

Workcamps 2023 Germany



Congratulations,

You are now holding our workcamp program for 2023 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 our country. 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, student hostels or tents. 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!**

IF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN A CAMP

The program of our workcamps is published in March. If you find an appropriate work camp, please fill out the volunteer exchange form and send it to our office via a sending organisation in your country. 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.

Because of the pandemic situation please monitor current travel regulations for Germany on the site of Federal Foreign Office here: <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/coronavirus/2317268>

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.

For volunteers from European countries: please bring your European insurance card E111.

REGISTRATION FEE

We do not charge our partner organizations.

THE LOCATION

The NIG office is located in Rostock. It is the biggest historical hanseatic city of the northeastern part of Germany, with about 200 000 residents. Rostock was founded in the 13th century and is a city with many faces, surrounded by a beautiful landscape. It is worth seeing in every season. Rostock is well known for its interesting architecture: merchant houses, beautiful churches and remains of old city walls and gates give evidence of the city's former power and wealth. Ship building and maritime trade have always been important for Rostock. Ferry lines connect the city with other countries. Rostock is also famous for its University (founded in 1419). There are many interesting events for young people and students. You can go to cabaret, concerts, student clubs and discos, theatres and cinemas. The former fishing village, Warnemünde which became part of the growing city, is located where the river Warnow flows into the Baltic Sea. There is a wonderful beach and excellent opportunities for swimming and relaxing. Our work camps are mainly located in the federal country of Mecklenburg- West Pomerania, to which Rostock also belongs. This area is well- known for its traditional towns and villages and for its thousand lakes, islands and natural resources.

For further information please visit the website www.rostock.de (also available in English).

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 2023

| CODE | NAME/ LOCATION | TYPE | DATE | VOLS |
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| NIG 01 | Peenemünde I | Hist/ Arch | 19.06. - 30.06. | 10 |
| NIG 02 | Peenemünde II | Envi | 19.06. - 30.06. | 10 |
| NIG 03 | Lohmen | Cons/ Envi | 19.06. - 02.07. | 10 |
| NIG 04 | Rostock | Cult | 03.07. - 15.07. | 10 |
| NIG 05 | Upahl-Lenzen I | Envi | 10.07. - 23.07. | 10 |
| NIG 06 | Uphal-Lenzen II | Envi | 31.07. - 13.08 | 10 |
| NIG 07 | Lausitz | Reno/ Cons | 14.08. - 26.08. | 10 |

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| NIG 08 | Peenemünde III | Hist/ Arch | 28.08. - 08.09. | 10 |
| NIG 09 | Peenemünde IV | Envi | 28.08. - 08.09. | 10 |
| NIG 10 | Wüste & Glase | Envi | 21.08. - 02.09. | 10 |
| NIG 11 | Malchow | Hist/ Arch | 04.09. - 15.09. | 10 |
| NIG 12 | Upahl-Lenzen III | Envi | 21.08. - 03.09. | 10 |

Cult - culture Hist - history
 Envi - environment Arch - archaeology
 Reno - renovation Cons - construction

PEENEMÜNDE I

19.06. – 30.06.2023

LOCATION:

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Whereas Peenemünde first was only a place where the Nazis' army was positioned for developing different military tactics, the place became Europe's biggest military research centre during 1936-45. Up to 12,000 people worked on an area of 25 km² to develop new weapon systems, such as the V-2 rockets and other military objects. It was exactly this rocket that was the first ever human-made rocket to enter space.

Today, there is a museum in Peenemünde that deals exactly with this time span and also gives insight about the technology that was used in those days.

WORK:

In this camp, the volunteers will work on the meadows of Peenemünde, where bunkers stored the mass-produced V2-rockets. The blown up ruins are supposed to be cut free from plants and other objects that are in the way, so that visitors can see and enter the landmark.



Historic Technical
Museum of
Peenemünde

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NEAREST TRAIN STATION: Peenemünde

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FOOD: Food is included (also vegetarian). There will be someone cooking for the participants. Dinner will be warm; lunch and breakfast will be sandwiches.

LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES: Excursions can be planned, such as short trips to nearby towns.

FURTHER REQUIREMENTS: Please bring a sleeping bag, work clothing (gloves), a mattress pad and motivation.

