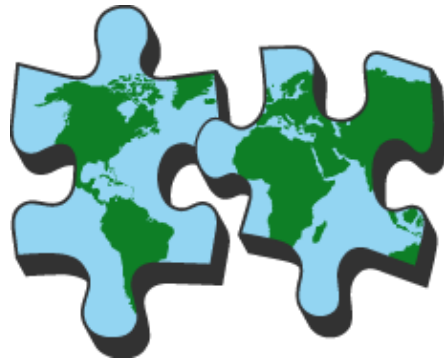


# IBG

## 2022

### Workcamps in Germany



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## ABOUT IBG

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

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

## ABOUT OUR WORKCAMPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Visas:** German embassies usually ask for an addition of the **paragraphs 66-68 to our official invitations** ("Kosten fuer Rueckbefoerderung und Lebensunterhalt"). We would like to stress that IBG is not able to meet the conditions mentioned therein and that we cannot add these paragraphs to our official invitations.

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

**COVID-19:** IBG will follow the national regulations and organise the projects in a way that they are as safe as possible. But the evolution of the infection situation and its dynamic cannot be foreseen. This makes planning difficult. Therefore we

- can only accept volunteers who are either **fully vaccinated** (2 to 3 shots of one of the following vaccines: BioNtech/Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca or Johnson&Johnson) or **recovered** (date of infection must be at least 28 days old and max 90 days old)
- we ask all volunteers to **book refundable tickets**, as IBG cannot reimburse any travel tickets, no matter the circumstances.

# WORKCAMP PROGRAM 2022

Code	Name	Dates	Type	Vols	Remarks
IBG 02	Wildlife Protection Winter Camp - Dornstetten	20.02.-06.03.	ENVI/MANU	12	
IBG 01	Forest School Indelhausen	06.03.-18.03.	ENVI/MANU/EDU	14	
IBG 03	Grimburg Castle Festival	20.05.-28.05.	FEST/RENO	8	18-30 years old ML Confirmation on April 7th
IBG 04	Black Forest Village Grafenhausen	23.05.-05.06.	MANU/RENO	12	
IBG 05	Nature Kindergarten Höchstädt	19.06.-03.07.	MANU/ENVI	12	Vols need to be able to ride a bike.
IBG ESC 1	Camp Village Bergheim	22.06.-16.07.	DISA/KIDS	15	To be confirmed! ML, CGC Volunteering Team
IBG 06	Adventure Land Lauchringen	25.06.-09.07.	MANU/ENVI	8	
IBG 30	Music Festival Pegnitz	04.07.-11.07.	FEST/MANU	10	Age: 18-26 ML Basic conditions!
IBG 07	Celtic House Bopfingen	09.07.-23.07.	CONS/RENO	12	
IBG 08	Build a Bakehouse in Marienberg	09.07.-23.07.	CONS/DISA	12	
IBG 09	Dirt Bike Contest Eislingen	09.07.-24.07.	MANU/FEST	12	
IBG 10	Black Forest Experience Lauterbach	09.07.-24.07.	ENVI/MANU	12	
IBG 11	Camp Village Bergheim – Teens and Families	16.07.-04.08.	CHIL/SOCI	5	ML, CGC
IBG 12	St. James Way Heilsbronn	23.07.-06.08.	MANU/ENVI	12	
IBG 13	Wolsfeld: together for a vibrant village life!	23.07.-07.08.	ENVI/RENO	12	
IBG 14	Forest School Indelhausen for Teens	24.07.-05.08.	ENVI/EDU	20	Age: 16-18, EXTRA FEE: 150€
IBG 4M	Markgröningen – youth and biodiversity!	24.07.-06.08.	ENVI	13	Age: 16-25 Only from Lombardy, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, Catalonia
IBG ESC 2	VT Oberesch – building inclusive bridges	25.07.-10.08.	DISA/ENVI	12+8	Volunteering Team ML

IBG 29	Meadow Lands Schenkenzell	30.07.-13.08.	ENVI/MANU	12	
IBG 15	Summer Camp Weil der Stadt	30.07.-14.08.	CHIL	9	ML, CGC
IBG 16	National Park Hunsrück	30.07.-20.08.	ENVI	15	
IBG 17	Music Festival Stuttgart	01.08.-09.08.	FEST/MANU	12	Age: 18-26 ML Basic conditions!
IBG 18	Historic Hiking Trail Niefern-Öschelbronn	06.08.-20.08.	ENVI/RENO	10	
IBG 19	Nature and History Klingenberg	06.08.-21.08.	ENVI/MANU	15	
IBG 20	Summer Festival by a Lake Rainau	07.08.-21.08.	CONS/FEST	12	
IBG 21	Take a break at the fountain – Kastel-Staadt	14.08.-27.08.	RENO/ENVI	12	
IBG 22	Spruce up the ponds! Heidesheim	21.08.-03.09.	ENVI	12	Vols need to be able to ride a bike.
IBG 28	Care for the “Schachten-meadows” in Gumpenried!	23.08.-02.09.	ENVI	10	
IBG 23	Old Brickworks Mainz	04.09.-18.09.	RENO/ENVI	12	Vols need to be able to ride a bike. ML
IBG 24	Peatland and Wildlife Conservation Weißenstadt	11.09.-24.09.	ENVI	12	
IBG ESC3	Deuselbach – Make the Hunsrück international!	11.09.-01.10.	ENVI/RENO	15	Volunteering Team ML
IBG 25	Educational Centre Kell am See	18.09.-02.10	ENVI/MANU	12	
IBG 26	Ober-Olm – forests are future!	02.10.-16.10.	ENVI	12	
IBG 27	Danube Valley Village - Leibertingen	09.10.-23.10.	CONS/ENVI	12- 15	

# WORKCAMP MAP 2022



*...peacing the world together*

**IBG 02 Wildlife Protection Winter Camp in the Black Forest (BW) | 20.02.-06.03.22 | ENVI/MANU | 12 vols**

**WORK: Help us protect the “Auerhuhn” (Capercaillie), an endangered bird species in the Black Forest area.** The mountain areas of Germany used to be home to many of the large Capercaillie birds, “Auerhuhn” in German. Nowadays, the bird is threatened with extinction across Germany. Nature conservationists try to breed them and release them into the wild, however numbers of the species are declining. A few of the birds still live in the more remote areas of the Southern German Black Forest.

In this workcamp, you can help protect the Capercaillie in its natural home in the “Kniebis”, the highest mountains in the region. Together with the local forestry department you will bring more light into the dense forest. You will create open spaces and gaps at certain places so that more light can reach the forest floor. This improves the forest as a home to plants and animals with more dead wood and different layers of trees and bushes. Bushes like wild blueberries can grow again – one of the Capercaillie’s favourite snacks. Clearing dense forest also helps the birds perform their specific courting ritual under the best circumstances. In this ritual, the male birds make a big show raising their tail feathers, moving and singing in order to impress the females.

