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# WORKCAMP PROGRAM OF ICJA / YAP-CFD 2020

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## **ICJA Freiwilligenaustausch weltweit e.V.**

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ICJA was founded as a reconciliation 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: [www.icja.de](http://www.icja.de)

**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 all 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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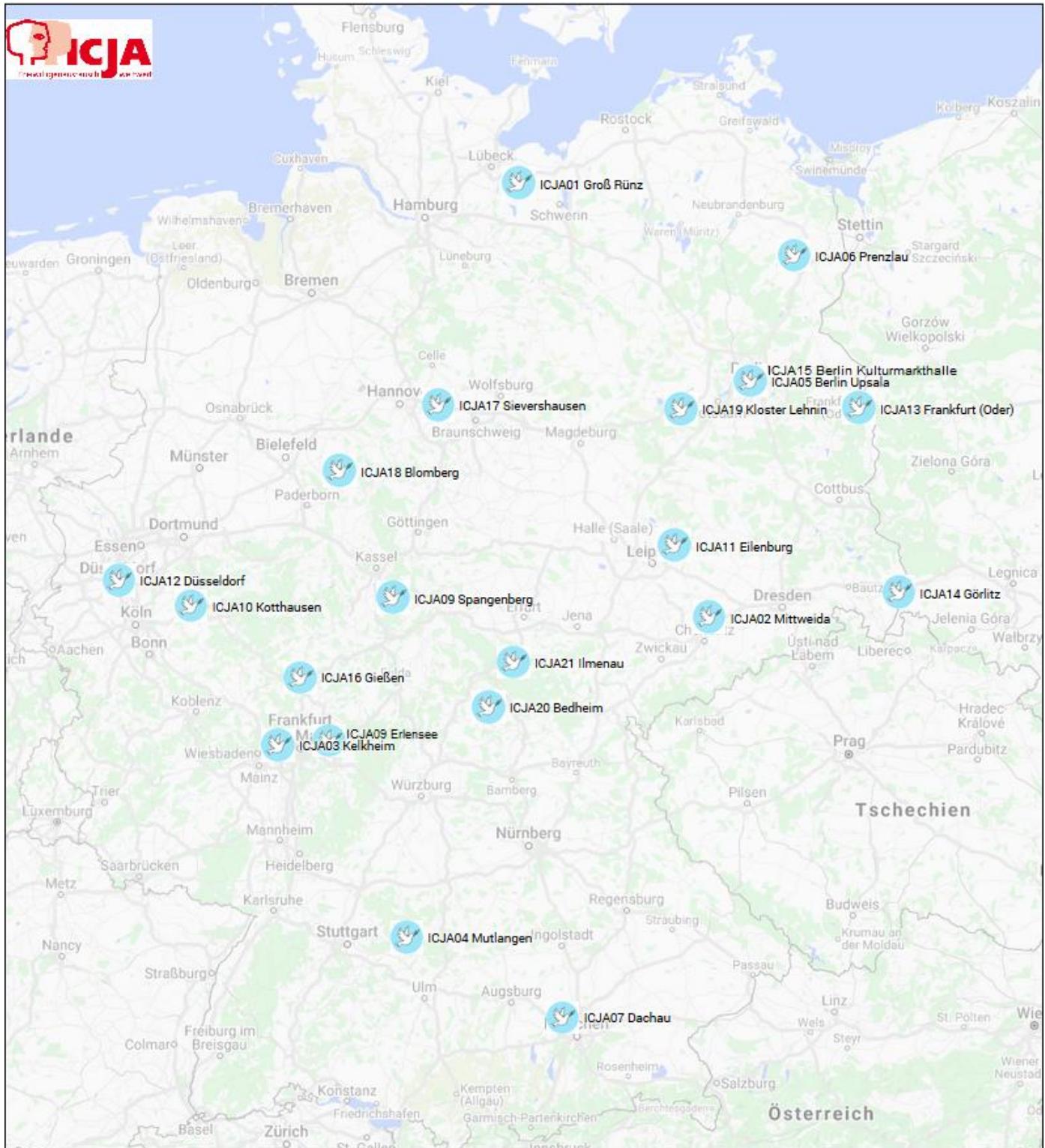
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# ICJA01 Eschenhof Groß Ruenz 27.06. - 11.07.2020

**AGRI/ MANU/ ENVI/ STUDY**

**Vols: 12**

**Age: 18 – 26**

**Language: English, German**

**Project:** Situated in the beautiful landscape of the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Schaalsee, the members of association "Eschenhof – Gardening together" aim to run an organic farm together.

Since 2015, the members plant and grow different vegetable crops, potatoes and herbs in foil tunnels and in the field. There



is also an orchard with trees, shrubs and berries and you can find cozy little spots where members socialize together and kids can familiarize themselves with the surrounding nature. Working together is closely connected to the name of the association – "Gemeinsam Gaertnern" - Gardening together: The essential aspect of the farm is combining social commitment with an alternative way of producing and consuming food; acting in an ecological, climate-friendly and sustainable manner. For further information about Eschenhof please visit <http://eschenhof-verein.de/>.

**Work:** The volunteers are welcome to help the association with revitalizing a piece of abandoned land and make it viable for sustainable gardening. Together you will create garden beds and afterwards plant herbs, vegetables, shrubs and trees. Later on, this area will also be used for social purposes and as a meeting place.

There will be all kinds of gardening work to do, sometimes physically demanding (for the ones who like to use their personal strength!).



**Study part:** During your volunteering, you can learn a lot about "Perma-Culture", a concept where selected plants are cultivated together in a way that only needs a minimal amount of energy and fertilizer. The inventor of this cultivation method won the Alternative Nobel Prize! You will learn gardening work by practicing it. It is a great chance to get experience in the agricultural area, learn about permaculture and sustainable use of nature.

At the same time, you can see the association as a good example of an alternative and very social way of producing and consuming food.

As there will be close contact with German native speakers, this workcamp is a good possibility to improve your German language skills.

**Accommodation and food:** You will live on the Eschenhof farmland. We will build up a small campground. You can choose between camping in big tents and sleeping in single or double tents. Therefore, it is a simple but good life. There is a shelter with tables and benches, where you can eat and play together, a bar and a fireplace, as well as many beautiful areas for relaxation. We will do the cooking in a rather professional kitchen. It would be great if you could bring some musical instrument you can play. There will be plenty of time in the evening to sing and dance all together.

There is a supermarket nearby where you can buy all the essential things, or you just harvest it freshly from the garden.

**Region & Leisure time:** Groß Ruenz is a small village located in the Northwest-Mecklenburg region, which is famous for its beautiful alleys and lakes. In about 5 km distance, you can find a beautiful place for swimming. The medieval town of Luebeck, with its numerous sights, is about 23 kilometers away. The Baltic Sea with its nice beaches and coves is not far either. A visit to selected places of the nature reserve is also planned.

There will be a joint decision regarding which places the group will visit.

**Remarks:** Volunteers will need sleeping bag, towel and swimming apparel. For gardening, please bring sturdy shoes and working clothes. As the region is rural, it is possible to make cycling trips. Everyone is welcome to bring a music instrument, since some friends of the association are musicians and would be happy to perform together with foreign musicians.

**Terminal:** Luebeck. Nearest airport: Hamburg or Hannover. There is no public transport to the camp, pickup from main station Luebeck will be arranged. The nearest railway stations are Rehna, Schoenberg or Ratzeburg. You will get the contact details of the camp leader a few weeks before the workcamp starts.