Impressions of the Camp



PEENEMÜNDE II

19.06. – 30.06.2023

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Peenemünde



Nature on the island



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Impressions of the Camp



LOHMEN

19.06. - 02.07.2023

LOCATION:

Lohmen is a village in the middle of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, and is located within a few nature parks with many lakes and forests. It has about 850 inhabitants but also many possibilities for outdoor activities like a labyrinth, sports grounds and an archaeological nature trail. Lohmen has to offer many historical sites that educate about the local history. Even though the village Lohmen itself has been founded approximately in the 12th century, the area around Lohmen has been inhabited for at least 5000 years.



WORK:

Volunteers will help to renovate the archaeological nature trail of the community. Part of the work will be to install a new footpath and create new information boards about the nature trail. The archaeological nature trail passes many interesting phenomena. Also, the volunteers will help to maintain public parks and the orchard. Work in a community.

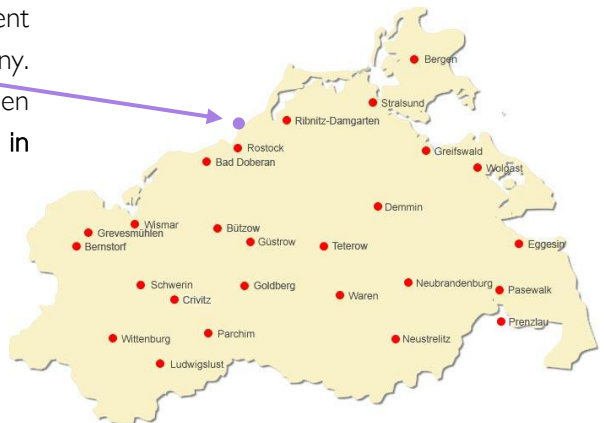
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LOHMEN

Impressions of
the camp



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- NEAREST TRAIN STATION:** Guestrow
- ACCOMODATION:** The volunteers will stay in a kindergarten.
- FOOD:** Food (also vegetarian/vegan) is included, but meals have to be prepared by the volunteers.
- LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES:** Excursions can be planned, swimming, short trips to nearby towns.
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ROSTOCK

03.07. - 15.07.2023

LOCATION:

The Hanseatic city of Rostock was founded in the 13th century and is with over 200.000 residents the largest city in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. Those location factors make up a great way of living in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania and the university with its 9 faculties and many study courses only adds to Rostock's amenity. Rostock is the place to be – and the volunteers will, among other things, encounter several buildings of historical and cultural value. Also, there are a lot of opportunities for free time activities: You can go swimming in the Baltic Sea, go canoeing, play various out- and indoor sports and spend a chill day in the shopping area of the Kröpeliner Straße – a long street that connects the city hall with one of the city gates that were built in the Middle Ages and remained until today: The Kröpeliner Tor.

WORK:

Volunteers will do an unforgettable theatre-project, where they have the chance to be another person on stage. The volunteers have the opportunity, to evolve a little scene, etude or even a play. Theatre is always a very interesting exercise to get to know yourself better or even to discover yourself in another way.

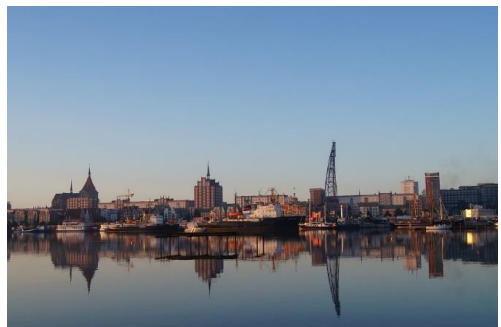


Impressions of Rostock



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- NEAREST TRAIN STATION:** Rostock
- ACCOMODATION:** The volunteers will stay in one shared accommodation of our partners.
- FOOD:** Food (also vegetarian/vegan) is included, but meals have to be prepared by the volunteers.
- LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES:** Excursions (swimming, short trips) can be planned by the volunteers.
- FURTHER REQUIREMENTS:** A few German language skills are beneficial.
Please bring a sleeping bag, a mattress pad, musical instruments and good motivation.

old harbour of Rostock



UPAHL-LENZEN I

10.07. - 23.07.2023



LOCATION:

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WORK:

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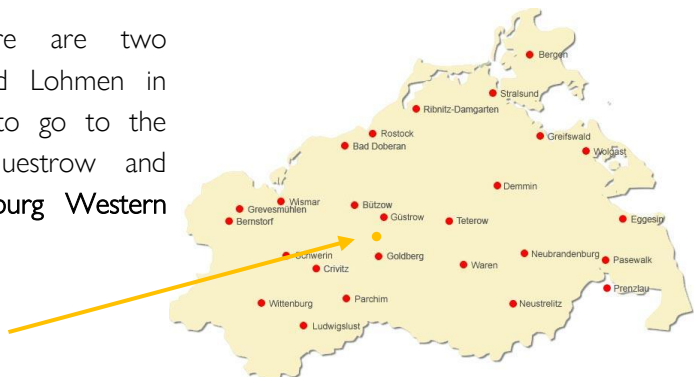
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LOHMEN



UPAHL-LENZEN II

31.07. - 13.08.2023

Church in Lohmen



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LAUSITZ

14.08. - 26.08.2023

LOCATION:

Werenzhain is part of the city "Doberlug-Kirchhain" which is located in the south of the federal State Brandenburg. It is also part of the region "Lausitz" that extends to the region of the famous "Spreewald" and the city Dresden. Although the region around the Spreewald is far more famous, the Lausitz, too, has to offer many holiday-worthy activities.

For instance, there are numerous possibilities to enjoy water based sports. And besides that the Lausitz has a great network of bike paths along rivers and lakes. The place where the work camp is going to happen is the "Atelierhof Werenzhain". It is part of the village Werenzhain and is culturally important because it brings together artists from many countries in the world who can portray their art or give workshops.

Everybody is welcomed at the "Atelierhof Werenzhain"

The creative space is characterized by intercultural exchange and refreshing perspectives. Their concept is to live diversity.

WORK:

The volunteers will be tinkering around the house and the garden. They will have the opportunity to help with the renovation. Furthermore they will learn traditional manual techniques, such as wall painting.



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| NEAREST AIRPORTS: | Berlin |
| NEAREST TRAIN STATION: | Bad Liebenwerda |
| ACCOMODATION: | The volunteers will stay in bungalows. |
| FOOD: | Food (also vegetarian) is included, but meals have to be prepared by the volunteers. |
| LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES: | Excursion (swimming, short trips to nearby towns) can be planned. |
| FURTHER REQUIREMENTS: | Please bring a sleeping bag, a mattress pad, work clothing and motivation. |

PEENEMÜNDE III

28.08. – 08.09.2023

LOCATION:

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Whereas Peenemünde first was only a place where the Nazis' army was positioned for developing different military tactics, the place became a labour camp in 1943. 1500 male prisoners from different countries had to work in the labour camp "Karlshagen I". This included refuelling planes, digging up duds to be diffused and heavy lifting. Due to all that stress, heavy physical labour and malnutrition, hundreds of prisoners died. In 1945, 10 prisoners managed to steal a German plane to flee into the Soviet Union.



Historic Technical
Museum of
Peenemünde

WORK:

In this camp the volunteers will maintain the remains of the former labour camp "Karlshagen I". Barracks, a bunker and two towers will be made visible for the public. This includes trimming the plants and keeping the wooden stakes that stabilize the construct in good shape.

NEAREST AIRPORTS: Berlin or Hamburg

NEAREST TRAIN STATION: Peenemünde

ACCOMODATION: The volunteers will stay in in multiple rooms at a youth hostel. There will be bikes provided to get to the working location.

FOOD: Food is included (also vegetarian). There will be someone cooking for the participants. Dinner will be warm; lunch and breakfast will be sandwiches.

LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES: Excursions can be planned, swimming, short trips to nearby towns.

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Impressions of the Camp



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Peenemünde



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WÜSTE & GLASE

21.08. – 02.09.2023

LOCATION:

The nature reserve „Wüste und Glase“ is an example of the end moraine landscape in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. It was claimed as a nature reserve in 1994 and is with over 342 ha one of the bigger nature reserves in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. Because the area has not been used much, the flora and fauna could develop undisturbed. Other than those beautiful animals and plants, the nature reserve invites to explore the many lakes and hills, perfect for every nature lover.