Since this workcamp will take place in February, there is a good chance there will be snow. Depending on the weather in the area, you might be able to complete the work in the forest or not. But don’t worry - alternative nature conservation tasks in lower areas are waiting for you in case working in the mountains is not possible.

This workcamp is part of the 2022 IBG agenda: “Let’s take action for climate protection – volunteering for forests and peatlands”.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will stay in the scout center in Dornstetten. The accommodation is small but very cosy. It has a big group room with a central fire place that is heating the whole house, a small kitchen including a dishwasher and an gas stove and oven, as well as toilets and showers.

There are three sleeping rooms with beds. Please, bring your own sleeping bag! If the weather is fine you can have the meals outside or have a fire at the fireplace in the evening. The surrounding is rural; there is a lot of nature to explore. You will share cooking duties with all other volunteers - a great possibility for you to try many different international dishes.

**LOCATION:** Bad-Rippoldsau/ Schapbach lies at an altitude of 400 to 900 metres in the middle of the Black Forest. The area around the village is perfect for nature walks and hiking. Besides the forest, you will find valleys, mountain meadows, waterfalls, lakes and rock formations. Close to the village there is an “Alternative Wolf and Bear Park” where you can imagine how these large animals used to live in the Black Forest. The town of “Alpirsbach”, popular for its monastery and a beer brewery, is

close-by and well worth a visit. The region also is famous for a traditional way of celebrating the carnival which takes place each year in February. In the celebrations, so called “fool guilds” wear handmade costumes with carved wooden masks that represent witches, devils and other fantasy figures. They walk through the streets, distribute candy and play tricks on the spectators. The main attraction of the festivities are street parades that start on Thursday, 24th February, and end on the following Wednesday. (Changes to the celebrations in 2022 due to Covid-19 are possible.)

**PROJECT:** We organise this workcamp in cooperation with the forestry department of the central Black Forest which is taking care of all state-owned forests within the region. Their tasks include among other things: The administration and management of the forest, environmental education and recreational care, nature conservation and landscape maintenance. The forestry department is very engaged in the conservation of the Capercaillie. By participating in this workcamp, you are actively supporting biodiversity and life on land (UN SDG 15).

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Freundenstadt

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATIONS:** Stuttgart or Karlsruhe

**NEXT AIRPORTS, in case you really need to fly:** Stuttgart (STR), Karlsruhe (Baden-Baden) (FKB)

## **IBG 01 Forest School Indelhausen (BW) | 06.03.-18.03.22 | ENVI/MANU/EDU | 14 vols**

**WORK:** In this workcamp, you will support the forest school “Waldschulheim Indelhausen”, a place of non-formal environmental education for school classes.

You will take part in the Forest school's program. This means:

- in the mornings, you will be working on different environmental tasks to help maintain the surrounding biosphere area;
- in the afternoons, you will be learning more about forests and the nature surrounding us.

This is a special project for nature lovers and people interested in learning about nature protection work. The project is part of the 2022 IBG agenda: “Let’s take action for climate protection – volunteering for forests and peatlands”.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in shared rooms directly in the forest school. There are showers and bathroom facilities, as well as a gym hall, a volleyball court, table tennis tables and two climbing walls. Meals will be provided by the school, so you don't have to cook by yourself.

**LOCATION:** The “Waldschulheim” is located in the small village of Indelhausen in the middle of a geopark and at the southern end of the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve “Schwaebische Alb” in southern Germany. This area features diverse mountainous and cultural landscapes, protected ecosystems



with rare plants and animals and notable forest, meadow and orchard habitats. In line with our efforts to focus on workcamps within the field of nature protection the region is highly suitable. The surroundings are perfect for outdoors activities like hiking. It is very rural, and there are many great view-points and various old castle ruins that are worth visiting.

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

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Riedlingen

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATION:** Stuttgart

**NEXT AIRPORTS, in case you really need to fly:** Stuttgart (STR)

**MEETING POINT AND TIME:** Riedlingen train station, in the afternoon (between 1 and 7pm).

## **IBG 03 Come and join a festival at medieval Grimburg Castle! (RP) | 21.05.–28.05.22 FEST/RENO | 8 vols**

**AGE:** You need to be 18 to 30 years old to join.

**WORK:** We invite 8 volunteers to come to Grimburg Castle this spring to live and work in the medieval castle and support a team of local volunteers at a small festival.

Grimburg Castle was built around the year 1190 and has been destroyed and reconstructed several times. Today, volunteers of a local heritage association take care of the castle and organise a small festival there each year. Since this is a lot of work they can really use your help. So every spring, a group of international volunteers meets at the castle to support the renovation and the festival work. Continue the tradition, join this workcamp and...

- ...support the Grimburg Castle festival on May 26th: 500 to 1000 visitors come to the castle’s spring festival each year. Together with the local volunteers you will set up a tent and benches for visitors, sell food and drinks, organise small games for children and wash up dishes. Of course, you will also celebrate together with all the volunteers and visitors.

- ...work on the castle's area: Before and after the festival, you will cut bushes and grass, clean the stone walls, plant and weed in the historic herb garden or clean the exhibition in the castle's and witches museum. The tasks for each day will depend on the weather conditions.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will live in one of the castle's towers and feel like a former inhabitant of this medieval place. At night you will have the castle to yourselves, so you can sit around a campfire, listen to music, share food and enjoy living in nature. The conditions are basic but very cosy; you will sleep in bunk beds on the first floor. Please bring a sleeping bag. On the ground floor of the tower, you will have a space to cook and eat. Should more distance be necessary for pandemic reasons, we will put up additional tents in front of the tower, so you can have more spaces to sleep in. In that case, you will have meals mainly outside (under a wooden roof in case it rains). Toilets and a shower are within 50m. There is electricity but no running water in the tower itself. Please be aware that, just like in medieval times, you do not have an internet connection at Grimburg Castle.

**LOCATION:** Grimburg Castle is surrounded by nature, overlooking the forests and valleys. In your free time you can go for a walk or a hike, enjoy the spring outside or make a campfire at night. Grimburg Castle is quite isolated. The next village is not far, but you will find the closest shops 10km away (in a town called Hermeskeil). But even though it is isolated, in this workcamp you will meet local people, share time with them and get to know the area. You can also visit Trier, the oldest German city, on an excursion day. In Trier, you will find many historical sites from the Roman period. Since it is a university town, there are also many clubs, shops and events.

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

**SPECIAL REMARK:** Please be aware that it might happen that the festival has to be cancelled for legal reasons. In this case the workcamp will be cancelled as well. The final decision can only be made on **April 7th**, so please do not book your trip before the final confirmation. This workcamp is only for volunteers who like a simple life and enjoy being in nature!

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Trier or Türkismuehle

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Frankfurt-Hahn (HHN), Luxembourg (LUX) Frankfurt (FRA)

**MEETING POINT AND TIME:** Pickups will be organized at Hermeskeil bus stop on 20<sup>th</sup> of May at 4.30, 6.30 and 8.30 pm. Please, make sure to arrive on time for one of them.