## ICJA02 Muellerhof Mittweida 03.07. - 17.07.2020

**MANU/ENVI/ART/AGRI**

**Vols: 10**

**Age: 18-26**

**Languages: English, German**

**Project:** The camp takes place at the "Muellerhof", 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. Many workcamps helped to embellish the house and the garden.



**Work:** This year volunteers will build a hut in the style of a building with clay. With the help of a specialized construction worker, volunteers will prepare trunks of spruces. With such components, it will be possible to create a wattle and daub construction. Finally, you can add clay to finish the construction. At the end, the hut can be creatively decorated by the volunteers as well.... and of course they can celebrate a house worming party for their building! Volunteers will do physical work with a saw, chisel, and axes.



Also important is the work in the "Garten der Sinne", which needs maintenance every year. Especially the tunnels made of wicker. Volunteers will support the household and are invited to cook typical food of their country for approximately 20 guests and the Muellerhof staff. In the end of the workcamp an international evening is planned, so the participants can make an introduction of their countries. Elisabeth, dance master of the project will introduce choreography of traditional folk-dances to the

guests. This will be open to the public.

**Study part:** Volunteers can explore the possibilities and activities of the Muellerhof 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 barrier lake, the fortress Kriebstein or the Rochlitzer Porphyberg). It's also possible to visit the cities nearby: Dresden, Leipzig or Chemnitz. In the Muellerhof itself, volunteers can use a guitar and a piano.

**Region:** Mittweida is surrounded by a nice landscape with nice places waiting to be explored. The nearest 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.

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

## ICJA03 Youth Club Kelkheim 04.07. - 18.07.2020

**KIDS/ SOCI/ STUDY/EDUC**

**Vols:** 12

**Language:** English, German

**Age:** 18 – 26

**Project:** Every year in the summer holidays, the town hall of Kelkheim offers a summer camp for more than 300 girls and boys. It is called "Sonental" (sun valley) and for children between 6 to 12 years. It is organised and performed by the staff of the Department of Youth and Integration of Kelkheim (Taunus). The idea is that children create and live in their own "Children Town". They will work in different fields, they will earn money, will spend money according their own decision and they will train political participation by doing elections of a mayor and editing a newspaper. Everything is just like in real life! An important aspect of the summer camp is that children get the opportunity to develop their social skills, that they get an awareness of being part of a community and that they experience inclusion of children with diverse backgrounds as something positive.

The location of this holiday games will be in a primary school of Kelkheim and near the accommodation of the workcamp.





**Work:** Volunteers will take part in one of the different activities and plan the daily activities together with the children. The framework programme of the holiday games will be to a great extent prepared in advance by the team members and management. However, time and space will be provided to the international volunteers to bring their own ideas and to be part of the team structure. For this, volunteers

will work closely with their local supervisors in the different activities.

**Study part:** Children Town is a playground where life and learning spaces for children, in which they can identify their everyday experiences. Children create here their first experiences with social, economic and political processes. They experience that in a „Game Town“, they can shape their living conditions. Pedagogical learning content as well as fun time will be equally offered. Volunteers get to know the overall concept of this summer camp as well as the pedagogical work with children.

**Leisure time:** Participants get free tickets for the swimming pool of Kelkheim during their stay. A city tour of Kelkheim is scheduled with, among others, some information about the development of the first democratic institutions in Germany. Heinrich von Gagern, who lived with his family in Kelkheim was the first president elected by the German Parliament in the Paul's Church of Frankfurt in the years around the "Revolution of 1848".

A visit to the close metropolis of Frankfurt am Main is also planned. Frankfurt has about 700.000 inhabitants and is considered as both the national and European financial center, which also provides a wide range of cultural offers.

Region: Kelkheim (Taunus) with approximately 30.000 inhabitants is a city quite near to Frankfurt, situated in the hills of mountain range Taunus.

**Accommodation:** Volunteers will be hosted in the youth center of Kelkheim. They can spend some free time there and use the kitchen for having breakfast and dinner. During the holiday games, participants will get lunch together with the children. The youth center has a pool table and table football that can be used during free time. Showers can be taken in the sports hall of the school, just a few meters away.

**Remarks:** After the confirmation of participation it is required to sign a declaration of legal protection of children and youngsters.

**Terminal:** Kelkheim station (Kelkheim Mitte). The closest airports are Frankfurt am Main International (FRA) and Frankfurt-Hahn (HHN). Please note that Frankfurt-Hahn Airport (HHN) is approximately 150 km far from Frankfurt am Main.

# ICJA04 Ban Nuclear Weapons Mutlangen Buechel

09.7. - 22.07.2020

**STUDY/ MANU/ PEACE/ ART**

**Vols 15**

**Age: 17+**

**Language: English, German**

**Project:** The local NGO Peaceworkshop Mutlangen is active in the national nuclear weapons ban campaign "Buechel is everywhere – nuclear-weapon free. Now!" Thus, our organization is one of more than 70 others who every year participates in protests against nuclear weapons in the US military air base "Buechel" in the federal state of Rheinland-Pfalz. More than 30 years ago in the little village Mutlangen, there was a similar situation as in Buechel now: US nuclear missiles were stationed just at the edge of this village. Thanks to the massive and nationwide peace movement in Mutlangen, these weapons were finally withdrawn from the region by the US Army !.

Nuclear weapons are also a global issue –there are more than 14.000 nuclear weapons remaining around the world. Therefore, we invite volunteers from all over the world to learn about peace together with us, and to support activities we organize against nuclear armament.

The workcamp will start in Mutlangen in the federal state of Baden-Wuerttemberg, 40 km east of Stuttgart. In the second part, we move on to the military airbase Buechel, about 50 km west of Koblenz, where nuclear weapons are still stationed. We will be there during the "international week of protest", that means that you will have a chance to meet many international peace activists. Participants will get to know and discuss history, nuclear disarmament, trust building and non-violence.

**The campaign:** Twenty nuclear bombs are still at Buechel. They belong to the US Army and in case of war, German pilots on the command of US President are obliged to use them. Instead of going through with abolition, as the international law demands, these weapons are going to be upgraded. The campaign demands the stop of the so-called bomb modernization, their removal from Germany and a legal ban of all nuclear weapons. The campaign is part of ICAN, International Campaign to abolish Nuclear Weapons, which received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017.





**Work:** Volunteers are invited to join our campaigns and activities for promoting peace during the workcamp. You will help us through your participation and by performing some manual and artistic work. During the workcamp we will travel a lot:

During our stay in Mutlangen we will go to the town of Schwaebisch Gmuend and perform there with an information stand. We will also organize a movie evening in another city nearby.

After these approx. 4-5 days, we will move to Buechel.

In Buechel, along with our annual actions, we will hold an information booth in Cochem, a beautiful town nearby popular with tourists.

We believe that campaigns for nuclear disarmament and nonviolence conflict resolution are messages worth spreading by the media. We invite you to learn from best practices in peace building and help us share these examples as messages of peace in both mass and social media. If possible, you can translate them into your language, such skills and dedication are particularly welcome!

**Study part:** Volunteers will receive information about nuclear weapons, ongoing nuclear armament programs and efforts of disarmament and reconciliation. We will share experiences about different forms of action for peace. As there will be contact with German native speakers, the workcamp is a good possibility to improve your German language skills.

**Leisure time:** During our stay in Mutlangen, we can visit the pool in Gmuend and Stuttgart. During our stay in Buechel, we will be visiting a castle and have a free day in Cochem.

**Accommodation:** We will be sleeping in tents. You will need to bring sleeping mat and sleeping bag. We will be preparing vegetarian food together (you can eat meat on your own).

