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# WORKCAMPS

A MINIMAL MAGAZINE FOR ADVENTURERS





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Congratulations,

You are now holding our workcamp program for 2026 in your hands.

All of our workcamps will take place in the north-eastern part of Germany: in or near Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. This area is well-known for its beautiful countryside and the vast amount of lakes.

On the map at the back, you can see the exact places where we are arranging workcamps this year.

You are cordially invited to participate in one (or many 😊) of them!

your NiG-Team

## **THE CAMPS**

Every year, we organize about 16 work camps and youth meetings in Germany. During a workcamp, you will be in a group of around 10 young people from different nations between 18 and 27 years, in exceptional cases at the age of 16. A workcamp lasts 2 or 3 weeks. The camp language is usually English. Your work is voluntary and of benefit for the public.

You will work five days a week, a total of 30 hours. You are obliged to work because the towns, institutions and authorities with whom we cooperate with are counting on your help. Your work is unpaid, but accommodation and food are free. The accommodation is in school dormitories or student hostels. Please bring a sleeping bag as well as working clothes and shoes with you.

There will be many leisure time activities, events, meetings and excursions in which you can take part. Trips, for instance to Berlin, are also possible.

**We also expect you to  
bring in your own ideas!**

## **THE LOCATION**

The NiG office is located in Rostock, the largest historical Hanseatic city in northeastern Germany, with around 200,000 residents. Founded in the 13th century, the city is known for its impressive architecture, including merchant houses, churches, and remnants of the old city wall. Rostock has a long tradition in shipbuilding and maritime trade, with ferry connections to several countries.

The city is home to the University of Rostock (founded in 1419) and offers numerous events for young people, such as concerts, theaters, cinemas, and clubs. The former fishing village of Warnemünde, now a district of Rostock, is located on the Baltic Sea and features a beautiful sandy beach perfect for relaxation.

Our work camps mainly take place in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, a region known for its historic towns, countless lakes, and unspoiled nature. For more information, visit: [www.rostock.de](http://www.rostock.de).

## **IF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN A CAMP**

If you find an appropriate work camp, please fill out the volunteer exchange form and send it to our office. You should write down alternative choices, in case it is not possible to take part in the camp you wish to. You have to cover all costs for travelling to and from the work camp yourself.

## **INSURANCE**

In our camps, you are covered by insurance in case of accidents and/or illness. **This insurance does not cover eyeglasses, dental treatments or cars.** Please check your own insurance coverage abroad before travelling here. We advise that you buy insurance from a private health insurance company that covers transportation home in case of necessity (available at travel agencies). You may also think about insurance for your baggage.

## **ADVANTAGES OF TAKING PART IN A WORK CAMP**

- 1.** You will meet other young people and take part in real teamwork, which leaves lasting impressions. That is why many volunteers like to come again.
- 2.** You are able to help and work for the public welfare in the region of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania.
- 3.** We may certify your participation as a practical training. Please contact us after the workcamp.
- 4.** You only pay your travel expenses. Accommodation and food are for free.
- 5.** Last but not least - you are given the chance to experience different regions, people and traditions!

## INTERNATIONAL WORKCAMPS 2026

CODE	NAME & LOCATION	TYPE	DATE	VOLS
<b>NIG 01</b>	<b><i>HISTORY&amp;CARE</i></b> Peenemünde	Hist/ Arch	15.06. - 26.06.	10
<b>NIG 02</b>	<b><i>GREEN&amp;PROTECT</i></b> Lohmen	Cons/ Envi	15.06. - 28.06.	10
<b>NIG 03</b>	<b><i>STAGE&amp;STORY</i></b> Rostock	Cult	03.08. - 16.08	10
<b>NIG 04</b>	<b><i>ECO&amp;IMPACT I</i></b> Upahl-Lenzen/ Teterow	Envi	06.07. - 19.07.	10
<b>NIG 05</b>	<b><i>ECO&amp;IMPACT II</i></b> Upahl-Lenzen/ Teterow	Envi	27.07. - 09.08.	10
<b>NIG 06</b>	<b><i>ECO&amp;IMPACT III</i></b> Upahl-Lenzen/ Teterow	Envi	17.08. - 30.08.	10
<b>NIG 07</b>	<b><i>NATURE&amp;MEMORY</i></b> Malchow	Hist/Arch	24.08. - 04.09.	10