**12 vols**

**WORK: The people in Grafenhausen count on your help to maintain and renovate parts of their local infrastructure.** Most of the structures you will be working on have been built by groups of IBG volunteers in the past years! Now, they need to be refurbished. In concrete terms, you will be renovating:

- the playground of the local school (2019 workcamp);
- the playground inside the “adventure trail” (2018 workcamp), a path with various stops where visitors and kids can learn playfully about nature;
- the water playground for kids (2017 workcamp);
- the paths inside the “sculpture park”;
- different stops along the “Mudiator Trail”, a permanent training track;
- another playground in one part of the village called Brünlisbach.

You should expect manual work! Your group will be:

- painting and sanding down wooden structures;
- cleaning signage;
- replacing old material with new ones in order to make it look brand new.

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

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

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

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

visit the brewery during your stay. The village is in a very rural area, so be prepared for two calm weeks in the Black Forest, far away from big city life. To go shopping and for excursions, the community will lend you a small bus. From the next train station, there are regular connections to Freiburg (a university city) and Lake Constance. Grafenhausen is located at about 1.000 meters altitude; therefore the weather in spring is a bit unpredictable: Be prepared for warm and sunny temperatures, as well as coldness and rain.

**PROJECT:** Grafenhausen is a beautiful village with about 2.100 inhabitants. Even if it's not very big, the village has a lot to offer: e.g. the very interactive "Black Forest Museum", a public pool, and a sculpture park (where the international group of 2016 worked). Indeed, the locals are now used to welcoming international volunteers for different projects that will help their community, almost every year. In 2022, they invite a workcamp for the 6<sup>th</sup> time to continue the work of the previous workcamp groups, therefore supporting the sustainable development within the community (UN SDG 11).

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Seebrugg

**NEXT BUS STATION:** "Schule/Rathaus, Grafenhausen"

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATIONS:** Basel (Switzerland), Zurich (Switzerland), Strasbourg (France), Karlsruhe, Stuttgart

**NEXT AIRPORTS, in case you really need to fly:** Basel (BSL), Karlsruhe (Baden-Baden) (FKB), Zurich (ZRH), Stuttgart (STR)

**MEETING POINT AND TIME:** Please, try and arrive at "Schule/Rathaus, Grafenhausen" bus station between 1pm and 8pm on May 23rd. Find the best connection on the German railway company's website: <https://www.bahn.com/en>

## **IBG 05 Nature Kindergarten Höchstädt (BY) | 19.06.-03.07.22 | MANU/ENVI | 12 vols**

**WORK:** The community in Höchstädt has identified three environmental work projects for which they need the help of 12 international volunteers. The first one is building up a "nature kindergarten", the second is improving a hiking trail in the forest and the third is laying out a tree educational trail in the city. You should expect manual work!

- 1) In 2020 the first "Nature Kindergarten" was built in Höchstädt and it has been a big success! Many parents want their kids to visit this special day-care, where the children spend most of the time outside, learning about nature. With your help, they can satisfy the parents' needs, by building a second nature kindergarten. In concrete terms, you will build wooden infrastructures like enclosures, environmental toilets or a storehouse. You will also set up a camp fire place with seating and eating facilities as well as tepees (tents)!

- 2) The “Herzogin-Anna-Rundweg” is a hiking trail that passes through beautiful landscapes like forests, meadows, lakes and ponds. To make it more interactive, you will build playful elements made out of wood as well as “fun stations” for children and families to enjoy, all along the hiking trail. You will also build changing cabins in the picnic area.
- 3) Together with students of the technical school in Höchstädt, you will set up an educational trail for visitors to learn more about trees. You will be mapping and documenting the different tree species and then, you will be hanging name plates on each tree, with a QR code leading to further detailed information.

It is not sure yet, if you will be able to work on all three projects. Some organisational details still need to be clarified and we will inform you, once they are. The work will be led by a professional instructor, so no previous experience is needed. Some days, you might be split up in smaller groups to do different tasks. You will work around 30 hours per week, somewhere between 8am to 4pm from Monday to Friday with a 1-2 hour lunchbreak. To get to work you will either walk or go by bicycle.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will stay at the town’s youth house, located on the outskirts of the town (15 min walk from the town centre). Inside the building, there are two rooms for sleeping, one bathroom with a hot shower and toilet, one extra toilet and a kitchen with a dishwasher. You will sleep on camp beds and sofas, so please bring your own sleeping bag! The house offers a nice outside area where you can take your meals, chill and play. On Friday afternoons, the youth house is open to local youngsters, so be ready to welcome them! In the house, there is no washing machine but Wi-Fi is provided. Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable plant based dishes.

**LOCATION:** Höchstädt is a town of 7,000 inhabitants, located in the South of Germany, on the river Danube. It has nice historical centre with museums, cafés and a market square where people of all generations like to have a drink or an ice cream in the summer. One of the highlights for visitors is the beautiful Höchstädt castle, built in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, in which many cultural events are organised. In addition, Höchstädt is a great area for nature lovers. There are plenty of well-developed bike-roads and many lakes where you can swim. You will be able to meet local youngsters at the youth centre or through sports clubs. Since it’s well connected by train, it is also possible to visit nearby towns such as Ulm and Augsburg or even Munich.

**PROJECT:** The municipality of Höchstädt is looking forward to welcoming their first international workcamp this year! Originally they were expecting you in 2020 but due to the pandemic, the project had to be postponed. In these two years, they have had time to think about how the infrastructure in

Höchstädt could be improved for the local population. It is important to the municipality to have sustainable projects that will enrich the community for many years (UN SDG 11 sustainable communities). By joining this project, you will contribute to raising environmental awareness for all people living or visiting Höchstädt!

**REMARK:** Please bring a sleeping bag, sturdy working shoes and clothes as well as sun and rain protection. For this project you need to be able to ride a bike.

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** "Höchstädt (Donau)" – You can also write it this way: "Hoechstaedt (Donau)"

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATIONS:** Ulm or Augsburg - both around 45 min away from Höchstädt with the train.

**NEXT AIRPORTS, in case you really need to fly:** Stuttgart (STR), Memmingen (FMM), Munich (MUC)

The journey from Stuttgart or Munich airport lasts 2,5 to 3 hours and costs 30-40€. From Memmingen airport, it takes about 2 hours and costs around 25€.

**MEETING POINT AND TIME:** Please, try and arrive at Höchstädt train station between 1pm and 7pm on June 19th. Find the best connection on the German railway company's website:

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

**IBG ESC1 Camp Village Bergheim (NRW) | 22.06.-16.07.22 | DISA/KIDS | 5 vols**

**ONLY FOR INTERNAL USE FOR NOW - TO BE CONFIRMED**

**WORK: Come and volunteer in a summer village for children and young people with and without mental disabilities.** Over 3 weeks of different activities await you while you assist in a summer camp for children and young people with and without mental disabilities near Cologne! Your work starts with setting up the camp site together with the volunteers of the local association that runs the camp. The summer village starts on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June with an opening ceremony and from the next day on you will support the local team with the running of the camping village. Your job will be to help with different types of workshops, where the children can try out different types of sport, do arts and crafting or simply play games. In the first week, half of the places for participants in the camp village are allocated to children and young people who require an assistant due to their (mental) disability. Assistants are provided by a self-help association for people with mental disabilities especially, and their families. The other half is allocated both to children and adolescents who do not need an assistant, but are dependent on support in everyday life (care, etc.) and to children and adolescents without disabilities.