**Participation fee:** 50. - Euro for travel costs during the workcamp.

**Please note:** Official end of the workcamp will be in Buechel, not in Mutlangen. Nearest train station to Buechel is Cochem, from there you can visit Frankfurt, Stuttgart or Koeln (via Koblenz) by train. Another option is to use airport Frankfurt Hahn, which is much nearer, you can reach it by bus.

**Remarks:** Please let us know about your studies, interests and concerns. Do not forget to bring warm clothes and a sweater for the cold nights in Buechel.

**Terminal: Arrival** Train station Schwaebisch Gmuend, about 40 kilometers east of Stuttgart.  
**Nearest airport:** Stuttgart

## ICJA05 Social Centre Upsala Berlin 12.07. - 26. 07.2020

**SOCI / KIDS / MANU / STUDY**  
**Vols 20: 10 international -10 local**  
**Age 18 - 26**  
**Language: English, German**

**Project:** The "Freizeitzentrum Upsala" is a big cultural and social centre for children aged 0-13 years and their families as well. It is an open institution, which addresses children, their families and their environment as well as senior citizens. "Upsala" is located in the south of the Berlin-Pankow district, where you can find many other social institutions in the neighbourhood including kindergartens, primary schools, a secondary school and a high school. Kids and students of these establishments are frequent Freizeitzentrum visitors.



The surrounding residential area consists of renovated apartments in old buildings, as well as some new buildings and is characterised by diversity, consisting of many families with children and older citizens.

The program of "Upsala" covers a wide range of encounters, playing games and sports. Beside this, visitors can join workshops like doing crafts, being creative and enjoy musical education. The icing on the cake are the seasonal festivals and trips of the facility. For more details see: <http://fz-upsala.de/>

**This workcamp is part of INVOLVE:** It is a joint effort of 3 voluntary service organisations in Italy (Legambiente), France (Solidarités Jeunesses) and Germany (ICJA) that promotes and enhances the inclusion of migrants in 7 local communities. The project aims to contribute to creating more sustainable, cohesive and inclusive societies. Therefore, the main project activities are focused in the areas of environmental protection and social and cultural heritage. The objective is to demonstrate that performing voluntary activities together provides opportunities for social exchange, civic engagement and for learning and growing as a community and society.

Involve Workcamps will also be held in five other project locations, three in Italy and two in France, in cooperation with the respective municipalities. Each workcamp will bring together a total of 20 participants with very different cultural, social and economic backgrounds. In Berlin, the international group will be composed of 5 old Berliners (long-term residents in Berlin), 5 new Berliners (newcomers to Berlin) and 10 participants from the project locations in France and Italy and also from other countries worldwide.

The European cooperation project INVOLVE runs from January 2019 to June 2021 and is co-funded by the Asylum and Migration Fund (AMIF). For further information, please visit: <http://www.involve.blog>

**Work:** Volunteers are requested to help with the renovation and maintenance of the facilities both indoors and outdoors. In general, it is mainly about doing gardening and renovation work.

Within the scope of garden design, we want to build a wild bee hotel in cooperation with regional beekeepers as well as the repair and extension of our small nature path.

The maintenance (inside) includes the annually recurring tasks of painting the premises as well as small repairs.

The maintenance (exterior/facade) has the same scope and is intended to provide a painting ground for the future design of the facade, which we want to create with children. We endeavour to support all tasks with professionals.

**Study part/ Leisure time:** We are happy to introduce the volunteers to the concept of the "Freizeitzentrum Upsala" and the work connected with it as well as some legal bases of child and youth work.

Berlin is a well-known and attractive city. It offers many opportunities for interesting and diverse leisure activities. Therefore, we will prepare some possibilities (with regional scope) and furthermore we will familiarise ourselves with your ideas and wishes.

This workcamp offers a good basis to use or even improve already existing knowledge of the German language.

**Accommodation:** "Our" house offers many different rooms with multifunctional possibilities, which can also be used for overnight stays. The house is about 70 years old and was built to be used as a big Kindergarten. Its current use as children's and youth leisure facility began in the 1990s. Please bring your own sleeping bag and insulating mat!

Within 5-10 minutes of walking distance, you can reach all the important public transportation methods (tram, subway, bus).

**Remarks:** You will definitely need a sleeping bag and a sleeping mat. Please bring work clothes and work shoes. Your health and safety is important to us.

**About the region:** Berlin is the capital of the Federal Republic of Germany and one of its states. With around 3.6 million inhabitants, the city of Berlin is the most populous and, with 892 square kilometres, the largest municipality in Germany. It forms the centre of the Berlin/Brandenburg metropolitan region (about 6 million inhabitants). The city-state consists of twelve districts. In addition to the rivers Spree and Havel, there are smaller watercourses as well as numerous lakes and forests in the city area. Berlin is a fascinating centre for politics, culture, science and business in the broadest sense.

**Terminal:** Berlin Central Railway Station "Berlin-Hauptbahnhof". **Nearest airports:** Berlin has two airports: Airport Berlin-Schoenefeld (SXF) and Airport Berlin-Tegel "Otto Lilienthal" (TXL).

## ICJA06 Seebad Prenzlau 20.07. – 01.08.2020

**CONS/ MANU**

**Vols: 15**

**Age: 18-26**

**Languages: English, German**

**Project:** For 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 region 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.



Founded as a settlement in 1234, Prenzlau still offers some historical sites where you can experience its changeful history. In last decade, Prenzlau changed its appearance a lot: Thanks to green areas, a promenade along the lake and newly renovated historical buildings, visitors feel like entering a lakeside resort.

On the shore of the lake „Unteruckersee“, you can find the public (swimming) pool "Seebad Prenzlau". It offers a beautiful recreation area with all the necessary facilities for swimming, sun-bathing and spending free time. Volunteers will help build a new area in this resort, where kids can enjoy playing with water and sand.

**Work:** Volunteers are asked to build a structure with mud and water featuring games for children in the "Seebad Prenzlau". It can be used as a playground to experience paddling and splashing with water and sand. Certainly, the kids will have a lot of fun using their creativity to make runnels for the streaming water! This project is a co-operation of the town council of Prenzlau and the local LAFF e.V., offering employment schemes.



**Leisure time:** In your free time, you can use the facilities of a nature discovery park ("Naturerlebnispark") nearby. You can go swimming, also excursions to local destinations will be offered. The group can also decide to make a tour with canoes or bicycles. If requested, encounters with German groups of youngsters can be arranged in a youth club. In the weekend, the group can decide to make a trip to Berlin, or to Stettin in Poland, or to the Baltic See.

**Accommodation:** Accommodation will be offered in the facilities of the Uckerstadion nearby. Toilets and showers, sleeping rooms and cooking area can be used there. Camp beds will be provided, volunteers need to bring a sleeping bag. WiFi is available.

**Remarks:** For trained swimmers only! 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. Nearest airport: Berlin.

## ICJA07 Youth Meeting Dachau 25.07 - 07.08.2020

### STUDY

**Vols:** 8/75

**Age:** 16-26

**Languages:** English, German

### **Please note**

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

**Participation fee: 180,- Euro to be paid via bank transfer or at the project.**

**Project:** For the last 38 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 education regarding the Holocaust are the core ideas of the International Youth Meeting. It is primarily organized by a team of volunteers. Many survivors of the Nazi regime will talk about their personal experiences of persecution, whether in the concentration/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 were executed and many died as a consequence of inhuman practices, disease, exhaustion and hunger. As a result of the initiative of some concentration camp survivors, Dachau became a memorial place. In 1983, the first youth meeting organized by young people of the region was offered.



consists of different seminars, workshops, discussions with eye-witnesses and Holocaust survivors, guided tours through the Memorial Site, tours in Dachau and Munich, day trips and of course leisure activities as well. There will also be time for sports, art, parties and the chance to experience the historical sites at the present time. As there will be contact with German native speakers, the workcamp is a good possibility to improve your German language skills and to challenge yourself with the Bavarian dialect ;)

We will offer volunteers the opportunity to contribute directly to the programme: You can provide your own workshop or teach other volunteers dance, music or games. Feel free to contact your camp leader (even before the youth exchange).

