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#### ICJA Freiwilligenaustausch weltweit

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ICJA was founded as an exchange program between the U.S. and Germany in 1949. The original mission of ICJA was to promote international understanding and to work towards a world in which tolerance and peace prevail. By the inclusion of various partner countries, the idea to form a development cooperation became gradually more important. Thus, the ICJA is founder member of the international federation "International Cultural Youth Exchange" (ICYE), which consists of several National Committees in 34 countries. In 1987, the ICYE received the award as "Peace Messenger". Since 2009, ICJA is approved as an official project of the UNESCO Decade of Education for Sustainable Development. ICJA is both, a sending and hosting organization for long term volunteers. ICJA organizes volunteering services for German citizens of different ages in over 40 countries on every continent. ICJA simultaneously accompanies and supports volunteers from across the world working in social, political or ecological projects in Germany. Our volunteers usually stay for 12 months, in exceptional cases for 6 months. For further information, please consult our website: <a href="https://www.icja.de">www.icja.de</a>

**Youth Action for Peace – Christlicher Friedensdienst** or **yap-cfd** started in the year 1923 as a circle of people engaged against the war. It expanded to an international union of people who try to build bridges of understanding and to mitigate misery. The main request of yap-cfd is to reduce national and cultural prejudices and animosity among people and to promote mutual tolerance.

Since 2013 yap-cfd is part of ICJA but still organize international work camps in Germany. These international meetings are supposed to help young people to get to know different cultures and social systems through first-hand experience so that they can reflect on their own cultural ideas and communicate with others about cultural norms and differences. yap-cfd gives young people the opportunity to learn about other people, other cultures, how to live in a group, how to make decisions together... Yap-cfd fights against al kind of discrimination and racism and wants to support all participants to become active citizen in their societies.

Volunteers with special needs: International workcamps should be open to everyone. If there are volunteers who need individual support to join a workcamp, please contact us. We will try to find a way to host them.

#### **General conditions for participation in our Workcamps**

Age limit: 18 - 26, (if there is no remark as exception)
Common language: English, (German only in some workcamps)

Extra fee: Generally no fee (if there is no remark as exception)

Insurance: Accident, personal liability, and against illness for participants from outside

of Europe

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#### ICJA01 Schollenhof Wagshurst 03.06. - 17.06.17 CONS/RENO/ENVI/AGRI/DISA, VOLS: 10

Age: 18-26

Language: English, German



**Project:** A few years ago the association "Integration Schollenhof" started to rebuild a very old and empty farm, the "Schollenhof", in order to make it useful for the children of an inclusive Montessori-School. The emotional history of this deserted homestead goes back to the middle Ages. The first documented record of it was done in 1319. Many of its rooms are still in the old-fashioned style of the old farmhouses of the region. For this reason, it was used as a historic set for a television series about the 20s. Nowadays the "Schollenhof" is a meeting place for handicapped and non-handicapped people. Kids of the inclusive school spend time there by doing workshops, exploring the surroundings and meeting the animals. About three handicapped youngsters are currently working there and are ready to support the workcamp as well.

**Work:** A garden for vegetables, herbs and flowers, a pottery with a furnace, workshops to work with wood and metal, a shop offering local home made goods and vegetables, stables for goats, sheep and geese as well as a bread bakery have already been created. However there is still much to do: Help of volunteers is needed to create a place for two horses. This means renovation of a stable, to prepare the place in front of the stable according the needs of the horses and to dig a well. Beside this volunteers can help to make another stable secure against foxes and birds of prey. Volunteers are also invited to maintain and harvest the garden and in case there is bad weather, to do other renovation works inside the house.

**Study Part/ Leisure Time:** We can learn about integrative Montessori pedagogics, there will be an excursion to a school working in this field.

In the leisure time the group is free to explore the region with bicycles. There will be visits organized to picturesque places in the Black Forest and to the French city Strasbourg

**Region:** The Schollenhof is located in the Upper-Rhine lowlands between the Black Forest ("Schwarzwald") and the bordering territory with France. From the yard one can see black forest as panorama. The area is very famous for its beautiful scenery and cherry tree flowers in the spring.



**Accommodation:** The accommodation will be very, very basic, in a room with mattresses or camp bed. As compensation, volunteers can use a well appointed kitchen, a very comfortable and homely living room and lots of space in the court outside. WiFi will be provided.

**Remarks:** Please bring a sleeping bag, isolation sheet, work clothes and a warm sweater. You should be able to ride a bike.

Terminal: Achern / Baden, next Airports: Straßbourg, Stuttgart, Basel

#### ICJA02 Blomberg 17.06. - 09.07.17. MANU/ENVI/CONS/KIDS, VOLS: 15

Age: 18-26

Languages: English, German

**Project:** Since some years now we successfully organize workcamps in Blomberg in cooperation with local youth center and the town hall. Youth center is situated at the edge of the inner city and surrounded by play yards and green areas. The perfect place for a youth center, where kids have enough space for noisy outdoor activities!

**Work:** In previous workcamps the international volunteers helped to improve the play and sporting opportunities around the local youth center. A BMX course and a climbing park for the children has been already completed. In the last two workcamps volunteers started to prepare and plant a "Garden of Paradise" for children. It's manual work outside, sometimes with heavy tools. This project is a co-operation with the town council of Blomberg and the local EUWATEC GmbH, offering employment schemes.

**Study:** We can learn about Pedagogics of Nature how it is practiced in the youth center. Beside this we ae invited to a cultural program, which offers us the opportunity to get to know Blomberg and its region.

**Leisure time:** According to the good experiences of camps in 2016, volunteers will get in contact with local refugees living nearby. There will be some meetings with young people from Blomberg in the evenings and on the weekends. Furthermore the participants have the opportunity to take part of fieldtrips and get to know the local school. The participants are entitled to 1-2 days off for personal use.







**Accommodation:** Accommodation will be carried out either in a in a holiday village or in a conference center. More detailed information will be provided. Accommodation always includes rooms with beds and cooking facilities. Sufficient sanitation facilities will be available, too. Please bring a sleeping bag or a warm blanket with you.

**Region:** Blomberg is a small historical town of about 17,000 inhabitants in the area of the ancient principality "Lippe" (Fürstentum Lippe). Nowadays it is called the Lippe district. Blomberg has a beautiful old town area with half-timbered houses and old alleyways. The old town is also home to a historical castle which now is established has a hotel. The region is characterized by farms, hills (up to 500 meters) and plenty of forests. Nearby of Blomberg there are some bigger cities: Detmold (75,000 inhabitants, distance: 15km) and Bielefeld (300,000 inhabitants, distance 50km) in the west and Hannover (600,000 inhabitants, distance: 70km) in the northeast.