WORK:

The volunteers will have to work in the forests and hills. A pond needs to be fenced to protect the rare fire bellied toad. There are other old fences that need to be removed. In the field of stones, the volunteers will have to move heaps of hay to clear up the area, walking in the paths of the old Germanic people. The volunteers will go by bike from the accommodation to the working place. The work takes place in cooperation with the “Manfred Hermsen Stiftung”, the national office for Agriculture and Environment and the nature park “Mecklenburg Switzerland”.



Little beach near
the bungalows



Excursions to
Rostock



at work

NEAREST AIRPORTS: Hamburg or Berlin

NEAREST TRAIN STATION: Teterow

ACCOMODATION: The volunteers will stay in bungalows in Dahmen or Teterow.

FOOD: Food is included (also vegetarian), but meals have to be prepared by the volunteers.

LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES: Excursion (swimming, short trips) can be planned.

FURTHER REQUIREMENTS: Please bring a sleeping bag, a mattress pad, work clothing and motivation.

Impressions of the camp



MALCHOW

04.09. – 15.09.2023

LOCATION:

Malchow is a small city in the southern part of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. What once started as a village on the island of the Malchower lake, later became a city with about 6600 inhabitants and an important health resort between two great lakes and



within the Malchower lake. But in between those times the city Malchow was mainly known for two things: The first thing was a manufactory for ammunition in Malchow that was a company established during the times of the regime of the Nazis. Half of the manufactory workers were forced labourers from abroad. The second thing was an external labour camp of the concentration camp Ravensbrück for women that got built in 1943. Hundreds of women, most of them Hungarian Jews, had to work under inhumane conditions. A lot of them died.

WORK:

The participants will work on the area of an external camp of the former women's concentration camp Ravensbrück. The women had to work there under very extreme conditions in an armament's factory. First steps will be taken to build a memorial on the area where the former prisoners were accommodated. The volunteers are supposed to bring some ideas, about the future of the memorial.

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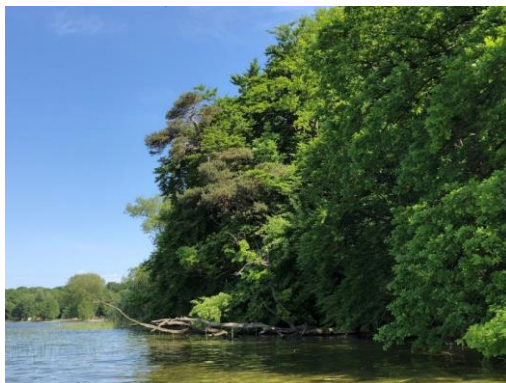
NEAREST TRAIN STATION: Malchow

ACCOMODATION: Hostel

FOOD: Full board is included (also vegetarian)

LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES: Excursions (swimming, short trips) can be planned.

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UPAHL-LENZEN III

21.08. - 03.09.2023

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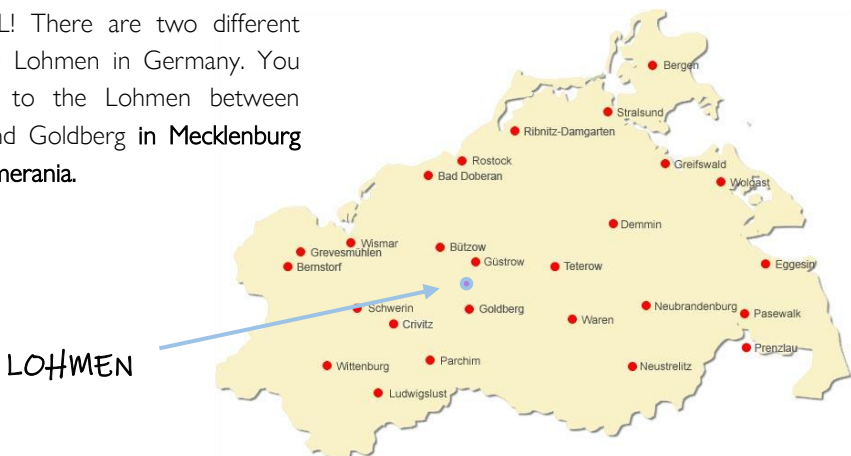


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LOCATIONS IN MECKLENBURG- WESTERN POMERANIA:

1. Lohmen
2. Wüste & Glase
3. Rostock
4. Peenemünde
5. Upahl-Lenzen
6. Malchow