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

**Accommodation:** Accommodation is provided 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. Hostel will supply bed linen, sleeping bag is not allowed.

**Region:** Dachau is very close to Munich.

**Remarks:** A letter of motivation is needed! Please bring clothes which suit both the work and the weather, musical instruments, games, songbooks or whatever you want for the leisure

time... Materials for the study part of the camp, a map of your country, photos and things that can help you describe your country to other workcamp participants.

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

**Additional costs:** Additional fee of 180,- EUR includes boarding, lodging and the program.

**Terminal:** Dachau. **Airport:** Munich.

## ICJA08 Youth Centre Erlensee 26.07.-09.08.2020

**MANU/ CONS/ KIDS/ STUDY**

**Vols 12**

**Ages: 18 - 26**

**Languages: English, German**

**Project:** After the great success of former workcamps, the team for children and youth work (*Team Kinder- und Jugendarbeit*) in Erlensee (in short "TKJE") is going to host another international workcamp in the summer of 2020. The youth centre offers a wide range of activities for kids between 6-18 years old: leisure and cultural activities, social work in order to support children in need and special events with various topics.



**Work:** International volunteers are invited to support youth work in this centre:

Our 2020 Workcamp will focus on the preparation, performance and debriefing of our summer camp for Kids, which will take place during the second week of the workcamp.

The summer camp is an activity which is available to children between 6-12 years old. The kids will be spending the whole day, from early morning until afternoon with us. During that time we will offer them different kinds of activities like playing games, being creative, sports, excursions, etc. Also, we will have lunch together every day as well as one sleepover.

Our goal is to qualify our international participants in the subject of educational work with children, so they will be capable of creating a project on their own, as well as taking supervisory responsibilities. We will use week one of the workcamp, to educate the participants in all relevant areas needed, in order for them to be well prepared for the summer camp. This preparation includes training in first aid, hygiene, legal basis and of course educational concepts. Together with our German participants, which are already experienced in this area, we will use the time to plan the whole week including all its activities.

For us it's important to have participants who enjoy spending time with kids. If you like to be silly, if you have some talent like playing the guitar (guitar is available), are artistic and creative, sporty and in general like to play, you are suitable for this project!

**Study part:** The contribution of international volunteers is very welcome: If you are interested to share your cultural background and love the exchange of different world views, this workcamp will be perfect for you! There is also the chance to learn a lot about the concepts of youth work, about methods of self-reflection, insights in group dynamics, diversity in culture, religion + gender....

**Leisure time:** During both weeks, you will have the opportunity to join us for cultural excursions after the day's work is done. Together, we will visit landmarks, concerts and museums, and play a scavenger hunt throughout Wiesbaden city centre. In the weekend, you will have free time for your own expeditions.

**Region:** Erlensee is a town with a population of approx. 13000 in the German federal state of Hessen. It is situated 25 km east of the international city Frankfurt am Main. Erlensee consists of two boroughs, Rueckingen and Langendiebach, and apart from minor shopping possibilities, it is a rather rural area. Near your accommodation there is an old and pretty nice town center with beautiful half-timbered houses. Hanau, the closest big town (Pop.: about 90000), is only 7 km away and easy to reach by bike or bus. Hanau once was a prosperous city, because local sovereigns once welcomed the Huguenot - who were refugees from France - to settle in their dominion and supported them so they could perform their handicraft and trade skills.

**Accommodation:** The participants will be housed in the local sports centre. There is plenty of room for sleeping, bathrooms and a shower. Also, a kitchen where you can cook and eat together will be at your disposal. WiFi and PC's will be also provided in the building. In the sleeping rooms you will find mattresses or camp beds, bedsheets and pillows. Neither duvets nor blankets will be provided, so please bring a sleeping bag.

**Remarks:** After confirmation, you will have to sign a self-commitment statement in terms of legal protection for children and young persons.

**Terminal:** Local Bus Stop in Erlensee, via Hanau main train station (Hauptbahnhof), about 25km east of Frankfurt. **Closest airport:** Frankfurt am Main International (FRA) and Frankfurt Hahn. Be careful, Frankfurt-Hahn Airport (HHN) is about 150 km away from Frankfurt. Transport from Frankfurt Hahn to Frankfurt is organised with buses. If you arrive at Frankfurt Hahn, please use [http://www.hahn-airport.de/default.aspx?menu=by\\_bus&cc=en](http://www.hahn-airport.de/default.aspx?menu=by_bus&cc=en) to organise your transport to Frankfurt.

## ICJA09 Heavens Rock Spangenberg 27.07. - 17.08.2020

**KIDS/ ART/ CULT**

**Vols: 10**

**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, christian gospel music and youth Encounter. This summer season, there will be several international youth camps and a special 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 youth. 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: <http://www.himmelsfels.de/>



**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 people living in your country. It would be helpful to be prepared to offer your own workshop artistically, musically or athletically at home and bring many ideas. In addition, all volunteers will have the chance to introduce their country. You should gather ideas at home and bring material for a creative presentation including pictures, food, common games dances or other typical things from your country. 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.

### **Location and Leisure**

Spangenberg is a small village in the valleys in the south of Kassel. Excursions can be made to local sites of interest and to Kassel. Kassel is known by an international art festival called Documenta.

**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 with more people in one room. 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. (Melsungen Bahnhof). Next airport: Frankfurt/Main.  
Please note: Airport Frankfurt Hahn is about 150 km distance from Frankfurt.

## ICJA10 Farm Community Kotthausen 28.07. - 08.08.2020

**AGRI/ ENVI/ MANU**

**Vols 14**

**Age: 18-26**

**Languages: English, German**

**Project:** The organic farm community "Kotthausen" consists of approximately 30 hectares of farm and grazing land, woodlands, different farm buildings and five houses built in regional style. Currently 15 children and 27 adults are living in our village. 9 Chickens, 13 sheep, a goat, 8 horses, some cats and 2 dogs are an integral part of our community and part of our voluntary community work. Inclusion of people with diverse handicaps is part of our living and working within the community. In addition, we are farming for self-sufficiency and we sell some of the produce via our organic food delivery organization. For further information, please check <http://www.hof-kotthausen.de/>



**Work:** There is a wide range of different tasks where you can help the community. You can work on our organic fields (seeding, planting, weeding, harvesting...) or our reforestation project (weeding and clearing of scrub) and thereby learn a lot about organic agriculture and self-sufficiency. There will also be handicraft activities, like fence or stable repair and maintenance as well as creative jobs like building with willow branches, painting or creating art works. You will also be involved in the everyday cooking for the workcamp group (mainly vegetarian food) and in preparing a festivity for yourselves and the community. Work is mostly outdoors and can be physically demanding.

**Study:** Camp participants will be part of the farm community for the duration of their stay. Almost all jobs will be performed together with inhabitants of our farm community. There will be lots of exchange, encounter and contact with German native speakers. Therefore, this workcamp is a good possibility to improve your German language skills. Most community members also speak English quite well.