**Terminal:** Schieder train station, next airport Hannover

#### ICJA03 Ban Nuclear Weapons Stuttgart Buechel 01.07.-16.07.17, ART/STUDY, Peace Vols 15

Age: 18+

Language: English, German

**Project:** Several organizations of the German peace movement are running a campaign to ban the last nuclear weapons which are stationed in Germany. In the eighties huge protests out of the civil society has been successful and most of the intermediate-range missile, called Pershing II, has been disarmed in Germany. But in our world there are still more than 14.000 nuclear weapons remaining! The organizations "International Fellowship of Reconciliation" and the "Friedenswerkstatt Mutlangen" invites international volunteers to support activities against nuclear weapons. It will start in Stuttgart with actions at EUCOM, the US headquarter for nuclear weapons in Europe. There will be excursions to a former location of nuclear missiles in Mutlangen in the "Swabian Jura" (where the blockades against the missiles has been successful!) and to the military airbase Buechel in the "Eifel". There are several joint actions planned such as street theater, protests and the start of the international art exhibition 50 cities 50 traces – against traceless oblivion.







**The Art Project:** The Artist Klaudia Dietewich seeks out and photographs vestiges found "along the way". Although abstract, they evoke memories and waken associations. As a "precipitate of life" they ask us: what remains of us and the world as we know it? Her "Wegstücke" / "Along the Way" series is a call to respect and preserve the world and its legacies as repositories of memory. These artworks are warnings against the destruction of our cities, against nuclear weapons, which is the central idea behind the Mayors for Peace movement.

50 photographs, found in cities, where "Mayors for Peace" govern, will be the central part of an international travelling exhibition. During the workcamp, volunteers will participate at the kick-off presentation in Stuttgart. In 2018 this exhibition will be shown in international cities and at the United Nations (UNO). During the workcamp political actions connecting the art project with the campaign for nuclear disarmament will be developed and performed. For further information please visit:

http://www.50cities-50traces.org/index-d.html

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/

**The political campaign:** Mayors for Peace is promoting a ban of all nuclear Weapons in cooperation with many organizations of the peace movement.

In Germany nuclear weapons are still stationed. Twenty of them are still kept in the airbase Büchel. They belong to the US Army and in case of war they would be flown by German pilots. Instead of abolished, as the international law demands, these weapons are going to be upgraded. The campaign "Büchel is everywhere – Global Zero Now" demands the stop of the so called modernization of the bombs, the removal from Germany and a legal ban all nuclear weapons.



**Study part:** The participants will receive information about nuclear weapons, ongoing nuclear armament programs and efforts about disarmament and the ban of nuclear weapons. We will exchange information about our own experiences of non-violent forms of action.

**Work:** Volunteers are invited to support the installation of the exhibition in Stuttgart, they can develop their own art campaign and perform street theatre.

Leisure time: The participants can visit attractions in the "Swabian Jura" and the "Eifel".

**Accommodation:** We sleep in tents and on the floor of community centers. Sleeping pad and sleeping bag to be brought. Vegetarian Food will be prepared together.

**Additional costs:** We ask for a contribution of 50.- Euro for the travel costs during the workcamp. **Welcome:** Participants from the nuclear weapon states and the countries in which nuclear weapons are stationed, we are particularly welcome.

**Remarks:** You will need to pay additional fee of 50,- Euro. You will need sleeping bag and isolation sheet. Food will be vegetarian.

**Terminal:** Stuttgart, next airport Stuttgart



#### ICJA04 Eilenburg 08.07. – 22.07.17 MANU/CULT/SPOR, Vols: 15

Languages: English, German

Age: 18-26

**Project**: The small town Eilenburg provides a wide range of youth clubs. Host of this workcamp is the youth club Falle ("trap") which is located in former Barracks. In the same building there are

situated some more social, sportive and cultural projects.

**Work:** After the successful workcamp of the last year, volunteers will again help in renovating some facilities in the local zoo. Please see http://tierpark.eilenburg.de/. Beside this volunteers help is needed in the renovation of the surrounding of the local youth center. You can select from various tasks waiting: to set up benches, to renew a volleyball field, to repair different enclosures, etc.



Study: Volunteers will learn about different types of youth culture in Germany

**Leisure time:** The leisure time program will be organized together with the local Eilenburg youth groups and clubs. The focus lies here on the encounter and the exchange with local adolescents. Also there are sports activities such as soccer, volleyball, swimming and bowling. In addition there will be a cultural program. A trip to Leipzig and Dresden is scheduled. You can get to know the rich history of Eilenburg through guided tours in the museum and in the cellars, located in the hill in the center of the city.



**Region:** Eilenburg is a small town with approx. 17 000 inhabitants, situated on the border of the "Dübener Heide" and approximately 25km from the exhibition city Leipzig. Its rich history of over thousand years, makes it easy to call it one of the cradles of Saxony. The continuous rule of the Wettins-Dynasty beginning with the Earl of Ilburg in the 11th century was carried on until 1918. Part of their territory is the state of Saxony today.

In medieval times and during industrialization Eilenburg was a rich city. At the time of Martin Luther

its main business was brewery and in the 19<sup>th</sup> century it was a national center of textile industries. But Eilenburg also was devastated several times in its history, in April 1945, Eilenburg was almost completely destroyed.

As the only evidence of former rich times remained the "Sorbenturm" as a remaining part of the Ilburg. It was assumedly built in the 12th century at the highest part of the 220m x 150m plateau. A loop footpath outside the castle wall connects the "Sorbenturm" with the "Amtshaus" (deanery), the former county court. This path has been renewed with the help of the volunteers in the last workcamps.

**Accommodation:** The volunteers will live in the local youth center called "House IV". The group can cook for itself in a modern kitchen.

Remarks: Sleeping bags and camping mats should be brought by you, it is also necessary to bring

work clothes, raingear and sturdy shoes.

Terminal: Eilenburg via Leipzig. Airports: Leipzig-Halle, Berlin

#### ICJA05 Muellerhof Mittweida 14.07. - 28.07.17 MANU/ENVI/ART/AGRI, Vols: 10

Age: 18-26

Languages: English, German

**Project:** The camp takes place at the "Müllerhof", which is a reconstructed traditional half-timbered farmhouse. It runs a socio-cultural center of the local community which offers creative workshops and courses aimed to the personal development. Nearby is the so-called "garden of senses" which consists of a small park, a play area, trees for climbing and a natural stage for events with an 80 year old circus-wagon. It also has an area with herbal garden and berry bushes. Lots of workcamps helped to embellish the house and the garden.