In the following two weeks, the participants will be children from 7-12 years. The volunteering team project will end after these kids' weeks, but the camping village will continue with activities for

adolescents aged 14+. The last week is reserved for families with (small) children. If you want to stay longer (and without the financial support from the ESC), this could be arranged with the local association.

Aside from helping with the program, there will also be “backstage” tasks, such as going grocery shopping or cleaning. Another responsibility is the night duty: Since the participants are under-age, someone always needs to stay awake. Don’t worry, you won’t need to stay up the whole night and you won’t need to do it alone. It can easily turn into a nice long campfire-evening with friends. It is very important to the local team that you feel and become part of one big group of teamers. Most of the 15 volunteers will be German and around 5 volunteers will join from abroad.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will sleep in big group tents on the camp village site. Camp mats will be provided, but **please bring your own sleeping bag!** There are showers and sanitary facilities available, but the accommodation itself is quite basic. There will be no need for cooking since you will be eating together with the local team and the participants, so everything will be provided, but you are of course expected to help with cleaning and so on.

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

**PROJECT:** Woanders e.V. is a non-profit organization which wants to reach people of all ages, support cross-generational interaction and contact between people from different areas of life. Their work intends to reduce fear of contact and support tolerance and curiosity for other people, by strengthening the team-spirit “We”. Each summer for over a month, they organize a camping village full of activities for different age groups: This year it is the first time that they start with an inclusive week for children and young people with mental disabilities. This is followed up by two weeks of kids-program. After the end of the volunteering team there will be also a week of camping for teenagers (12-15 years old), then followed by a weekend for adolescents (14+) and finally a week of family camp. You can find the camp village schedule [here](http://www.woanders.org/zeltstadt/): [www.woanders.org/zeltstadt/](http://www.woanders.org/zeltstadt/) Participants usually stay there for a full week, most of them will stay overnight in tents and have their meals there as well. It is a project aimed mostly towards children and teens with fewer opportunities but it is open to people from all backgrounds. Priority is given to participants from nearby communities. Since 2020 we successfully support this project with small groups of international volunteers and the local team is looking forward to meet new international friends. By volunteering in this project, you are contributing to a sustainable and inclusive community (UN SDG 11).

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Paffendorf

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATIONS:** Cologne

**NEXT AIRPORTS, in case you really need to fly:** Cologne (CGN), Düsseldorf (DUS)

**MEETING POINT:** You have to arrive in Paffendorf train station. From there it is only a 15 minute walk to the camp village. There will be someone waiting to accompany you. Find the best connection on the German railway company's website: <https://www.bahn.com/en>

**REQUIREMENTS:** We ask for a motivation letter to be sent with the application! Previous experience in working with children and/or people with disabilities will be very helpful. Since the project involves children, you need to provide a certificate of good conduct before the start of the project. There will be an online preparation meeting for the international volunteers, to already get to know part of the local team and get introduced to their methods and approach on youth work.

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

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

In return, participation is free of charge, as well as food and accommodation. Volunteers need to stay the full duration of the project in order to get their pocket money (5 euros per day) and travel cost reimbursed (20-360 euros depending on distance).

## **IBG 06 Adventure Land Lauchringen (BW) | 25.06.-09.07.22 | MANU/ENVI | 8 vols**

**WORK:** The community in Lauchringen is counting on you to realise two main projects this year. First, you will create a biodiversity path inside a big park in the village, in order to protect and strengthen biodiversity. Second, you will continue the work of previous workcamp groups, by renovating the “Adventure Land”, an inclusive place for children and school groups.

1. To create the biodiversity path, you will:
  - Cover an area with gravel and build up dry stone walls;
  - Build and install lizard lounges, insect hotels and nesting boxes.
2. The Adventure Land consists of a house and a big garden area. The building itself is already finished, but there is still plenty to build and create in the surrounding garden area, to make the children happy! Right now the team of the Adventure Land is discussing the different tasks that your group will help them realise. You should expect a lot of manual work like cutting wood, nailing, screwing, sanding down and painting.



The work will be led by a professional instructor, so no previous experience is needed. You will work around 30 hours per week, somewhere between 8am to 4pm from Monday to Friday with a 1-2 hour lunchbreak.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will live inside the building on the “Adventure Land”: There are two big rooms with sleeping mats which can be separated by gender, a kitchen, and sanitary facilities. Please, bring a sleeping bag. There is also a big common room that you can use for your activities. On some days, groups of children will come to the Adventure Land in the afternoon, and you will need to share the common room and the sanitary facilities with them. The two rooms for sleeping, however, are private and reserved only for your group. Have a look at pictures of the new building and area [here \(https://faz-hochrhein.de/abenteuerland/ueber-uns/scheune/\)](https://faz-hochrhein.de/abenteuerland/ueber-uns/scheune/). In the Adventure Land, there is a washing machine and there is Wi-Fi. Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

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

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

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

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Lauchringen

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATIONS:** Basel (Switzerland), Zurich (Switzerland). From Basel train station it takes about 1 hour and it costs around 40€. From Zurich it takes 1,5-2 hours and it costs around 25€.

**NEXT AIRPORTS, in case you really need to fly:** Basel (BSL), Zuerich (ZRH) – both in Switzerland

**MEETING POINT AND TIME:** Please, try and arrive at Lauchringen train station between 1pm and 7pm on June 25th. Find the best connection on the German railway company's website:

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

## **IBG 30 Music Festival Pegnitz | 04.07.-11.07. | FEST/MANU | 10 vols**

### **BASIC CONDITIONS!**

**AGE:** 18-26 years old

**WORK:** You will help the organisers in all phases of the festival: The main tasks will be, on the first days, setting up the stage and the campground on the site of the festival. You will help to create the always charming and handmade decorations of the festival site and help with the disassembly of the whole structure and surroundings on the last day. While the festival is running, you should be available to the organisation and will be asked to assist in different areas: bar, stage, organisation, catering etc. You will work closely with the local people from the association! There is a plan for the build-up of the festival, nevertheless the schedule will be adapted to the always changing logistics of the event and you are expected to be flexible, patient and work autonomously within this plan. Volunteers should be prepared to work long and unusual hours, but also have some time between their shifts, which can be used to explore the festival and enjoy the music! Speaking or understanding basic German will be a plus!

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will stay at the local brewery! It is a small and very basic accommodation not far from the festival site that does not provide much comfort, but a very unique charm. The final ceremony afterwards for all the helpers of the festival will also take place there. During the festival food will be provided by the food stands throughout the day.