**Accommodation:** The accommodation of the participants will be in "family tents" (these are tents with a high roof, which offer private space for 5 people in "inner tents"). In case of extended bad weather, a big barn will also be available. A community kitchen with two showers and toilets is nearby. Please bring your own sleeping bags, sleeping mats, towels and

warm clothing. Please be aware that nights in this region can be quite cold with temperatures down to ten degrees even during summer!



**Region:** The farm village Kotthausen is 295m above sea level and was first mentioned during medieval times. Therefore, it is quite a special and historic place with a long history of community life and youth work. The region "Bergisches Land" is famous for its wet weather, but has amazingly beautiful nature with stunning skies, beautiful fresh water lakes and many green forests.

Kotthausen is at the end of a small road, quite remote from any big roads or cities. The nearest towns are about 5 km away. There are no shopping facilities nearby, but the region's best ice cream café is only a 30-minute walk away! The famous and beautiful castle "Schloss Burg" is in 30 minutes driving distance, the city of Wuppertal can be reached by public transport in about 45 minutes.

**Remarks:** After registration, we require a self-declaration concerning the child and youth protection. We ask for a respectful behavior towards all farm members, especially our inhabitants with various handicaps and we would like you to treat our animals in a respectful manner.

Please note: Volunteers will sleep in big tents on our farm. For your own fun, please bring warm sleeping bags, warm clothing, sturdy shoes and raincoat with you.

The food will mainly be vegetarian. Vegan options are also possible.

**Terminal:** Train station "Remscheid-Luettringhausen". The closest airports are Duesseldorf and Koeln (Cologne)/Bonn.

## ICJA11 Youth Center Eilenburg 01.08. – 15.08.2020

**MANU/ CULT/ SPORT**

**Vols: 15**

**Age: 18-26**

**Languages: English, German**

**Project:** Eilenburg is offering workcamps for more than 11 years now. The workcamp host is always the youth club House6 CLOUD (former name was "Falle" - "trap") which is located in former barracks. In the same building, some more social, sportive and cultural projects are also housed.

**Work:** After the successful workcamps of the previous years, volunteers will again will be able to help with renovating some facilities in the town and in the local zoo. Beside this, help is needed in renovating the surroundings of the local youth center. You can select from the various tasks below: 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. As there will be contact with German native speakers, the workcamp is a good possibility to improve your German language skills.

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

**Region:** Eilenburg is a small town with approx. 17.000 inhabitants, situated on the border of the „Dübener Heide“ and approximately 25km from 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 continued 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. However, Eilenburg also was devastated several times in its history. In April 1945, Eilenburg was almost completely destroyed. The only evidence of former rich times that remained is the „Sorbenturm“ as a remaining part of the Ilburg. It is estimated

that it was 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 was renovated with the help of the volunteers in the last workcamps.

**Accommodation:** The volunteers will stay at the local youth center called „House IV“. The group can cook for itself in a modern kitchen.

**Remarks:** You should bring Sleeping bags and camping mats, it is also necessary to bring work clothes, raingear and sturdy shoes.

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

## ICJA12 Climate Camp Duesseldorf: 01.08.-15.08.2020

**AGRI/ ENVI/ MANU /STUDY**

**Vols 12**

**Ages: 18 - 26**

**Languages: English, German**

**Project:** „Niemandsland“(no man's land) is a self-organized ecological and social project, open to both members and guests. It is focusing on the effects of our ecological footprint as well as raising awareness regarding climate change. Many enthusiastic people are involved and already quite engaged with various projects offered by the “Niemandsland”.

Courses, workshops, conferences and different cultural events take place here



regularly. The main goals of this association are: developing an ecological use of resources by recycling and the use and promotion of organic agriculture.

At the same time, the people involved aim to promote tolerance, acceptance, empathy and compassion among people with diverse background. In addition, they hope to promote artistic and cultural freedom through creativity. It is a community where members are aspiring to develop an alternative and sustainable lifestyle.

Many activities take place here including (but not limited to); a communal garden, a communal kitchen, a shop where you can share or exchange goods without using any money, a wood workshop, a pottery workshop and different co-working spaces.

For further information, please visit: <https://niemandsland.org/>

**About travelling in times of climate change:** We like the exchange of volunteers from all over the world, as it has a positive impact on the volunteers and the local communities where the International Voluntary Service projects are located!

However, according to the fact that long distance travelling, especially the use of flights, causes heavy atmospheric pollution, we recommend to volunteers that they should join Workcamps in neighboring countries. You can also look for alternative and cleaner ways of transport: Travelling by bus or train can be a fantastic experience; you can meet people and see plenty of nature while you cross the world to get to your destination!

However, if you must take a flight, we encourage you to offset your CO2 emissions or compensate your negative impact on the environment in a way you consider more appropriate. Below you can find some of our suggestions, and if you contact ICJA after your placement, we can provide you with some general information about booking your transport to Germany.

For basic information about "traveling green", please visit the following pages:

**Flygreen** Compare and book flights through this website to generate a positive impact in the environment. [https://flygrn.com/?sub\\_locale=en](https://flygrn.com/?sub_locale=en)

**Myclimate** shows Offset of CO2 emissions by supporting sustainable projects <https://www.myclimate.org/>



**Work:** Volunteers are needed to help with a wide range of different tasks that can be completed in the premises of Niemandsland itself, as well as inside its „green garden „and the „solidarity agriculture „project.

Participants are invited to build raised beds for the garden, to paint walls, to do some gardening, to create a roof garden, to build upcycling art objects for the garden and to work in the recycle shop. Therefore, participants should be interested in handicraft and gardening.

**Leisure time:** During their stay, participants will enjoy a city tour in Duesseldorf, a bike tour to the lignite mines in the west of the city and even some visits to different sustainable projects in the town (as many as time allows).

Duesseldorf is a big city that offers many possibilities for spending free time: Museums, cinemas, pubs; also, you can easily reach the countryside on foot, by train or by bike.

**Study:** The main goal is to maintain the infrastructure of the association, so that it can keep developing ecological and social work over the next 30 years. Furthermore, the purpose is that participants get to know different ecological actions and are able to utilize them in their own countries.

**Remarks:** Please bring a sleeping bag, sleeping mat, work clothes, sturdy shoes, and rain gear. Free WiFi and washing machines are available.

**Accommodation:** Participants will stay in the association, located in the center of Duesseldorf. There are single rooms that are suitable for sleeping (with the use of a sleeping mat and sleeping bag). Bathroom and kitchen are also available. The participants will cook for themselves and keep the rooms clean. The food supply will mainly be organic and vegan-vegetarian.

**Terminal:** Duesseldorf, Nearest airport: Duesseldorf.

## ICJA13 Peace in the world – Workcamp Frankfurt / Oder – 01.08. – 14.08.2020

**STUDY / KIDS/ PEACE/ FEST**

**Vols: 15**

**Age: 18-26**

**Languages: English, German**



**Project:** "Pewobe" is a local registered organization in the youth welfare service in Frankfurt / Oder. Since 1996, Pewobe is running kindergartens, youth clubs, assisted living for youngsters, the child emergency service as well as assistance for families in need. All projects of this association aim to have an international orientation and promote education for tolerance. They already have established many contacts for international cooperation in several countries. Since 1999, Pewobe host in their own facilities, international youth meetings where young people from Frankfurt (Oder) and Słubice (situated in Poland, the town next to Frankfurt) are volunteering to make these projects a reality.