**Work:** This year is planned to renovate one of the children's hut, this means: Sanding the walls and painting it all new and covering it with a new membrane. There will be build a new sand box for the kids and a new wooden surface for a shelter.

Important is the work in the "Garten der Sinne", which needs maintenance every year. Especially the tunnels made of wicker. Volunteers will be integrated into the household and are asked to cook the typical food of our country for approximately 20 guests and stuff of the Müllerhof. In the end of the workcamp an international evening is planned, to introduce the countries of the participants. This will be open to the public.



**Study part:** It is a workcamp including German language training. There will be no lectures like one know from school. But every day a teacher will introduce games and exercises in linguistic animation in order to train volunteers how to communicate in typical situations and to get self-confidence in talking German language. There will be staff and German visitors in the center, with which volunteers can train their skills.

You should be able to speak at least very simple phrases in German. Please communicate your level of German language knowledge.

The language-course won't have the same standard like a professional language-school, but experiences with this concept have given very good results.

Beside this volunteers can explore the possibilities and activities of the

Müllerhof as an example of a socio cultural center.

**Leisure time:** There is a range of possibilities for excursions and visits of interesting places: Guided tour through the University of Applied Sciences, visits to the town hall, museum and church of Mittweida. We will also offer outdoor activities and guided hiking-tours in the area (e.g. a hike to

a dam, the fortress Kriebstein or the Rochlitzer Porphyrberg). It's also possible to visit the cities nearby: Dresden, Leipzig or Chemnitz.

**Region:** Mittweida is surrounded by a nice landscape with nice places waiting to be visited. Next interesting cities are Freiberg, Leipzig, Dresden. There is a university for applied science with lots of international students.

**Accommodation:** The participants will sleep in the big loft of the Muellerhof (80m<sup>2</sup>) which includes a shower and toilets.

**Special requirements:** Please bring a sleeping bag and working clothes with you.

As the language course is not for absolute beginners, volunteers must be able already to make some basic communication in German language. Volunteers also must be willing to communicate with each other during the camp in German and not in English or in their own mother tongue for the whole time, not only during the lectures. This is one important part of the concept.

**Additional fee:** Because of the language-course there is an extra-fee of 100,- EUR to be paid upon arrival. A certificate for participating in the language-course can be given at the end of the camp.

Terminal: Mittweida near Dresden. Airports: Dresden, Leipzig, Berlin

#### ICJA05 Muellerhof Mittweida 14.07. - 28.07.17 MANU/ENVI/ART/AGRI, Vols: 10

Alter: 18-26

Campsprache Deutsch

Das Projekt: Der Müllerhof war ursprünglich ein im traditionellen Fachwerkstil erbautes Bauernhaus. Nach seiner Rekonstruktion wurde es zum sozialen und kulturellen Treffpunkt für Menschen aus Mittweida und Umgebung. Es werden vor allem kreative Workshops und Kurse zur persönlichen Weiterentwicklung angeboten. Ganz in der Nähe liegt der "Garten der Sinne". Dieser ist unterteilt in den Spielbereich mit schattigen Weidengängen, der Naturbühne mit einem 80 Jahre alten Zirkuswagen, einem kleinen Wirtschaftsteil mit Kräuter- und Hochbeeten sowie verschiedenen Beerensorten. Zahlreiche Workcamps haben an der Verschönerung des Hauses und seinem Garten mitgeholfen.

Die Arbeit: In diesem Jahr wollen wir eines unserer (Kinder-)Spielhäuser renovieren. Mit Hilfe der Freiwilligen wird es abgeschliffen und neu gestrichen werden, außerdem soll es einen neuen Dachbelag bekommen. Ebenfalls für die Kinder wird ein neuer Sandkasten gebaut werden. Weiterhin wollen wir einen Unterstand mit Holz verkleiden, damit dieser als Schuppen genutzt werden kann. Wichtig sind die Pflegearbeiten im Garten der Sinne, die in jedem Jahr erneut anfallen und immer wieder eine Herausforderung bilden. Besonders bei der Pflege der Weidengänge (schneiden, flechten, binden) können die Freiwilligen des Workcamps den Müllerhof sehr unterstützen. Wir werden bei der Verpflegung im Haus integriert und können unsere landestypischen Gerichte für ca. 20 Mitarbeitende kochen. Am Ende sind wir eingeladen einen internationalen Abend im Müllerhof zu gestalten, zu dem auch Mittweidaer Bürger eingeladen werden.

**Der Studienteil:** Dieses Workcamp wird in deutscher Sprache durchgeführt. Jeden Tag wird ein Trainer Übungseinheiten aus der Sprachanimation anbieten. In spielerischen Übungen trainieren die Freiwilligen die einfachen Dialoge alltäglicher Situationen und werden selbstsicherer im Sprechen. Auch das Personal und die Besucher\*innen des Müllerhofes freuen sich darauf, mit den Freiwilligen Deutsch zu sprechen. Daneben können die Freiwilligen die Aktivitäten und Möglichkeiten eines Soziokulturellen Zentrums erkunden.

**Die Freizeit:** Fahrt in die Kulturstädte Dresden, Leipzig oder Chemnitz, Wanderungen zur Talsperre und Burg Kriebstein, Talsperrenfest mit kulturellen Angeboten, Outdoor-Aktivitäten im angrenzenden Zschopautal, Besichtigung der Hochschule Mittweida, Rathaus, Museum, Kirche etc.

**Die Unterbringung:** Es steht eine gemeinsame Unterbringung im ausgebauten Dachboden (80 m<sup>2</sup> - ein großer Raum), zur Verfügung, Dusche und WC sind vorhanden.

**Ort / Region:** Der Müllerhof liegt genau in der Mitte des Städtedreiecks der schönen sächsischen Kulturstädte Chemnitz, Dresden und Leipzig. In Mittweida gibt es eine technische Hochschule mit vielen internationalen Studenten. Die Talsperre Kriebstein, die Burg Kriebstein und das Zschopautal laden in der näheren Umgebung zu Ausflügen ein.

Anmerkungen: Bitte einen Schlafsack und Arbeitskleidung mitbringen.

Da der Sprachkurs nicht für absolute Anfänger geeignet ist, sollten die Freiwilligen schon etwas Basiskennnisse in Deutsch haben. Ihr solltet während der ganzen Zeit nur Deutsch sprechen und nicht auf Englisch oder die Muttersprachen ausweichen.

**Zusätzliche Gebühr:** Zu Unterstützung des Sprachlehrers ist zu Beginn des Workcamps eine zusätzliche Gebühr in Höhe von 100,-Euro zu entrichten.