Cult - culture  
Envi - environment  
Reno - renovation

Hist - history  
Arch - archaeology  
Cons - construction

# HISTORY&CARE

## PEENEMÜNDE

**15.06. - 26.06.2026**

### LOCATION:

The town of Peenemünde, with around 400 inhabitants and surrounded by untouched nature, has a rich and eventful history. It is located in the northern part of the island of Usedom and is best known for the first successful rocket launch into space. During the Nazi era, Peenemünde was home to Europe's largest research center, where "secret weapons" such as the V2 rocket were developed. Today, the Historical-Technical Museum, located in the former power plant, serves as a reminder of this period and critically examines the site's history and its legacy from the



### WORK:

Volunteers will help preserve the remaining bunker structures from World War II by cutting grass, clearing pathways, and making the remnants more visible to the community. These bunkers and their history give Peenemünde its unique character. By contributing to this project, volunteers help to preserve an important part of German history so that it is not forgotten.

The Historical-Technical Museum will provide tools, work gloves, and bicycles for commuting to the worksite.

**NEAREST AIRPORT:** Berlin

**NEAREST TRAIN STATION:** Peenemünde

**ACCOMODATION:** Volunteers will stay in cozy vintage trailers on the grounds of a youth hostel. Pillows, blankets, and mattresses will be provided.

**FOOD:** Volunteers will be served freshly cooked meals, including **vegetarian** options. Dinner will be warm; sandwiches for lunch and breakfast.

**LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES:** Excursions are possible, such as visits to the beach or a short trip to Świnoujście in Poland. Bicycles are available.



# GREEN&PROTECT

## LOHMEN

**15.06. - 28.06.2026**

### **LOCATION:**

Lohmen is a picturesque village in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, surrounded by untouched nature and several nature parks. With around 850 inhabitants, it offers a peaceful and close-knit community atmosphere. The village is particularly charming due to its historical landmarks, which provide insights into the region's long history, as well as various recreational opportunities—including a labyrinth, sports fields, and an archaeological nature trail.



Impressions of  
the camp

### **WORK:**

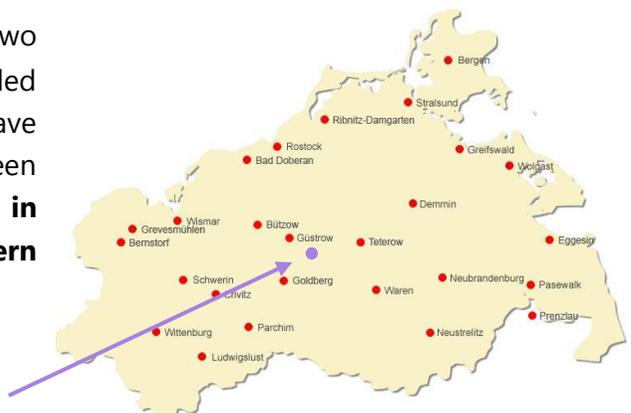
Volunteers will renovate the archaeological nature trail by creating a new walking path and designing informational boards. The trail passes by many fascinating natural and historical features. Additionally, volunteers will help maintain public parks to make the area more accessible and educational for visitors.