**Work:** During the 14 days of the workcamp the volunteers will participate, organize and implement several activities around the topic of **Peace**. The workcamp will be part of an

campaign called "Frankfurt macht Frieden" – translated as Frankfurt creates peace:  
<https://www.facebook.com/FFmachtFrieden/>

In order to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, two larger events are planned that will be supported by the workcamp volunteers. Together with our local team, the volunteers will help with all the preparation for the two events and organize their own side activities and small workshop in different institutions, like Kindergarten, day care center, etc. One of the main events will be on 6<sup>th</sup> of August; a German-Polish Peace Festival for families where we will celebrate together with the inhabitants, bring together people with different backgrounds and organize activities for them. The other one will be on 9<sup>th</sup> of August, where we will try to build the longest chain of paper cranes along the border. The side events will be developed and implemented in co-ordination with all the volunteers. Besides that, the volunteers will supervise the information center and contact point for the events, and promote the activities.

**Study part / Leisure time:** The volunteers will have a chance to get to know different concepts for peace and why we commemorate the end of the second world war. We will arrange a guided visit to the former concentration camp Sachsenhausen (nearby Berlin), as well as visit to different places in Berlin that are connected with the topic. Volunteers will be able to get to know Frankfurt (Oder) and Słubice (Poland) and the live at the border. Together we can explore the local sights and historical places. The city has a famous lake called "Helenesee", which you can visit during the leisure time.

**Region:** Frankfurt (Oder) is located east of Brandenburg and is a town of around 58 000 inhabitants. It is located on the west side of the Oder river around 80km east of Berlin. Before the end of the second World War, the city of Słubice in Poland has been a part of Frankfurt (Oder). At the end of the war the Oder river, that was passing through the city, became the border. Nowadays the cities have decided to work closely together as a European Twin Town that make decisions together and cooperate in all areas of live.

**Accommodation:** The workcamp will take place in the center of the city. Therefore, the accommodation will be located close to the center as well. The accommodation will be in a flat with several rooms. You will be asked to bring your own sleeping bag and isolation sheet. The volunteers will prepare their meals together.

**Remarks:** Please note: Venue of the camp is not Frankfurt / Main but Frankfurt / Oder in the East of Berlin. After registration, we require a self-declaration concerning the children and youth protection. Please bring clothes for warm and cold weather, raincoat, sleeping bag, camping mat, bathing suit, your ideas, your talents and something specific about peace from your country.

**Terminal** Frankfurt / Oder Main Station. Nearest airports: Berlin Tegel (TXL) and Berlin Schoenefeld (SXF).

## ICJA14 Focus Festival – RABRYKA Goerlitz 04.08. – 18.08 2020

**FEST/ ART / MANU**

**Vols: 12**

**Age: 18-26**

**Languages: English, German**

**Project:** "RABRYKA" is a unique space for youth culture and social life, situated in an abandoned factory ground. You can see it as an open space for all kinds of youth and social culture. In the moment, it offers a wide range of possibilities for kids, youths and adults: Repair shops, DIY and creative workshops, a youth center and urban gardening. There is enough inside and outdoor space for gatherings and sports, sharing things and opinions, playing music and partying together and ... much more!



At the same time, RABRYKA is part of an initiative, where highly motivated people develop the civil society of Goerlitz. Everyone is invited to join meetings that focus on the vision of a society, which respects the values of tolerance, equality and cross-cultural empathy. RABRYKA is a fictional word connecting the polish word for factory **fabryka** and the first letter of red. **Red** are the bricks of the buildings of the former factory.

**Work:** Your help is needed to prepare space and facilities for the Focus Festival. You are invited to use your individual creativity and talents; you should be ready to work together in international teams. Supported by a carpenter and a metalworker, you can create fancy furniture for the visitors, colorful decoration for the stage, you can help by expanding the BMX trail and designing a luminous advertising. In addition, the support of the kitchen team is quite important. It would be great if the group could contribute something special for the focus festival. In the end, volunteers will offer support during the focus festival itself and will encounter the visitors discovering their creations. For further information, please visit <https://www.rabryka.eu/justlab/index.php/d/projekte/fokus-festival.html>

**Study and leisure time:** Goerlitz is situated at the very east of Germany. After WWII, it was divided and the area in the east of the river Neisse is now the autonomous town Zgorzelec and part of Poland. Volunteers will get a guided tour through Goerlitz and will learn about its eventful history. Also, you will learn about the current network of initiatives in the city, which offer a wide range of cultural and social work. Moreover, there will be time for a cycling tour

to a lake nearby, bonfire evenings and party.

**Accommodation:** Volunteers will stay in a flat near the youth and culture center. There are sleeping rooms, a bathroom including washing machine, a living room and a kitchen. Volunteers will need a sleeping bag. It is planned that volunteers will prepare breakfast and dinner on their own. Lunch will be offered at Rabryka and will be vegan.

**Remarks:** Basic German knowledge is helpful, but not required. Volunteer who are skilled in handicraft and creative arts, will find a great atmosphere to unravel their own talents and abilities. Please be ready to work together in teams. Please bring a sleeping bag, pillow (if needed), work clothes, bathing suit, music and be prepared to use your talents. After registration, we require a self-declaration concerning the children and youth protection.

**Terminal:** Goerlitz train station. Nearest airport: Berlin

## ICJA15 KulturMarktHalle Berlin. 6.08. - 20.08.2020

**SOCI/ MANU/ STUDY**

**Vols 20: 10 international, 10 local**

**Age: 18 – 26**

**Language: Englisch, German**

**Project:** The “KulturMarktHalle” (KMH) was founded in 2016 as a voluntary initiative by people from various professional and cultural backgrounds. Since then, it has been a meeting point for people working in arts and culture to develop local initiatives. Since 2018, it is located in a vacant building, formerly a department store. The area is part of the Prenzlauer Berg district, a vibrant and multicultural neighborhood.

The vision of this project is bringing people from different social and cultural backgrounds together. Various exhibitions, seminars, concerts, cultural and educational events are scheduled. Currently, construction of the workshop is underway, in order to offer more space for the creativity of its visitors. For more information, please visit: <https://www.kulturmarkthalle-berlin.de/>



**This workcamp is part of INVOLVE** and it is a joint effort of 3 voluntary service organisations in Italy (Legambiente), France (Solidarités Jeunesses) and Germany (ICJA) to promote and foster the inclusion of migrants in 7 local communities. The project aims to contribute to more sustainable, cohesive and inclusive societies. Therefore, the main project activities are in the areas of environmental protection and social and cultural heritage. The objective is to demonstrate that doing voluntary activities together provides opportunities for social exchange, civic engagement and for learning and growing as a community and society. Involve Workcamps will also be held in five other project locations, three in Italy and two in France, in cooperation with the respective municipalities. Each work camp will bring together a total of 20 participants with very different cultural, social and economic backgrounds. In Berlin the international group will be composed of 5 old Berliners (long-term residents in Berlin), 5 new Berliners (newcomers to Berlin) and 10 participants from the project locations in France and Italy and from other countries worldwide.

The European cooperation project INVOLVE runs from January 2019 to June 2021 and is co-funded by the Asylum and Migration Fund (AMIF). For further information please see: <http://www.involve.blog/>

**Work:** Volunteers are invited to support the further development of this centre. "Sustainable building, growth and management" are the main three work areas of the workcamp. Participants will rotate from one area to the other according to the schedule, which will be organized during the first days of the workcamp.