Terminal: Mittweida nahe Dresden. Flughäfen: Dresden, Leipzig, Berlin

#### ICJA06 Datteln 15.07. - 29.07.2017 ART/CULT/MANU/KIDS/STUDY Vols: 14

Age: 18-26

Languages: English, German

**Project:** commemorating as a way towards peace The Evangelical parish of Datteln is where the Christian voluntary service, nowadays known as yap-cfd, was founded. The Parish of Datteln aims to remember a historical encounter, which took place after WW I during the French occupation of the Ruhr area. It happened on the Good Friday in 1923 in Lutherhaus (former parish center): the French lieutenant Etienne Bach and the German official



Karl Wille found the strength for reconciliation. Following their example, representatives of many nations, which could see each other only as enemies for generations, found a good way to communicate. The root of the movement "Young activists for Peace" lay in this international encounter around 90 years ago. Lots of volunteers have learned that reconciliation is possible, even if contradictions seem to be unbridgeable.

Work: In the last workcamps with the help of the local artist Ms. Ulrike Speckmann, volunteers



created colorful messages of Peace to be shown in public places: They designed "benches of encounter" and a big mural in the local kindergarden. Two years ago, volunteers designed a big picture for the entrance hall of the local church. It was done as reflection of a memorial in the same room, which still shows a very militaristic and nationalistic approach. This year volunteers are invited to design benches for this room, in order to bring in the

perspective of peace and reconciliation. Again the artist will help us to get a creative process of painting. For information about the artist please visit http://ulrike-speckmann.de/.

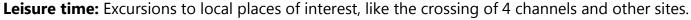
In addition to this artistic activities it is foreseen to visit the local kindergarden, to play with the

children and to do some gardening there.

Members of the parish will be happy if volunteers are ready to contact the different social groups of the city, especially the children and the older generation.

**Study part:** How to tackle the subject peace artistically,

local history as starting point of an international movement.



**Region:** The town Datteln is part of the mining region in the north of the Ruhr area with approx. 35 000 inhabitants in the federal state Nordrhein-Westfalen. Four waterways for shipping traffic are crossing in Datteln. The river Lippe and the region Münsterland are nearby. Next bigger towns are Recklinghausen, Dortmund and the very nice and famous students town Münster.

**Accommodation:** The participants will be accommodated in the modern community center of Datteln "Etienne-Bach-Haus". Please bring sleeping bag. Camp beds and pillows will be provided.

#### **Remarks:**

Volunteers with interest in creative arts are very welcome. After confirmation, you will have to sign a self-commitment statement in terms of legal protection for children and young persons. Please bring a sleeping bag.

**Terminal:** Castrop-Rauxel, (near Dortmund train station) Next airport: Duesseldorf International (80 km).

#### ICJA07 Heavens Rock Spangenberg 24.07. - 14.08.17 FEST/ART/KIDS/CULT

**Vols: 15** 

Age: 18-26

Languages: English, German

**Project:** In Spangenberg. Spangenberg is a small village south of Kassel, in the middle of Germany. The "Himmelsfels"(Heavens rock) in Spangenberg is with 8 hectares attached to it. In Himmelsfels are embassies of different countries - caravans that have been modified artistically by international



guests of the Himmelsfels. Every year in Himmelsfels there are events concerning art, culture, gospel music and youth Encounter. This summer season, there will be several international youth camps and a special international anniversary camp with about 150 young people from various countries.

The volunteers will help to enrich the current youth camps by becoming part of our international staff and supporting the activities for the kids. The program will take place on the "Himmelsfels" itself. The "Himmelsfels" foundation is a Christian organization which aims: to developing spaces for intercultural and ecumenical exploration, as well as to motivating people for a life characterized by equality and common values. The project is especially directed to young people

who support and are eager to join the community of Christian spirituality. For more information please see: <a href="http://www.himmelsfels.de/">http://www.himmelsfels.de/</a>

**Work:** Workcamp participants are invited to work in different fields: Manual, artistically, pedagogical. During the youth camps, you will have contact with kids from diverse background and join their activities as well. You are requested to be prepared as "ambassador" of the peoples living in your country. It would be helpful to be prepared to offer your own workshop artistically, musically or athletically at home and bring lots of ideas. In addition all volunteers will have the chance to introduce their country in an open evening. You should gather ideas at home and bring material for creating this evening. Further information will be prepared after the placement in the workcamp. Beside the announced activities the volunteers will also need to take responsibility by leading groups of young campers in daily works like catering and cleaning



**Study part:** The study part of this workcamp will be dominated mostly by the question about life between past and future, tradition and modernity, small-town-life and global correlations. Working on the "Himmelsfels", always encourage encounters between people from different cultures and diverse background.

**Remarks:** Basic knowledge in German language is helpful in the contact with the Kids. Volunteers with interest in performing arts are very welcome and it would be great if you are interested in Christian spirituality. After confirmation, you will have to sign a self-commitment statement in terms of legal protection for children and young persons. Please bring a sleeping bag. As some summer

nights can get cold in Germany, please bring some warm clothes and raingear!

**Accommodation:** There will be basic and simple accommodation. You will be sleeping in caravans. Please bring a sleeping bag. As some summer nights can get cold in Germany, please bring some warm clothes and raingear!

Terminal: Melsungen train station

**Next airport:** Frankfurt/Main. Please note: Airport Frankfurt

Hahn is about 150 km distance from Frankfurt.



#### ICJA08 Youth Meting Dachau 29.07.-11.08.17 STUDY, Vols: 12/90

Age: 16-26

Languages: English, German

Participation fee: 160, - Euro

Please note!

This is not a classical Workcamp, the project is part of an international Youth Meeting Good knowledge of English or German and interest in the topic is required.

**Project**: For 35 years, the International Youth Meeting is a place for young people from all over the world to discuss issues concerning the past, the present and the future. Young people will look at the history of the concentration camp at Dachau, National Socialism and present forms of exclusion, racism and discrimination. The principles of exchanging ideas, experiencing different cultural backgrounds, as well as Holocaust education are the



core ideas of the International Youth Meeting. It is primarily organized by a team of volunteers. Many survivors of the National Socialist regime will talk about their personal experiences of persecution, whether in the concentration or labour camps or working in the resistance.

**Background**: In March 1933 one of the first Nazi concentration camps was established in the town of Dachau, near Munich. The Dachau concentration camp became a model for other concentration camps and also a place of the Nazi SS. Over 200.000 people from different countries were imprisoned in Dachau between 1933 and 1945. Thousands of prisoners died from terror and the consequences of inhuman practices, diseases, exhaustion and hunger. In 1965 as a result of the initiative of some survivors of the concentration camp the place became a memorial place. And in 1983 there was offered the first youth meeting organized by young people of the region.