- NEAREST AIRPORTS:** Hamburg or Berlin
- NEAREST TRAIN STATION:** Güstrow
- ACCOMODATION:** Volunteers will be accommodated in a youth club located in a former kindergarten.
- FOOD:** Meals will be prepared by the volunteers themselves.
- LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES:** Volunteers can explore the surroundings by water or do excursions to other cities, such as Rostock.
- FURTHER REQUIREMENTS:** Please bring **work gloves and a sleeping bag**

**BE CAREFUL!** There are two different villages called Lohmen in Germany. You have to go to the Lohmen between Guestrow and Goldberg in **Mecklenburg Western Pomerania.**

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# STAGE&STORY

**03.08. - 16.08.2026**

## ROSTOCK

### LOCATION:

In the largest city of Mecklenburg Western Pomerania, you can express yourself artistically and work together with others to create an exciting theater project.

In addition to rehearsals, there's plenty of time to explore Rostock: Discover the historic old town, stroll through the lively *Kröpeliner Street*, or relax on the beautiful sandy beach of *Warnemünde*. Whether culture, the sea, or city life – Rostock provides the dial setting for your theater work camp.

### WORK:

The volunteers will create a unique theater project, where they can take on different roles and unleash their creativity. Whether it's a short scene, a study, or even a full play – anything is possible here! This workcamp is not just a creative challenge but also an inspiring journey towards self-expression.



Impressions of Rostock



## NIG 03 / CULT / VOLS 10

<b>NEAREST AIRPORTS:</b>	Hamburg or Berlin
<b>NEAREST TRAIN STATION:</b>	Rostock
<b>ACCOMODATION:</b>	Volunteers will stay at our partners accommodation in shared rooms.
<b>FOOD:</b>	Food (also <b>vegetarian/vegan</b> ) is included, but meals have to prepared by the volunteers.
<b>LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES:</b>	Volunteers can take trips to Berlin, Hamburg or <i>Warnemünde</i> , go swimming and enjoy the beach.
<b>FURTHER REQUIREMENTS:</b>	<b>A few German language skills are beneficial.</b> If you play a musical instrument, feel free to bring it.

old harbour of Rostock



# *ECO&IMPACT I*

## UPAHL-LENZEN/TETEROW

**06.07. - 19.07.2026**

### **LOCATION:**

Lohmen is a peaceful village in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, surrounded by the Upahl-Lenzen Nature Reserve. With around 850 inhabitants, it offers a tranquil, community-oriented atmosphere and a variety of recreational opportunities. Visitors can explore the labyrinth, get active on sports fields, or discover the archaeological nature trail. A nearby lake also invites for swimming. Lohmen combines nature, history, and relaxation, making it ideal for those who want to enjoy rural life in a culturally rich environment.

### **WORK:**

This workcamp is perfect for nature lovers, as the work takes place outdoors in the Upahl-Lenzen Nature Reserve. Volunteers will maintain the area by mowing meadows and clearing the grass—all by hand, as traditional farming techniques cannot be used. The project aims to preserve the nature reserve and is carried out in cooperation with the environmental agency of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania.



Impressions of  
the workcamp and  
Lohmen



## NIG 04 / ENVI / VOLS 10

- NEAREST AIRPORTS:** Hamburg or Berlin
- NEAREST TRAIN STATION:** Guestrow
- ACCOMODATION:** The volunteers will stay in a youth club located in a former kindergarten.
- FOOD:** Food (also vegetarian/ vegan) is included, but meals have to be prepared by the volunteers.
- LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES:** Volunteers can explore the surroundings by water or do excursions to other cities, such as Rostock.
- FURTHER REQUIREMENTS:** Please bring a **sleeping bag, work gloves and mattress pad.**

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# *ECO&IMPACT II*

## UPAHL-LENZEN/TETEROW

**27.07. - 09.08.2026**

### **LOCATION:**

Lohmen is a village in the middle of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania and is surrounded by the nature reserve Upahl-Lenzen. It has about 850 inhabitants but also many possibilities for outdoor activities like a labyrinth, sports grounds and an archeological nature trail. There is a lake in walking distance where you can swim and also much nature to enjoy in general.

