION: The training will take place at the Educational Centre in Kell am See. The Educational Centre belongs to the regional youth department and usually hosts youth groups and school classes. The facilities are quite big. Here you will find a big dining room, different seminar rooms and many dorms and sanitary facilities. The centre is surrounded by beautiful nature and offers outside spaces to chill, play or sit by the bonfire. There will be full catering for our group, so please inform us of your food allergies, special requests or intolerances as early as possible.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Next train station: Trier

International bus stops: Suitable international bus stops are in Trier, Saarbrücken and Luxembourg.

Next airport (in case you need to take a plane): Luxembourg (LUX)

MEETING POINT AND DIRECTIONS: On May 16 you will be picked up in the afternoon in Kell am See. You will receive more information in the specific infosheet.

CONDITIONS:

Participating countries: EU member states + eligible countries

Participation fee: 50€

Language: English

Travel reimbursement: This training course is funded through the Erasmus+ EU programme for education, training, youth and sport. Your travel costs can be reimbursed through this funding according to the distance you travelled from your city to Kell am See:

- For travel distances between 100 and 499km: 180€
- For travel distances between 500 and 1999km: 275€
- For travel distances between 2000 and 2999km: 360€

Please keep your original travel tickets for reimbursement after the training!

How to make my Workcamp inclusive – Diversity and personal support of volunteers in Workcamps | 24.08.-28.08.2023 | 18 participants

TRAINING DESCRIPTION: This training course is open to all camp leaders of international workcamps as well as trainers of camp leaders. International workcamps and other volunteering projects should be open to any young person, regardless of nationality, gender, sexual orientation, cultural or social background, income, education, religion and other beliefs, physical and health conditions or limitations.

We are convinced that diversity in all of these aspects makes our workcamps better. For years, we have therefore been working to improve access, support volunteers in need of support and to overcome barriers. To have a truly inclusive experience for everyone, we rely on our camp leaders working with and coordinating the respective groups. Therefore, we are organising this training to prepare our camp leaders with advice, tips, tools and support.

Our main aims:

- ...discuss the relevance of inclusion in international workcamps and prepare camp leaders for possible challenges and new situations.
- ...provide trainers of camp leaders with tools and methods to prepare camp leaders and work on inclusion in workcamps with them.

ACCOMMODATION: The training will take place at the educational centre in Ehningen. It is a small yellow house with many rooms and sanitary facilities, a big seminar room and a nice garden with a volleyball field and place to make a bonfire. There is no catering, so the group will partly participate in cooking and cleaning together. Please inform us of your food allergies, special requests or intolerances as early as possible.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Next train station: Ehningen

Next international train station: Stuttgart

Next airport (in case you need to take a plane): Stuttgart or Frankfurt

MEETING POINT AND DIRECTIONS: From the train station you can walk to the accommodation. You will receive more information in the specific infosheet.

CONDITIONS:

Participating countries: EU member states + partner countries (Turkiye, Serbia, North Macedonia)

Participation fee: 50€

Language: English

Travel reimbursement: This training course is funded through the Erasmus+ EU programme for education, training, youth and sport. Your travel costs can be reimbursed through this funding according to the distance you travelled from your city to Ehningen:

For travel distances between 100 and 499km: 180€

For travel distances between 500 and 1999km: 275€

For travel distances between 2000 and 2999km: 360€

Please keep your original travel tickets for reimbursement after the training!

INFO ABOUT THE ORGANISATION – GENERAL AND BRIEF

IBG has been hosting international work camps since 1965. We mostly work together with communities, municipalities and local associations. The work project is an essential part in our camps. Other than that, we aim at strengthening intercultural learning and are happy to support personal growth of both participants and camp leaders. After all, *“peacing the world together...”* is what we want!

TECHNICAL DETAILS

We send a **Free Places List** every Friday. You will receive a **General Infosheet** about our work camps together with the acceptance of the application of your volunteer. The **Specific Infosheet** about the work camp will be sent latest 4 weeks before the project starts.