**Program**: To remember – to meet – to understand and to work for the future will be our guiding



slogan in these two weeks. We will learn about the history of the concentration camp Dachau and other aspects of the Nationals Socialism in Germany. We will always ask: What did we learn about this? Where do we find racism, antisemitism and discrimination today? The program consists of different workshops, discussions with eyewitnesses and Holocaust survivors, guided tours through

the Memorial Site, tours in Dachau and Munich, day trips. There is also time for personal conversation, sports, parties and the chance to experience the historical sites from at the present time.

**Leisure time**: There will be free time for fun and games, day-trips, entertainment, getting to know the people, going to cafés, etc. However, please notice that there is not enough free time for self-organized day trips during the IYM.

**Accommodation:** Accommodation is at the Dachau Youth Guest House in rooms for four people. The participation fee includes: full board and lodging, together with the cost incurred by the program.

Region: Dachau is very close to Munich

**Remarks**: A letter of motivation is needed! Please bring clothes which suit the work and the weather, musical instruments, games, songbooks or whatever you want for the leisure time... Materials of the study part of the camp, a map of your country, photos and things that help you to describe your country to other participants of the workcamp.

You should have a working knowledge of English and/or German to communicate without any difficulties. You should be interested in various subjects and in taking part in workshops.

**Additional costs**: Additional fee of 160, - is including boarding, lodging and the program. To be payed upon arrival.

Terminal: Dachau. Airport: Munich

#### ICJA09 Peace Center Sievershausen 30.07. - 12.08.17 RENO/STUD/ART/PEACE Vols: 20

Age: 18-26

Languages: English, German

**Project:** The Peace Studies Center Sievershausen (Antikriegshaus Sievershausen) was established in the rooms of the Sievershausen Lutheran Church community almost 50 years ago. Those were the times when the Vietnam War escalated. Constant expansions followed, now there are several buildings, surrounded by a nice park, including a guest house and a museum with an assembly hall. The peace center shows within its diverse program, that peace work has political, historical,



pedagogical and cultural aspects. Through the year one can visit exhibitions, literary readings, lectures and many cultural events. In the seminar house students get trainings in nonviolent conflict resolution and every year an international workcamp is offered. For further information please visit http://antikriegshaus.de/.

**Work:** Volunteers are invited to contribute to a 'poetic wall-news sheet' in the village. It's motto will be "Imagine: Dreams of my tomorrow – Dreams of our world". Doing this requires some talent for designing and painting. Participants should bring on some poetry or song lyrics that fit to the motto. Participants who prefer to do manual labor, are invited to do some garden work or help with renovating another room in the center.



**Study:** We will learn some essentials of peace work and get basic non-violent conflict management training. In the second week we will visit the former concentration camp of Bergen Belsen, and have some lessons on European history in the first part of the 20th century.

Volunteers will have the opportunity to spend an evening in a German family and reverse, the group will invite the people of the village and region to an "Evening of encounter" (Abend der Begegnung) in the rooms of the Peace Center.

**Leisure Time:** In the leisure time, the group can use facilities

of the seminar house and make an excursion to Hannover or Braunschweig.

**Accommodation:** The accommodation of the participants is carried out in rooms with 4 beds each.: Please bring sleeping bag with you. Food will be prepared together in the kitchen of the seminar house.

**Region:** The Peace Center is at the verge of a village with about 2500 inhabitants. The Peace Center is near the historical location where in 1553 a battle took place. Sievershausen lies 30 kilometers east of the Lower Saxony provincial capital Hanover on the freeway to Berlin.

Remarks: Please bring sleeping bag with you

**Terminal:** Haemelerwald near Hannover (train from Hannover to Braunschweig). Next airports:

Hannover, Berlin, Hamburg

#### ICJA10 Open-air Museum Detmold 30.07. – 13.08.17 MANU/ENVI/AGRI/STUDY, Vols 15

Age: 18-26, older volunteers upon request

Languages: English, German

**Project:** Germany's largest open-air museum features peasant buildings and rural culture from between the middle of the 16<sup>th</sup> to the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. It includes both farms scattered in the countryside and one complete village, with all buildings original and reconstructed or transported from an area of 6,5 Th. square-kilometres. Historically cultivated gardens, traditional crafts and handicrafts and breeding-programs for endangered regional species (among them horses and pigs) are important aspects of the museum's work. Approximately 200.000 people visit the museum annually; in summer, the museum can have up to 2000 visitors daily. The museum is located very close to Detmold, an important centre of performing arts (i.e. Detmold Conservatory, Opera) and a popular destination for tourism, including



sites such as the Hermannsdenkmal and the Externsteine situated in the Teutoburg Forest. The museum is very interested in promoting international exchange between the volunteers, staff and visitors. Given the unique opportunity to stay at the museum, participants should be profoundly interested in learning about rural culture and the history of the various buildings. More information about the Open-air Museum Detmold can be found at <a href="http://www.lwl.org/LWL/Kultur/LWL-Freilichtmuseum-Detmold/museum/?lang=en">http://www.lwl.org/LWL/Kultur/LWL-Freilichtmuseum-Detmold/museum/?lang=en</a>

Work: Volunteers will be working in small groups in forestation, harvesting, or the maintenance of

the museum grounds. No special knowledge required; volunteers will be directed by trained staff. Work will be confined to the morning and volunteers will have the rest of the day for other activities. However, some work may exceed this target and require a full work day (i.e. harvest). In this case the next day may be taken off. Matching with this year's exhibition theme of the museum - "Childhood" - volunteers should organise a small program about popular outside games played (counting-out rhymes, etc.) by the



children in the countries they come from; this should occupy approximately 15-20% of their total work time at the camp. The program will be presented on August 12 at the museum.

**Study & Leisure time:** A small program with guided visits to parts of the museums is organised for the volunteers. The leaders of the camp will introduce the participants to sites of nature, culture and relaxation in the city of Detmold and beyond. At least one long hike to important sites is planned for the weekend. Volunteers are asked to introduce their countries to the other participants by bringing photographs, maps, handicrafts, music, etc. Can you teach a song in your language? If you play an instrument, but cannot bring it with you, please let us know.

Accommodation: Participants are hosted in a newly reconstructed building within the museum grounds. Due to the special national significance of the museum, this is a non-smoking workcamp; the consumption of alcohol is not allowed anywhere on the premises of the museum after closure in the evening. All participants are required to stay for the whole duration of the camp. The camp is self-catering; volunteers will cook for themselves choosing from the provisions on a daily basis. Participants are asked to bring a sleeping bag and a camping mat.