#### Sustainable building:

In order to fight the combined threats of gentrification and densification that Berlin is currently facing, participants will build a mobile "KulturWerkHalle" under the technical guidance of "tiny collective". It will be designed for use as a workspace, production and exhibition space for art, craft and cultural works. It will be constructed as a trailer, so it can be used everywhere where needed in the neighbourhood. Please also visit [www.tinycollective.org](http://www.tinycollective.org) for more information.

#### Sustainable growth:

The outdoor area of the KulturMarktHalle will also be redesigned during the workcamp by following a permaculture design concept and ecological management of urban green spaces. Two areas will be our focus: the protection of the existing biodiversity of flora and fauna and the promotion of urban cultivated areas, mobile raised beds and edible front gardens. At the beginning of the workcamp, participants will visit the community garden and the "Peace of Land" study site and receive an introduction to the principles of this design practice (see: <https://www.peaceof.land/>). Volunteers will put theory into practice in the neighbourhood by preparing beds for vegetables and flowers and doing garden work.

#### Sustainable management:

Currently at the KMH, public dining (food bar) is already being offered to the neighbourhood residents. Participants will also support this activity, and will cook for the group in small teams. Therefore, they will practice the menu design using salvaged, regional and seasonal food, following the sustainable principles of KulturMarktHalle under the motto "Good Healthy Together".

**Accommodation:** Volunteers will stay in the KulturMarktHalle building. Two rooms with some camp beds will be provided and a shower room in a close sports centre will also be available. Participants will take care of the catering themselves with the support of the KMH team.

**Remarks:** Please bring sleeping bags, comfortable and resistant work clothes (safety glasses and gloves will be provided by the KMH), swimming gear, music and some typical recipes from home.

**Leisure Time:** Berlin offers a huge range of leisure activities. Evenings and nights are free for participants - so they can explore the town if they wish - but also there will be some talks in the association about important topics related to KMH and the workcamp. Some of the offered activities will be a visit to the Jewish cemetery, a visit to the island of Weissensee (Tinyhouse-Village), swimming in the natural beach Orankesee...

**Terminal:** Berlin central station. **Airports:** Tegel and Schoenefeld.

## ICJA16 Asylum Centre Giessen 08.08. - 22.08.2020

**SOCI/ STUDY/ REFUGEE**

**Vol: 15**

**Age: 18-26**

**Languages: English, German**

**Project:** Since many years now, we offer this successful workcamp together with the protestant community center "Petrusgemeinde". 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 inform about the situation of refugees both 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. The Asylum Centres for asylum seekers in Hessen are located at the edge of the city Giessen. There are currently around 1500 asylum-seekers hosted in former army barracks. The refugees are in Germany because of various reasons, e.g. political, ethnic and religious persecution or poverty. Usually they stay at the facility for few months until a decision will be made about their application. Sometimes they are sent to other centers or to other "safe countries", for example, where they originally entered the European Union, or even their countries of origin. Most of the people living in the Asylum Centres in Giessen are from Turkey, Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Eritrea and Balkan countries: Young men, women, children and older people. The asylum seekers live in basic 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.

**Work:** Together with the refugees, we want to develop and organize common activities, where all groups women, children and men are taken into consideration. In addition, our goal is to raise greater awareness for the needs of the refugees. We will also make 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.

Volunteers who are able to speak Turkish, Arabic or Farsi are especially welcome to participate! 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 the nucleus of a meeting point for the center residents.

**Environment:** Giessen, a city populated mostly by students located in the midwest of Germany. It is easily reachable via Frankfurt airport or 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 refugees. The premises of the church are plentiful and volunteers will have a lot of space for sleeping, cooking, dining, relaxing, and for both indoor and outdoor activities.

**Remarks:** Please bring sleeping bag, pillow if needed, 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. Please send a motivation letter together with your application.

## ICJA17 Peace Center Sievershausen 10.08.20 – 28.08.2020.

**RENO / STUD / ART / PEACE**

**Vols: 20**

**Age: 18-26**

**Languages: English, German**



**Project:** The Peace Studies Center Sievershausen (Antikriegswerkstatt Sievershausen) was established in the premises of the Sievershausen Lutheran Church community more than 50 years ago. During that time, the Vietnam War escalated. Nowadays there are several buildings, including a guesthouse and the well-known "Anti-War House" with an assembly hall for our events, located in a park-like area along with a church older than 1000 years on the edge of the village. The peace center shows through its diverse program, that peace work has political, historical, educational and cultural aspects. Throughout the year one can visit exhibitions, author readings, lectures and many cultural events. The peace education offers of the seminar area include teaching units, trainings for school classes and church groups on current and historical topics.

**Please note:** This year the workcamp in Sievershausen will be part of the anniversary campaign „100 years of workcamps - Peace and Solidarity for the Future“ and the volunteers will join a big international anniversary event from 25.-28.08 in Berlin. Together with participants from nine other camps, you will be able to present your workcamp experiences and develop content and formats for future workcamps in workshops. Politicians, media personalities, and experts from science, governmental administration and youth work will be invited to discuss your findings and ideas with you. You will get more information about this event after your placement in this workcamp.



**Manual and Creative Work:** The participants will work on the area around the garden chess and build simple table benches for it. In addition, they should create an information board with an integrated insect hotel for the orchard nearby.

Anyone who appreciates creative work can contribute to the implementation of the UN's sustainability goals into large-format pictures, to be exhibited in the Anti-War-House.

**Study:** You will learn some essentials of peace work and receive basic training in non-violent conflict management by professional trainers. During the second week, Human Rights are

being discussed and we will visit the memorial in the former Bergen-Belsen concentration camp.

Because of their importance and in relation to the aforementioned creative work, we also discuss the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations.

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) at the Peace Center.

**Leisure Time:** For the leisure time, the group can use facilities of the seminar house and make an excursion to Hannover or Braunschweig.

**Accommodation:** The accommodation for the participants is offered in rooms with four beds each. There are bed sheets available. Food is prepared together in the kitchen of the seminar house.

**Region:** The Peace Center is at the verge of a village with about 2500 inhabitants. Sievershausen lies 30 kilometers east of the Lower Saxony provincial capital Hanover on the freeway to Berlin.

**Motivation letter required!** Please explain your motivation to take part in the 100 years celebration in Berlin. Please note: The end of the camp will be in Berlin after the anniversary event.

**Terminal:** Haemelerwald near Lehrte (train from Hannover to Braunschweig), 3 km from the peace center. Nearest airports: Hannover, Berlin, Hamburg.

## ICJA18 Places of children's rights Blomberg 15.08. – 05.09.2020

**MANU/ ENVI/ CONS/ KIDS**

**VOLS: 15**

**Age: 18-26**

**Languages: English, German**

**Project:** Since 2009, the town hall of Blomberg successfully organize workcamps in cooperation with the local youth center "JUZ Blomberg". Previous international volunteers helped a lot with improving the play and sporting opportunities around the local youth center. It 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!

This year a group of towns and public institutions of the local district "Lippe" will organize a joint project called the "path of children's rights". Together with creative people and children, we want to make children's rights visible in two places in Blomberg. The aim is to create a place for both young and old, where they can playfully learn about the most important children's rights and expand their knowledge. Similar to a fitness trail, this should be possible for individual use, with family or friends. Daycare centers, schools and other youth institutions from all over the region can use the "places of children's rights" for excursions and projects.



**Work:** With the help of international volunteers, the town hall of Blomberg will create "two places of children's rights" as contribution to the project path of children's rights.

One place is a small Amphitheatre in the youth center compound: A real place for the childrens right to express their opinion .... This place will already be finished, when volunteers arrive at

the workcamp and provides space for being creative in role-plays and music and other activities.