**LOCATION:** Pegnitz is a small town in Franconia, Bavaria, near Nuremberg. You can find medieval and historic buildings and churches in the centre of the city. The city is known for its beers: it has a long tradition in brewery and the locals are very proud of it. The Bavarian region, in which Pegnitz is located, is called "Little Switzerland" due to its beautiful surrounding that invites extended adventures and hiking trips in the region. There are all kinds of trails and possibilities to experience the unique nature.

**PROJECT:** The local association Waldstock e.V. (<http://waldstock.de/>) promotes local youth activities in the small town of Pegnitz. The members of this association are very motivated and with a lot of personal involvement they organize projects like concerts, film festivals or soccer cups. For more than 20 years, they have been organizing the "Waldstock" festival, a so called "Umsonst und Draussen" - festival ("outside & free of charge"), which has become an important part of the cultural

life in the town of Pegnitz and the region. Since 2013 the festival is supported by a small group of international Workcamp volunteers, who can enjoy the truly unique experience of becoming a part of the busy festival team. The last 2 years the festival could not take place, so everyone is really looking forward to reviving the event.

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Nuremberg, Munich, Frankfurt

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Pegnitz

**MEETING POINT:** How to arrive at Pegnitz station: from Nuremberg main station 37 minutes via regional train (RE) to Bayreuth. From Pegnitz station it is only about 1 km to walk to the brewery:

<https://goo.gl/maps/GVscNqPkSMGtj2V6>

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** We ask for a motivation letter to be sent with the application!

## **IBG 07 Celtic House Bopfingen (BW) | 09.07.-23.07.22 | CONS/RENO | 12 vols**

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

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

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

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

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

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Bopfingen

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATIONS:** Stuttgart (about 2h away), Ulm (about 2h away), Augsburg (about 3h away), Munich (about 3h away)

**NEXT AIRPORTS, in case you really need to fly:** Stuttgart (STR), Munich (MUC)

**MEETING POINT AND TIME:** Please, try and arrive at Bopfingen train station between 1pm and 7pm on July 9th. Find the best connection on the German railway company's website:

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

## **IBG 08 Build a Bakehouse in Mariaberg (BW) | 09.07.–23.07.22 | CONS/DISA**

### **12 vols**

**WORK: We invite 12 volunteers to come to Mariaberg and build a bakehouse together with students with disabilities. The bakehouse will serve as an outside pizza oven for visitors of Mariaberg, as well as for training baker apprentices.**

Mariaberg is a complex where people with and without disabilities work and live together. Part of the complex is also an ecological farm where cattle, a few pigs, geese and therapeutic sheep are raised and different grains are cultivated. Students with disabilities from local schools regularly come working on the farm, which is located a bit outside of Mariaberg's centre.

Your job will be to build a small bakehouse on the farm, which you will be doing with and for these people. In 2020 the foundation was already prepared and concreted, so now you can start building!

That includes:

- bricklaying of the oven
- inserting the baking chamber and the ash pan

- erecting the roof with wooden rafters and roof tiles.

The work will be led by a professional instructor, so no previous experience is needed. During the work you will be joined from time to time by some local people with disabilities.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Accommodation will be in a gym hall in the centre of Mariaberg. You will sleep in one big room on safety sports mats. **Please bring a sleeping bag!** In the gym hall you will find sanitary facilities with hot showers and toilets. Right in front of the gym hall, you will find space to sit, a park, a playground and barbecue place. In the gym hall there is Wifi access. In Mariaberg, there is a laundry service where your group can bring the clothes that need to be washed.

You will not prepare meals for yourselves since there is no kitchen close to your accommodation. Instead, you will eat breakfast and lunch at the local Café and restaurant of the “village” everyday! They offer a big buffet with a large choice of food, suitable for vegetarians or vegans as well. For dinner you can order food from the restaurant and eat it in the communication centre. You will also have the possibility of doing some barbecues.

**LOCATION:** Mariaberg is a part of Gammertingen, which is situated 80 km south of Stuttgart, nestled in the Swabian Alb (not Alpes!)– a beautiful mountain chain with spectacular nature. An old monastery overlooks the village from atop the surrounding hills and lush forests of the Swabian Alb. Without doubt, you will find enough to do in Mariaberg itself (barbecue, gym halls, bowling, restaurants and cafés!) but the region also offers its nature, typical Swabian villages and small towns as worthy day-trips. The locals are looking forward to the cultural exchange with you and will be happy to organise trips to Lake Constance, to the Hohenzollern Castle or to the University city of Tübingen with you.

**PROJECT:** Following the successful history of work camps in Mariaberg, IBG and international volunteers are again invited to come to Mariaberg / Gammertingen to realize a small but important construction project. Mariaberg, a quarter of Gammertingen, is not only a village, but also a supporting organisation of the “Behindertenhilfe”, an institution offering homes, workshops and education (kindergarten and schools) for young people with learning difficulties, disabilities or illnesses. A diverse range of people – young and old – come together to live here, learn and work. Mariaberg as an institution was founded in 1847 and is now one of the biggest employers in the area, with several schools for caring professions and a psychiatry clinic for children and youth. We ask you to come with an open heart and mind, as you will be in close contact with the people and become part of the diverse community in Mariaberg! By volunteering in this project, you are contributing to a sustainable and inclusive community (UN SDG 11).

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Gammertingen

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATION:** Stuttgart (the journey from Stuttgart main train station to Gammertingen takes about 2,5 hours and costs around 20€)

**NEXT AIRPORTS, in case you really need to fly:** Stuttgart (STR), Karlsruhe (Baden-Baden) (FKB)

**MEETING POINT AND TIME:** Please, try and arrive at Gammertingen train station between 1pm and 7pm on July 9th. Find the best connection on the German railway company's website:

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

## **IBG 09 Dirt Bike Contest Eislingen (BW) | 09.07.-24.07.22 | MANU/FEST | 12 vols**

**WORK:** The community of Eislingen counts on your help to prepare everything for a Dirt Bike Contest for young people, which will take place on July 23rd. They will also need your support during the event. In addition, you will help with renovation works in the local youth house in Eislingen.

Your main tasks will be:

- Working on the reconstruction and renovation of the trail as well as the removal of greenery. This work will involve a lot of shovelling and treading down soil to form the trail.
- On the day of the event, you will set up the stalls, sell drinks etc.
- On rainy days, you will help with improvement works in the youth houses (e.g.: painting works). The local youth will give you a hand!

Apart from these main tasks, you will be able to spend some time with the local youngsters. Please, bring some ideas for activities with you! Keep in mind that these young people are teens who haven't had many possibilities to travel and meet new people from abroad yet. Communication in English might be difficult sometimes. However, they are looking forward to meeting you and making new friends around the world!

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in the youth centre, directly in the centre of Eislingen. The building is equipped with a kitchen, sanitary facilities, a football table, a pool table, and other games. You will sleep on camping beds in large rooms; please bring your own sleeping bag with you! Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

**LOCATION:** Eislingen is a city of roughly 20,000 inhabitants, located in the southwest of Germany. The region, with its diverse landscapes, invites for hiking trips or other outdoor activities. On the weekends, you might visit other German cities close-by. For instance, you could visit Stuttgart, the regional capital which offers many possibilities, Ulm, a beautiful old German city with a famous

cathedral or Esslingen, a nice town with typical half-timbered houses and vineyards. All three are easily accessible with public transportation. Your group will commonly decide on how you would like to use your free time.