There is no WiFi on the site.

**Remarks:** Detailed Motivation-letter required: All volunteers are asked to write a text about their interest in this project and their expectations. If you are thinking about applying for this camp, please read more information at <a href="https://www.icja.de/index.php?id=1725">https://www.icja.de/index.php?id=1725</a>.

Solid footwear is required for all outdoor work in the museum grounds. Volunteers should bring some warm clothing as the accommodation block is not heated and night time temperatures in August may drop to +12 degrees Celsius. Sleeping bag and a camping mat is needed.

**Terminal:** Detmold Train station

#### ICJA11 Nature Discovery Park Prenzlau 31.07. - 13.08.17 MANU/ENIVI/RENO/ANIM, Vols: 14

Age: 18-26

Languages: English, German

**Project:** Since many years now, the City Hall of Prenzlau is hosting successful workcamps. Prenzlau is the capital of one of the biggest counties in Germany. The historical name of this landscape is Uckermark. The town is located approximately 100 km north of the national capital Berlin, 50 km from Stettin in Poland and 80 km from the Baltic Sea. The area is surrounded by natural parks (for example Biosphere Reserve Schorfheide-Chorin) and large lakes. Near the lake "Unteruckersee" you can find the nature discovery park ("Naturerlebnispark") of Prenzlau. In this park visitors can learn a lot about nature. Kids are invited to get in contact with different farm animals. Adults can participate in workshops or inform themselves about ecological gardening, sustainable lifestile and interesting natural phenomena.

**Work:** Volunteers are invited to support this little park and it's actual project called "accessible farm" (Begehbarer Bauernhof). This means

mainly working with wood, for example to build wooden fences as protection area for the pets. Or another important task will be to decorate the facilities and the compound with artistic design. For more information please visit: <a href="https://www.naturerlebnis-uckermark.de/">https://www.naturerlebnis-uckermark.de/</a>

**Study part:** Volunteers can learn about the concept of the nature discovery park. You will discover interesting details such as a house made of clay and bales of straw ore how to take care of bees and its hive. It would be great if you can report about similar projects in your country.

**Leisure time:** There will be encounters with German groups of youngsters: one time with visitors of the local youth club, another time with the members of the local street art project. There is planned to create street art together!

In your free time, you can use the offers of the park, you can go swimming and excursions to local destinations will be offered.

In the weekend, the group can decide to make a trip to Berlin, to Stettin in Poland or to the Baltic See.

**Accommodation:** Accommodation will be offered in the compound of the park. There is one big wooden hut with several separate rooms which offer nice space for groups: Sleeping rooms and a





recreation and cooking area. Toilets and showers are nearby. After a long day you can enjoy evening mood at the shore of the lake in few minutes walking distance. WiFi available.

**Remarks:** Solid footwear is required for all outdoor work in grounds. Volunteers should bring some warm clothing as the accommodation block is not heated and night time temperatures in August may drop to +12 degrees Celsius. Sleeping bag is needed.

Terminal: Prenzlau. Next airport: Berlin.

## ICJA12 University in Farmhouse Gossberg 07.08. - 21.08.17 AGRI/CONS/ENVI/STUD/MANU Vols: 14

Age: 18-26

Languages: English, German

**Project:** The "University of the Farmhouse" is a center of education for nature, culture, youth work and sustainability. The aim of this project is to demonstrate different ecological cultivation methods and then to work with these methods independently.

**Work:** In the last years with the help of several workcamps there was created a new seminar room.



It is set up in a sustainable manner, which means that are only used ecological materials. This year volunteers are invited to help in doing additional woodwork inside this seminar room. Additional work like making firewood can be done. As every year, volunteers are invited to get to know the local Perma Culture garden and do some gardening there. While looking after the plants, there this the possibility to harvest fruits. Of course there is also the opportunity to get to know about the idea of a Permaculture with its, plants, animals and environment. Therefore we are looking for 12 motivated young people who

are interested in handicrafts, advanced training and gardening/landscaping.

**Study part:** How to create a productive garden which grows plants and feeds animals in a way that only a minimum input of energy and resources are required to achieve maximum sustainability to the environment? Interesting ecological and cultural projects/information from your country is very welcome.

**Leisure time:** The afternoons and evenings, also

weekends are free for personal use: sports, fieldtrips in the region and to Freiberg, swimming. There will be a group of around 6 local German volunteers participating in the workcamp. Good possibility to improve your German language skills. In the last weekend, volunteers will join the summer party of the University in the Farmhouse.

**Region:** The project will take place in a famous river hill and cultural landscape in the middle of Saxony at the foot of the Erzgebirge (Ore Mountains), 35 km from Dresden, 15 km from Freiberg.

Accommodation: The participants are accommodated in the big seminar room. Food will be

prepared together in the big kitchen of the seminar house.

**Remarks:** Please bring a sleeping bag with you.

Terminal: Freiberg, near Dresden. Airports: Berlin, Dresden, Leipzig

#### ICJA13 Asylum Centre Giessen 12.08. – 26.08.17 Vol: 15 SOCI/STUDY/REFUGEE

Age: 18-26

Languages: English, German

**Project:** The Asylum Centre for asylum seekers in Hessen is located at the edge of the city Giessen.

There are currently about 2 000 asylum-seekers in Giessen who are in Germany because of various reasons, e.g. political, ethnic, religious, persecution or poverty. Usually they stay at the facility for few months until a decision has been made about their application. Sometimes they are sent to other centers or to other "safe countries" where they entered the European Union, or to their countries of origin. Most of the people living in the Asylum Centre in Giessen are from Turkey, Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Eritrea and Balkan countries: Young men, women, children and older



people. The asylum seekers live in simple conditions and are not allowed to work or leave the district in which they live. Their permission to stay in Germany often is limited and so is their contact with the locals living in the city. The international volunteers are invited to the Asylum Centre for two weeks to take part in the daily life of the refugees. In the study part of the camp, we want to discuss the situation of refugees in Germany and Europe, as well as the current developments in the area of Asylum-policies. We want you to get in contact with the residents of the Asylum Centre so that we can learn about their stories, difficulties and perspectives.



**Work:** Together with the refugees we want to organize common activities, where the women and children are taken into consideration. In addition, our goal is to get in contact with the young members of the local protestant church to raise greater awareness for the refugees and to break the isolation of the refugees. We will prepare contact with students of the university that are willing to take care of the medical issues of the refugees and to pursue the legal issues of the asylum law. We will also get

in contact with students of the University who medicate people without legal status. We especially invite volunteers to participate, who are able to speak Turkish, Arabic or Farsi. Besides organizing common activities with the refugees, we plan to construct some furniture made from old palettes together. They can be used outside, and will be nucleus of a meeting point of the inhabitants of the center.