The second place will be related to the right for "to move – to rest – to play". Currently the town hall offers several opportunities for kids to be involved in the decision making process, regarding what exactly should be built there. Whatever it will be, volunteers of the workcamp are invited to make it come true...! Your creative work will be essential in order to make it nice and you will also work manually outside and with (sometimes heavy) tools.

This project is a co-operation with a local employment initiative.

**Leisure time:** In your free time, you can meet young people from the city and get to know each other during nice evenings. A cultural program in Blomberg and the surrounding area will be offered and in the entire district of Lippe. The participants are entitled to 1-2 days off for personal use.



**Accommodation:** The accommodation will be at the glider airfield in Blomberg. In the beautiful nature, there is a small house ("airman home"), in which you will find a great barbecue area in the front garden in addition to beds, bathroom and kitchen.

**Region:** Blomberg has about 16.000 inhabitants and is situated in the eastern part of North Rhine Westphalia. The region is quite rural and comprises of farms, hills (up to 500 meters) and many forests. 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 a hotel. Near Blomberg there are some bigger cities: Detmold (75,000 inhabitants, distance: 15km) and Bielefeld (330,000) inhabitants, distance 50km) in the west and Hannover (600,000 inhabitants, distance: 70km) in the northeast.

**Remarks:** After registration, we require a self-declaration concerning the children and youth protection. Please bring workwear and raincoats, sleeping bag, camping mat, bathing suit, music, your talents and something specific from your country.

**Terminal:** Schieder train station. Next airport: Hannover.

## ICJA19 Culture Camp Kloster Lehnin 16.08.-30.08.2020

**ART/ RENO/ MANU**

**Vols: 14**

**Age 18 - 26**

**Language: English, German**

**Project:** The "LIKK" - Lehniner Institut fuer Kunst und Kultur (institute for art and culture) is situated between a forest and a lake near the little village Lehnin. It's a beautiful place offering inspiration and workshops for visual art and culture. Under its roof, there is an art gallery, a summer academy, a seminar operation for visual arts, music and theatre, but also yoga seminars and professional trainings. See: <https://lehniner-institut-fuer-kunst.de/institut/>

The institute is located at the border of a lake (Klostersee) in a park-like garden with a small landing stage and an integrated art sculpture park. Even a café with lake terrace is part of the ensemble. The LIKK was founded in 1991 and there are still enough place and projects to be developed. Therefore we especially invite volunteers with interest in contemporary art to support this project.



**Work:** On the first day volunteers will get some orientation about the project, the institute and the surroundings. Together with members of the art club, you will help to redesign and embellish the outdoor area. One of the main tasks will be to re-construct the lakeshore fortification, the seating arrangements and the paths. There are also some sculptures in the forest nearby, which will be cleared from grass and moss. There is a great variety of tasks where volunteers can support the project, in general it means physical work with tools you need for construction works, renovation and wood work.

During the time of your stay, there are other youth groups on the premises, such as an orchestra, a wood building class and an artist group. On the middle weekend of your stay it is planned to work on the tasks together with the club members and then have a summer garden party along with guests of the institute. Volunteers of the workcamp are invited to give a contribution to this event as well.

**Study part / Leisure time:** Volunteers will learn about the cultural concept and work of LIKK and the integration of Lehnin inhabitants with various cultural and social backgrounds. You can find a piano to play, or you can bring your own instrument and find someone to join you making music. Volunteers will get free entrance at the lake swimming pool next door, and can visit the cities of Potsdam and Werder. Another highlight will be a turn on our Canaletto

boat on the lakes connected to the Klostersee where you can enjoy its rich flora and fauna. As there will be contact to German native speakers, the workcamp is a good possibility to improve your German language skills. The LIKK rowboats and canoes can be used by the volunteers. There will be offered a guided tour through the premises of the monastery.



village Lehnin was always connected with the former monastery and is situated in a beautiful landscape with many lakes and wood land. In the European Middle Ages the monastery was an important religious, cultural and commercial center and there are still many buildings that you can see how it looked like in earlier times. The church is an impressive building and lots of concerts are offered during summer.

**Accommodation:** Volunteers will prepare and eat their meals in the outdoor summer kitchen (just protected by a shelter and open to the nature at the side) of LIKK and sleep in two dormitory rooms, with bathrooms and showers. Please note: In Summer, it can be quite hot, so you will need sun protection. But German summer can be cool as well, especially if it is raining. So please do not forget to bring warm clothes as well.

**Remarks:** Please bring workwear and raincoats, sleeping bag, camping mat, bathing suit, music, your talents and something specific from your country. As you can spend time at and in the lake, you should be able to swim.

**Terminal:** Goetz Bahnhof near Groß Kreutz Bahnhof. Next airports: Berlin Tegel (TXL) and Berlin Schoenefeld (SXF). There is a regional train connection from Schoenefeld to Groß Kreutz

## ICJA20 Bedheim Castle Bedheim 29.08. - 12.09.2020

**RENO/ ENVI/ STUDY**

**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. Year by year new working fields have been developed: A social therapeutic nursery was added, the association is running an organic garden and since 2007 the castle also runs a garden café and a small castle museum where you can admire the bones of prehistoric dinosaurs, once living in this region.

During the last 20 years the castle became a sociocultural center for this remote region: In the castle there is a perfect room for celebrations, around the castle one can find various types of gardens and meadow for geese 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 and very nice character of this place <http://schloss.bedheim.de>.

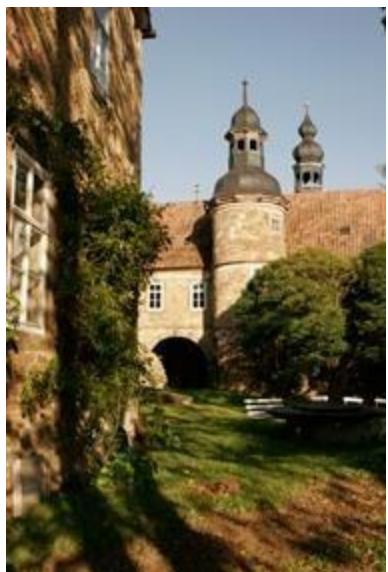
Inhabitants of the castle are looking forward to meet us, to work with us and hear our suggestions and ideas and to create a peaceful world together!



**Work:** Volunteers are invited to help in the care and preservation of this ancient monument. We will work 6 hours daily, to do painting and cleaning inside or to maintain the garden around the castle. In the garden kind of work depends on the season, usually it is harvesting fruits, cutting trees, bushes and hedges. Encounters with kids and people of the region are foreseen. 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. You can develop something according your talents. There will

be the possibility to take one day off 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 in seminar house. There are beds with mattresses and pillows, but sleeping bag is needed. Meals will be prepared by the group (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 as well as swim suits, 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, Nuernberg.

## ICJA21 Social Center Ilmenau 29.08.- 12.09.2020

**ENVI/ SOCI/ KIDS/ MANU/ CULT**

**Vols: 12**

**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 Oasis: like laying and harvesting of the raised beds, moving the compost, repairing and painting 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 Lindenberge, to Erfurt or Eisenach are possible. During the workcamp, there will be the traditional Kickelhahmfest 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 work wear and raincoats, sleeping bag, camping mat, bathing suit, music, your talents and something specific from your country.

As this camp is part of a social project, we would be happy if volunteers are flexible and prefer real communication instead of using mobiles too much.

**Terminal:** Ilmenau train station. Next airport: Erfurt.