**PROJECT:** Every year, the youth centre in Eislingen organizes a Dirt Bike Contest with participants from Germany, Austria and Switzerland. For the sixth time now, they will get the help of an international workcamp during preparations and also while running of the event. During the project you will be in close contact with local youngsters. We ask you to come with an open mind and bring some ideas how to spend the time together with them. By volunteering in this project, you are supporting infrastructures for local teenagers (UN SDG 9 and 11).

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** You need to know how to ride a bike!

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Eislingen(Fils)

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATION:** Stuttgart – from Stuttgart main train station to Eislingen(Fils), it takes 45 to 60 minutes and the ticket costs 7,90€.

**NEXT AIRPORT, in case you really need to fly:** Stuttgart (STR)

**MEETING POINT AND TIME:** Please, try and arrive at Eislingen(Fils) train station between 1pm and 7pm on July 9th.

## **IBG 10 Black Forest Experience Lauterbach (BW) | 09.07.-24.07.22 | ENVI/MANU | 12 vols**

**WORK: Help the community in Lauterbach take care of their beautiful forest! The forest is wide and your precious help will be needed for a variety of tasks related to nature conservation.**

During this work camp you will be working in the forest to maintain a hiking trail and you will be completing other tasks including:

- removing so-called “neophytes” (invasive non-native vegetation) from the nature protection area;
- cleaning and clearing of vegetation in biotopes like ponds.
- You may also repair fences and maintain grasslands around fruit trees.

Be prepared for hard physical work! Due to working in swampy and steep areas (ponds), rubber boots and/or sturdy shoes are necessary for working effectively!

**ACCOMMODATION:** The workcamp group of volunteers will stay in a nice community house in the middle of the forest, where you can find sanitary facilities, showers, a common room with sofas and tables and a well-equipped kitchen. You can have a look [at their website \(http://moosenmaettleweb.de/\)](http://moosenmaettleweb.de/). There are 4 multi-bed rooms for you. As the house is located in a

very rural area, it is likely that there will not be access to internet and no coverage for mobile phones. Just be prepared to spend two wonderful, adventurous weeks away from your busy and usual everyday life. Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

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

**PROJECT:** It is the 13th time that the community of Lauterbach and a local Landscape Development Association invite an international workcamp! Above all, the local hosts are very happy to be supported by a workcamp at different environmental and construction tasks in a nature protection area! Not only is your help valuable to them but they are also very happy to share their knowledge about forest preservation to foreign volunteers. By volunteering in this project, you are actively protecting nature and biodiversity (UN SDG 15).

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Hausach

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATIONS:** Stuttgart (2 to 2,5 from Stuttgart main station to Hausach) or in Switzerland: Basel (about 2 hours from Basel train station to Hausach) or in France: Strasbourg (1 to 1,5 hours from Strasbourg train station to Hausach)

**NEXT AIRPORTS, in case you really need to fly:** Stuttgart (STR), Strasbourg (SXB), Basel (BSL)

**MEETING POINT AND TIME:** On July 9<sup>th</sup>, there will be pickups from Hausach train station in the afternoon. The exact times of the pickups will be given in the specific infosheet. Find the best connection to Hausach on the German railway company's website: <https://www.bahn.com/en>

## **IBG 11 Camp Village Bergheim – Teens and Families (NRW) | 16.07.-04.08.22 | CHIL/SOCI | 5 vols**

**WORK: Come and volunteer in a summer village for teenagers and young families!** Over 2 weeks of different activities await you while you assist in a summer camp for teenagers and young families near Cologne! The summer village will have started on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June and several weeks of program for children and young people with and without disabilities have already happened when your camp starts. Your project starts with the arrival of a teenager group aged 12 to 15 and a week full of activities with and for the young participants. Your job will be to help with different types of workshops, where the youngsters can try out different types of sport, creative activities, do arts and



crafting or simply chill or play games. The second week of the program is dedicated to families with (small) children.

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

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will sleep in big group tents on the camp village site. Camp mats will be provided, but **please bring your own sleeping bag!** There are showers and sanitary facilities available, but the accommodation itself is quite basic. There will be no need for cooking since you will be eating together with the local team and the participants, so everything will be provided, but of course it is expected that you may help with cleaning and so on.

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

**PROJECT:** Woanders e.V. is a non-profit organization which wants to reach people of all ages, support cross-generational interaction and contact between people from different areas of life. Their work intends to reduce fear of contact and support tolerance and curiosity for other people, by strengthening the team-spirit “We”. Each summer for over a month, they organize a camping village full of activities for different age groups: This year it is the first time that they start with an inclusive week for children and young people with mental disabilities. This is followed up by two weeks of kids-program. After the end of the volunteering team there will be also a week of camping for teenagers (12-15 years old), then followed by a weekend for adolescents (14+) and finally a week of family camp. You can find the camp village schedule [here](http://www.woanders.org/zeltstadt/): [www.woanders.org/zeltstadt/](http://www.woanders.org/zeltstadt/) Participants usually stay there for a full week, most of them will stay overnight in tents and have their meals there as well. It is a project aimed mostly towards children and teens with fewer opportunities but it is open to people from all backgrounds. Priority is given to participants from nearby communities. Since 2020 we successfully support this project with small groups of international volunteers and the local team is looking forward to meet new international friends. By volunteering in this project, you are contributing to a sustainable and inclusive community (UN SDG 11).

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

be an online preparation meeting for the international volunteers, to already get to know part of the local team and get introduced to their methods and approach on youth work.

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Paffendorf

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATIONS:** Cologne

**NEXT AIRPORTS, in case you really need to fly:** Cologne (CGN), Düsseldorf (DUS)

**MEETING POINT:** You have to arrive in Paffendorf train station. From there it is only a 15 minute walk to the camp village. There will be someone waiting to accompany you. Find the best connection on the German railway company's website: <https://www.bahn.com/en>

## **IBG 12 St. James Way Heilsbronn (BY) | 23.07-06.08.22 | MANU/ENVI | 12 vols**

**WORK:** The community of Heilsbronn is counting on your help for a fitness trail and a barefoot path in the forest which are very popular for locals and visitors of the city. In this workcamp, you will help maintain a fitness trail help extend a barefoot path that the kids of a local school love.

One part of the project will be to maintain the “Vita Parcours” fitness trail in the forest. This means:

- clearing the trail of over-grown plants along the paths and on the different stations;
- cleaning the signs and stations;
- picking up the trash along the trail.