**Environment:** Giessen, a city populated mostly by students located in the mid-west of Germany. It is easy to reach via Frankfurt airport and Frankfurt Hahn.

**Leisure Time:** There are plenty of possibilities for leisure time activities: playing football or canoeing as well as possibilities to visit some other cities. (e.g. Marburg, Frankfurt or Heidelberg).

**Accommodation:** The workcamp will be hosted by a local protestant church which is already involved in working with the refugees. The premises of the church are plentiful and volunteers will have a lot of space for sleeping, cooking, dining, relaxing, and for indoor and outdoor activities.

**Remarks:** Please bring sleeping bag, camping mat, work clothes, bathing suit, music, your talents and something specific from your country. After registration, we require a self-declaration concerning the children and youth protection. **A motivation letter is needed.** 

#### ICJA14 VSS-Ilmenau 19.08.-02.09.17 ENVI/SOCI/KIDS/MANU/CULT, Vols: 14,

Age: 18-26

Languages: English, German

**Project:** The Association for Sport and Experience-oriented Integrative Social Work VSS-Ilmenau offers a variety of social, sporting and cultural projects for children and young people. This includes support for social work and family assistance, social meeting points such as the youth club "Oasis" and many sports and adventure-oriented activities for young people. Within the workcamp international volunteers can experience the social life of the association and help to beautify the green areas of the city.

**Work:** The volunteers of the workcamp are invited to cultivate selected green areas. In the area of a former spa, you can help to preserve a river bank as a biotope and create a nice environment for recreation. This includes the cutting of trees and branches of hedges. You can learn willow weaving in order to create fancy furniture from pastures. There is also a lot of gardening work to do in the outdoor area of the youth club: laying and harvesting of the raised beds, moving the compost, repairing a fence. The work always takes place outside and in a green surrounding!

**Studies and leisure time:** The leisure activities are arranged together with the youth centers located in Ilmenau. There are many possible encounters with young people in the area; Common sporting activities such as swimming, football, billiards, summer toboggan-run, table tennis or climbing are possible. Volunteers can also get to know the diverse facets of Ilmenau: his historical testimonies as a former spa and health resort (The classical German author Goethe was a frequent visitor),



his importance as a mining and university town and also the charm of his pond landscapes and biosphere reserves within the urban area. The history of Ilmenau can be explored by visiting the local museum and the show mine. As cultural program, excursions to the local mountain "Kickelhahn" and Lindenberg, to Erfurt or Eisenach are possible.

During the workcamp, there will be the traditional Kickelhahnfest with open air music, dancing and games.

**Region:** The town of Ilmenau is located on the northern edge of the Thuringian Forest. It is surrounded by forests and is home to a technical university, which has some 6,200 students enrolled. But it is also a sport city, especially in winter sports; Ilmenau even is home of Olympic champions. The main industry nowadays is mechanical engineering. In the past the mining industry (copper, silver and manganese) was also of great importance, since 1777 there was a significant porcelain

industry. At the time of Goethe and in the following decades, Ilmenau was a popular tourist attraction and until the First World War it was a spa.

**Accommodation:** Volunteers will be accommodated in a social center, kitchen and showers can be used there.

**Remarks:** After registration, we require a self-declaration concerning the children and youth protection. Please bring workwear and raincoats, a firm footwear, sleeping bag and sleeping mat.

## ICJA15 Farm Community Kotthausen 19.08. - 03.09.17 CONS/DISA/SOCI/AGRI/ENVI/KIDS, Vols 14

Age: 18-26

Languages: English, German

**Project:** The organic farm community "Kotthausen" consist of approximately 50 hectare farm and grazing land, woodlands, different farm buildings and 4 houses build in regional style. The community consists of a variety of people, with different abilities, wishes, dreams and special capabilities. Currently we have 6-7 children and 21 adults living in our village. Chicken, sheep, goats, horses, cats and dogs are an integral part of our community and part of our voluntary community work. Inclusion with disabled people is part of our living and working



within the community, farming as well as our organic food delivery organisation, "Biokiste". For further information please see <a href="http://www.hof-kotthausen.de/">http://www.hof-kotthausen.de/</a>

Work: This summer we would like to offer projects around the farm and the surrounding fields. We

would like to renew the fencing of the horse paddocks and some of the grazing fields. Another project will be improving the sheep stable and painting it. Fun will be to create garden furniture out of wood pallets as well as restoring an old pony carriage. Also our agriculture field will need some attention, pulling weeds and hopefully harvesting our food that we use to cook our meals. If it is very hot a small pond will offer some cooling as well as short walk to our wood stream Lohbach. A wonderful bathing lake is within a short car drive and perfect for an evening swim on those hot summer nights.



Volunteers are invited to prepare a wedding within the community and will be invited to celebrate this wedding together with the community in the last weekend.

**Study:** Participants will be part of the community on a day to day basis and especially some evenings when the summer evenings invite to BBQ gatherings. Organic Farm live and especially day to day animal care will be integral part of the project. Additionally, the participants will have the opportunity to see therapeutic riding and are invited to share their knowledge from their countries.

**Accommodation:** The accommodation of the participants will be in bigger and smaller tents. In case of extended bad weather a big barn will also be available. A community kitchen with 2 showers and

toilettes is close by. Please bring your own sleeping bags, sleeping mats (if possible) and towels.

**Region:** The farm village Kotthausen is 295 m above the sea level. Kotthausen has been mentioned first in medieval times around 1350. The region "Bergisches Land" is famous for its wet weather but has an amazing beautiful nature with stunning skies.

Kotthausen is at the end of a small road tucked away from any big roads. The Jacobs pilgrim way passes through our lands. The nearest town is more than 6 km, but there is a small shopping centre a 15 minute walk away. And the best



ice cream café is just a 30 minute walk away and worth the while. Close by is a beautiful castle, "Schloss Burg", and Wuppertal with its cable railway is also a visit worth. Stunning big lakes invite for swimming break if the weather allows it.

**Remarks:** After registration, we require a self-declaration concerning the children and youth protection. We ask for a respectful behavior towards the various people with disabilities of all ages and towards animals. The project gives a good opportunity to practice German language. Please note: Volunteer will sleep in tents. Please bring sleeping bag with you.