### **WORK:**

This work camp is for nature lovers, since the work will be mainly outdoors. There is a lot of work around the natural reserve "Upahl-Lenzen". Since it's not possible to use common agricultural techniques, volunteers have to do everything manually. More over every meadow around has to be cut and the grass has to be put aside. The aim of this project is to help to protect this unique reserve through your contribution. This project will be done in cooperation with environmental agency of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania.



*Impressions of  
the workcamp*



- NEAREST AIRPORTS:** Hamburg or Berlin
- NEAREST TRAIN STATION:** Güstrow
- ACCOMODATION:** Volunteers will be accommodated in a youth club located in a former kindergarten.
- FOOD:** Meals will be prepared by the volunteers themselves.
- LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES:** Excursion (swimming, short trips) can be planned.
- FURTHER REQUIREMENTS:** Please bring a **sleeping bag, work gloves, a mattress pad.**

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# *ECO&IMPACT III*

## UPAHL-LENZEN/TETEROW

**17.08. - 30.08.2026**

### **LOCATION:**

Lohmen is a peaceful village in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, surrounded by the Uphal-Lenzen Nature Reserve. With around 850 inhabitants, it offers a tranquil, community-oriented atmosphere and a variety of recreational opportunities. Visitors can explore the labyrinth, get active on sports fields, or discover the archaeological nature trail. A nearby lake also invites for swimming. Lohmen combines nature, history, and relaxation, making it ideal for those who want to enjoy rural life in a culturally rich environment.



### **WORK:**

This workcamp is perfect for nature lovers, as the work takes place outdoors in the Uphal-Lenzen Nature Reserve. Volunteers will maintain the area by mowing meadows and clearing the grass—all by hand, as traditional farming techniques cannot be used. The project aims to preserve the nature reserve and is carried out in cooperation with the environmental agency of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania.



## NIG 06 / ENVI / VOLS 10

- NEAREST AIRPORTS:** Hamburg or Berlin
- NEAREST TRAIN STATION:** Güstrow
- ACCOMODATION:** Volunteers will be accommodated in a youth club located in a former kindergarten.
- FOOD:** Meals will be prepared by the volunteers themselves.
- LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES:** Excursion (swimming, short trips) can be planned.
- FURTHER REQUIREMENTS:** Please bring a **sleeping bag, work gloves, a mattress pad.**

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# NATURE&MEMORY

## MALCHOW

**24.08. - 04.09.2026**

### LOCATION:

Malchow is a small town in the south of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, situated between two large lakes. The region offers numerous recreational opportunities, from beautiful nature and water sports to relaxing walks along the lakes. Malchow also has a rich and moving history: During World War II, it was the external camp of the Ravensbrück concentration camp, where hundreds of women were forced to work under inhuman conditions. Today, remembrance of this time serves as a reminder of the importance of advocating for peace and humanity.



### WORK:

Participants will work on the grounds of a former external camp of the Ravensbrück women's concentration camp during World War II. To honor their memory, a memorial is being created on the site. In the first step, volunteers will physically assist in preparing the area and carrying out initial construction measures. At the same time, they will have the opportunity to contribute ideas for the design of the memorial, ensuring that it becomes a dignified place of remembrance and education.

## NIG 07 / HIST, ARCH / VOLS 10

<b>NEAREST AIRPORTS:</b>	Hamburg or Berlin
<b>NEAREST TRAIN STATION:</b>	Malchow
<b>ACCOMODATION:</b>	Youth hostel
<b>FOOD:</b>	Volunteers will enjoy freshly cooked, delicious meals, including vegetarian options.
<b>LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES:</b>	Volunteers can swim, explore the surroundings by water, or go on bike tours. Excursions to cities such as Rostock.
<b>FURTHER REQUIREMENTS:</b>	Please be sure to bring <b>work gloves</b> .

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# LOCATIONS IN MECKLENBURG-WESTERN POMERANIA:

1. Lohmen
2. Malchow
3. Rostock
4. Upahl-Lenzen/Teterow
5. Peenemünde