Another part of the work will be to help renovate and expand the barefoot path, in front of a special school called “Schule der Phantasie” (“School of Imagination” in English). Along this path, children can walk barefoot and experience different natural textures like moss, gravel, pine cones, wood etc. The work will be led by a professional instructor from the builder’s yard, so no previous experience is needed. You will work 30 hours per week, somewhere between 8am to 4pm from Monday to Friday with a lunchbreak on site.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in the local youth club called “JUZ”, right above the city’s builder’s yard. In the youth club, there are two big open rooms and one smaller room. You will sleep on mattresses on the floor. **Please bring a sleeping bag!** In addition, there is a small kitchen, a common room with sofas and games for you to chill, two toilets and one bathroom. You might also have the possibility to use the builder’s yard’s showers during the evenings. In the house, there is a washing machine and a Wi-Fi connection. The local youth who usually visit the club are looking forward to welcoming you and getting to know the international volunteers.

Volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking and cleaning. In order to reduce our

carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

**LOCATION:** Heilsbronn with its 9,300 inhabitants is located in the idyllic Bavarian region called „Franken“(Franconia). The town lies along a path known as the “Way of St. James” or “Camino de Santiago”. For this reason, the town is frequently visited by tourists as well as pilgrims. Apart from the traditional, half-timbered houses, the town has a couple of unique sites, such as the Romanesque monastery and the local cathedral. A guided tour might be organised for you, if you’re interested. Besides, the town can arrange free entrance to the outdoor swimming pool for the volunteers. Nature-lovers can find several hiking trails in the beautiful surrounding landscape. The cities of Nuremberg, Bamberg and Rothenburg ob der Tauber are not too far away and might be visited on weekends.

**PROJECT:** The town of Heilsbronn has been hosting workcamps for over 12 years already and is looking forward to welcoming another international group of volunteers this summer. The local community is a big fan of workcamps and international volunteering and has introduced other neighbouring cities to the workcamp idea as well. This year, your support will help the community maintain the green areas in the town and foster environmental education opportunities (UN SDG 11 sustainable communities).

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Heilsbronn (20mn walk from the accommodation). Attention: Please do not confuse the town with another German city called Heilbronn (spelled almost the same but without an ‘s’). This one is more than 2 hours away!

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATIONS:** Nuremberg - around 25 min away from Heilsbronn with the train.

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Nuremberg (NUE), Stuttgart (STR), Frankfurt (FRA). From Nuremberg airport it takes 45mn, from Stuttgart airport 2h45 and from Frankfurt airport 3h30 to reach Heilsbronn with the train.

**MEETING POINT AND TIME:** Please, try and arrive at Heilsbronn train station between 1pm and 7pm on July 23rd. Find the best connection on the German railway company's website: <https://www.bahn.com/en>

**IBG 13 Wolsfeld - Together for a Vibrant Village Life! (RP) | 23.07.-07.08.22 |**

**ENVI/RENO | 12 vols**

**WORK: Together for a vibrant village life!** The local community of Wolsfeld with its 1.000 inhabitants invites international volunteers for the first time. Hosting you and working

together with you are as important as the outcome of your work. They defined several projects to improve the living quality in the village and to make Wolsfeld more attractive.

In the middle of the forest and along a hiking trail, there is a recreational facility with a Kneipp water treading basin (used for “Kneipp hydrotherapy” which is quite popular in Germany), a public barbecue hut and a Hubertus fountain that feeds the basin. Your job will be maintain and upgrade this area. Concrete tasks are:

- Cleaning the water basin;
- renovating the barbecue hut;
- expanding the leisure facilities with a balancing path and a barefoot path (these need to be newly constructed);
- freeing the hiking trail that goes through the forest from overgrown trees and vegetation;
- marking out the hiking trail with signage.

Adjacent to the former parish church of Wolsfeld is the cemetery of honor, a public green area commemorating people who died in the world wars. This path is also to be redesigned and newly laid out. A kind of meditation path or mindfulness path is to be built. The character of the place will change due to these new elements. The old parish church might also be included in the work and some painting work can be carried out. All works will be done together with local volunteers, so for sure you will get to know the village and the village life quite well.

**PROJECT:** The local community of Wolsfeld has already started various approaches and actions to make village life lively and to make Wolsfeld a place where all generations would like to live and stay. For example, a pocket money system has been set up in which older people in the village can ask children and young people to do tasks they cannot do themselves (anymore) for pocket money. The international workcamp is one more step in this approach. The international atmosphere, the exchange with you and the work done together with you are important components. Therefore you can expect to do various activities together with locals in your free time.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will use the gym for sleeping on mats, showers and toilets are provided. To cook, eat and enjoy your free time you can use the school just opposite the small street. In the huge schoolyard you can spend your time outside - if the weather allows. The accommodation will be simple and without a washing machine or Wi-Fi. Please bring your sleeping bag. Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

**LOCATION:** Wolsfeld is a village with 1.000 inhabitants in the Southern part of the Eifel, a low mountain range landscape between Cologne, Trier and Aachen. The area offers a very rich and

picturesque nature: huge forests, deep river valleys, sunbathed plateaus and many rare animals and plants. It is a great area for hiking and other outdoor activities. In addition many cultural sights are waiting for you: castles, Roman monuments... Wolsfeld itself has some infrastructure: two pubs, a bakery, many local associations and a vibrant village life. The nearest city Bitburg (9km) is definitely worth visiting. Probably you know it from the famous brewery "Bitburger" (you can also visit the old brewery), but here you can find a nice historic city centre, shops, cafés, museums and much more. Good public transport connections will enable excursions to Trier or Luxembourg. The area of Wolsfeld was also affected by the flood in July 2021, but fortunately there was only property damage here. By volunteering in this project, you are contributing to a sustainable and inclusive community (UN SDG 11).

**NEXT TRAIN STATIONS:** Luxembourg or Trier. There are direct buses from Luxembourg (75min) every two hours, from Trier you have to change the bus once (70min) with one connection per hour.

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Luxembourg (LUX)

**MEETING POINT AND TIME:** Please arrange your travel in a way that you arrive between 2 and 8 pm in Wolsfeld on July 23rd.

## **IBG 14 Forest School Indelhausen for Teens | 24.07.-05.08.22 | ENVI/EDU | 20 vols**

**AGE:** 16 to 18 years old!

**WORK:** In this workcamp, you will support the forest school "Waldschulheim Indelhausen" by protecting the forest around and you will take part to their programme of non-formal learning about nature. In the mornings, you will be working on different environmental tasks to help maintain the surrounding biosphere area. Your tasks will be:

- planting and preserving forest crops;
- grooming specific biotopes (ex: juniper heath);
- clearing some areas;
- (de)constructing protection fences;
- maintaining certain paths in the forest.

In the afternoons, you will be learning more about biodiversity with the forest rangers. This is a special project for nature lovers and people interested in learning about nature protection work. The project is part of the 2022 IBG agenda: "Let's take action for climate protection – volunteering for forests and peatlands".

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in shared rooms directly in the forest school. The rooms have 2 to 4 beds each (with a mattress, bedsheets, a blanket and a pillow). There are showers with warm water and bathroom facilities on each floor, which can all be separated by gender. In the

building there is also a dining room, 3 common rooms and a gym hall which you can use. Wi-Fi is provided. Meals will be prepared and served by the school, which means you will not have to cook nor wash the dishes. You will get breakfast, lunch (warm) and dinner (warm or cold) in the forest school. Please let us know if you have allergies or intolerances. The forest school tries its best to serve regional, local and bio food.