**Terminal:** Train station "Remscheid-Lüttringhausen", closest airports are Düsseldorf and Köln (Cologne)/Bonn.

#### ICJA16 Bedheim Castle Bedheim 2.09. - 16.09.17 RENO/ENVI/STUD, Vols: 12

Age: 18-26

Languages: English, German



**Project:** Bedheim castle was first mentioned in the year 1169 and was devastated and reconstructed several times in its long history. In the time of German Democratic Republic (GDR) it slowly rotted. Now renovation is done by the family of Ruehle von Lilienstern. A non-profit association is supporting the renovation work and using part of the castle for its own activities. Since 1992 this association has been organizing workcamps. In 1994 a biological-dynamic, social therapeutic nursery was added. The association is running an organic garden. Since 2007 the

castle also runs a garden café and a small castle museum. During the last 20 years the castle became a sociocultural center for the region: In the castle there is a perfect room for celebrations, around the castle one can find various types of gardens and meadow for goose and goats. In addition there are training courses and cultural activities available. The aim of this project is to create an atmosphere where people with or without disabilities may come, live and work together without any prejudice against handicap, nationality or religion. The website gives an impression about the specific character of this place <a href="http://schloss.bedheim.de">http://schloss.bedheim.de</a>.

Inhabitants of the castle are looking forward to meet us, to work with us and hear our suggestions and ideas and to create a peaceful world together!

**Work:** We are invited to help in the care and preservation of this ancient monument. We will work 5 hours daily, to do painting and cleaning inside or to maintain the garden around the castle. In the garden kind of work depends to the season, usually it is harvesting fruits, cutting trees, bushes and hedges.

Every year Bedheim castle is part of the nationwide event called "day of the open monument". The castle will be opened in the weekend for guests and we can support with doing some service and show an artistic performance. In the last years volunteers showed a dance and played piano music. There will be the possibility to take on day of during the week as compensation.

**Study:** We may learn more about the following topics: natural beauty of the environment. We can make excursions to places of cultural and historical interest (e.g. Weimar, the city of Goethe and the concentration camp Buchenwald). We can have discussions and lectures about German history, society, culture and politics (the German East-West border was only 9 km away from Bedheim). There will be the possibility to encounter with young people of the region and getting to know more about the countries of the participants.

**Accommodation:** Bedheim castle offers a simple group accommodation. Meals will be prepared by us (less meat but a lot of very good vegetables and fruits from the nursery). Warm water is provided from solar collector.

**Region:** Bedheim castle is located in the west of Thuringia, close to the Bavarian border. Next bigger town is Coburg (28km away). Bedheim is surrounded by the extraordinary beautiful Franconian landscape.

**Remarks:** Some basic knowledge of German or English is recommended. Please bring rain and working clothes (rubber boots) as well as swim suits. Please bring a sleeping bag, slippers, towels and warm pullovers with you. You can also bring a map, pictures or special food items from your country.

**Terminal:** Bedheim is 8km from the train station of Hildburghausen and 15km from the train station of Bad Rodach. Airports: Leipzig, Frankfurt/Main, Nürnberg.



#### ICJA17 Wukania Biesenthal 11.09. - 21.09.17 CONS/ENVI/MANU/RENO/STUD Vols: 17

Age: 18-26

Languages: English, German

**Project:** "Wukania Projektehof" is a community, where people work and live together. In the time of the GDR (German Democratic Republik), the compound was a college of physical education with lots of facilities to train various kinds of sport. Situated next to the lake Wukensee, it is part of the little town Biesenthal (approx. 5500 citizen). The region is a protected area, called "Nature Park Barnim".

In the project of Wukania, people come together to practice a self-determined and sustainable

lifestyle. There are lots of different projects: two housing projects, a flat for refugees, a forest kindergarten, facilities for groups to run seminars, a place for camping including outdoor facilities like solar showers and composting toilet, an outdoor kitchen and some little gardens. Some people are working in the workshops for wood and metal. A few horses and chicken are also living in the yard.

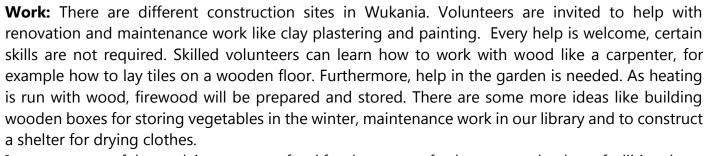
There are many plans for the future like another housing project with facilities for people who need care will be build and a collective will work as catering service for schools and kindergartens in the region.

It is important to know that Wukania is kind of a living example for a human utopia: houses, facilities, projects are self-organized, decisions are made in the spirit of consensus. Inhabitants like to learn from each other and to support each other.

Wukania wants to work and live in sustainable manner; renovation works in buildings are often made with clay, the heating in the buildings runs with wood, hot water is prepared with solar power, composting toilets help to save water and give fertilizer. Food is prepared vegetarian or even vegan.

Inhabitants show a high commitment in political, social and cultural projects and they are well connected within the region. For instance, they work together with the "Kulturbahnhof" in Biesenthal, or a shelter for refugees next town and keep in contact with different

vegetable farmers nearby. For more information please visit http://www.wukania.net/



Important part of the work is to prepare food for the group of volunteers and to keep facilities clean. For sure there will be the possibility to find any work in accordance with abilities and interests of the volunteers.

**Study:** Inhabitants of Wukania would like to show you their life style and would like to discuss certain aspects of a life which is mostly self-determined, self-organized and community based. Possible questions for discussions are: What's the motivation to join this project? Does it really work? Which kind of problems appear? What are reasons, in the context of a sustainable lifestyle, for such projects like Wukania?

If interested, we introduce you to other interesting projects by showing pictures and telling stories. Study part will follow interests of the volunteers.







**Leisure Time:** Volunteers can enjoy the nature around Wukania and can go swimming in the beautiful Wukensee as often they want. An excursion to Berlin and to other projects can be arranged.

**Accommodation:** Accommodation will be very basic. Volunteers are invited to sleep in empty rooms which are only equipped with mattresses or simple beds. It is also possible to bring your own tent. Facilities are nearly the same like on a camping site: Food will be prepared in a big outdoor kitchen, showers are run with solar power, toilettes are composting toilets, a fire place and a baking oven made of clay can be used. In case of bad weather volunteers can use a saloon and the several seminar rooms for their stay. There is no heating in the rooms.



**Remarks:** Please do not forget to bring with you: sleeping bag, swimming things, work clothes, raingear and sturdy shoes. Food will be mostly vegetarian.

Due to the effects of climate change, it would be great, if you could find a way to travel without aviation. For more information please see:

https://www.foe.co.uk/sites/default/files/downloads/aviation\_climate\_change.pdf

**Terminal:** Train Station Bernau, Bus Stop Biesenthal