**LOCATION:** The “Waldschulheim” is located in the small village of Indelhausen in the middle of a geopark and at the southern end of the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve “Schwäbische Alb” in southern Germany. This area features diverse mountainous and cultural landscapes, protected ecosystems with rare plants and animals and notable forest, meadow and orchard habitats. In line with our efforts to focus on workcamps within the field of nature protection the region is highly suitable. The surroundings are perfect for outdoors activities like hiking. It is very rural, and there are many great view-points and various old castle ruins that are worth visiting.

**PROJECT:** The forest school “Waldschulheim Indelhausen” is a pedagogical institution founded in 1977. The building used to be the village school and now serves 1,000 students and teachers every year as a non-formal learning place on the topic of forest and nature. Groups of students of the grades 7 to 9 of all school types usually stay here for two weeks and participate in different tasks of simple forest work, an educational program about the forest and excursions as well as games, fun and sports. There will certainly be other groups of young students in the Waldschulheim at the time of your workcamp and you will have the possibility to exchange with them. You can take a look at the place [here https://waldschulheim-indelhausen.forstbw.de/wsh-indelhausen/](https://waldschulheim-indelhausen.forstbw.de/wsh-indelhausen/). By participating in this workcamp, you are actively supporting biodiversity (UN SDG 15) and help us work against climate change (UN SDG 13).

**EXTRA FEE:** 150€

**REMARK:** This is a special project for nature lovers and people interested in nature protection work. You will get wet and dirty. Make sure to pack warm and comfortable clothes as well as sturdy shoes (like hiking shoes).

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Riedlingen

**CLOSEST BUS STOP:** “Indelhausen, Hayingen” – about 30 min from Riedlingen train station with bus 265.

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATIONS:** Ulm (2 hours from Indelhausen), Stuttgart (2,5 to 3 hours from Indelhausen)

**NEXT AIRPORTS, in case you really need to fly:** Stuttgart (STR), Memmingen (FMM)

**MEETING POINT AND TIME:** You have to arrive in Riedlingen train station before 6pm, in order to catch the last bus going to Indelhausen, Hayingen! On July 24<sup>th</sup> the bus 265 leaves from Riedlingen at:

13:57, 14:55, 16:55 and 17:57. Find the best connection on the German railway company's website:  
<https://www.bahn.com/en>

## **IBG 4M Markgröningen – youth and biodiversity! (BW) | 24.07.-06.08.2022 | ENVI | 13 vols**

**AGE: 16-25 years old**

**WORK: Youth and biodiversity! These are the two key elements of this project.** Under the guidance of a local nature conservation organization (NABU), you will work together to ecologically improve the outdoor area of the CHILLOUD youth club. Specifically, you will

- create a wetland biotope;
- construct special raised beds for butterflies and bees.

The existing trees will be integrated into the concept. There are already many rare species on the site, and in the future the outdoor area will become the perfect place for environmental learning and activities. Young people should like to spend time here and also like to chill outside. Besides the ecological aspect, the encounter is particularly important. You will work together with young people from Markgröningen, they will show you their hometown and do many exciting activities with you.

**PROJECT:** The local youth club CHILLOUD in Markgröningen hosts international volunteers for the first time. The youth club is an open public institution which all young people from Markgröningen can join, without inscription and without any fee. Young people aged 12 to 25 meet here (different time slots for different age groups), they chill together, professional youth workers offer activities and workshops. You will be in close contact with the local youth. The aim of the project is to ecologically enhance the outdoor area of the youth centre. You will work together under the guidance of a local nature conservation organization and otherwise do excursions and other activities together.

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

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will live directly in the youth club. In the building there is a kitchen, sanitary facilities and one shower. If the weather is nice, there will be additional tents for sleeping, so there is even more space for everyone. Wi-Fi is available, but no washing machine. **Please bring a sleeping bag.** Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The

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

**LOCATION:** Markgröningen is a very nice town with approx. 15.000 inhabitants, not far from Stuttgart (20km). The historic city center is absolutely worth seeing. The many half-timbered houses, the market square, the small cafés and shops attract not only tourists, but locals also enjoy their time. The direct surroundings of the youth center offer many opportunities for outdoor sports (hiking, BMX track, canoeing, and all kinds of ball sports). Excursions to Stuttgart or Ludwigsburg, to the vineyards of the Neckar valley and much more are possible. Most importantly, you always have your local guides to give you tips or even show you around.

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATION:** Stuttgart. From here take a local train to Asperg and bus to Markgröningen. There are connections every 30min and the travel time is 35min in total.

**NEXT BUS STOP:** Markgröningen – you can also write it this way: “Markgroeningen”

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Stuttgart (STR)

**REMARK:** This project is only for volunteers aged 16-25 from Baden-Wurtemberg, Lombardy, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes and Catalunya (or with a close link to these regions). No fee.

**MEETING POINT AND TIME:** Please arrive at Markgröningen bus stop between 1pm and 7pm on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Find the best connection on the German railway company's website: <https://www.bahn.com/en>

## **IBG ESC2 Oberesch – Building Inclusive Bridges (SR) | 25.07.-10.08.22 | DISA/ENVI | 12 +8 vols**

**Work: International volunteers will work together with a group of young people with disabilities and local youth from the village of Oberesch, to ecologically enhance an inclusive recreation area.**

This unique project is a follow-up to a 2018 work camp. The focus and motto of the project is: "Volunteering is for everyone". In recent years, an inclusive recreation area has been created around the small Eschbachweiher Lake, where all people - with or without disabilities - can experience nature: The barefoot path is also designed for people with visual impairments; a fishing spot can also be used by people in wheelchairs; the signs of the ecological nature trail are in plain language...

Together you will maintain and expand the recreation area. Concrete tasks include the construction of a breeding wall for kingfishers, the construction of a shoe rack for the barefoot path, the planting of a meadow orchard, the maintenance of the circular path as well as forestry and landscape maintenance work.



The cooperation of young people across all barriers and borders, the exchange of ideas and point of views and the shared fun are the special values of this volunteering team. In addition to the work, numerous joint excursions and activities are part of the programme.

**Accommodation:** The accommodation for the international volunteers will be in the village community centre of Oberesch. Here you can find a big kitchen, a spacious hall, facilities to spend your time or to sleep and toilets of course. The accommodation is quite basic, but local people will support you when needed. The local volunteers will spend the night at home.

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

**Location:** The project will take place in Oberesch, a small village with 320 inhabitants situated directly at the German-French border, approx. 40km north of Saarbrücken. The local youngsters are already waiting to meet you. In the area you can find several castles and the famous valley of the river Saar, offering many opportunities for nice excursions, even to destinations in France or hiking tours. The region Saarland has a rich history of steel production and coal mining. Many excursions and activities will be done together with the people from Oberesch and from the regional Charity (VIB), thus making the project an unforgettable experience.

**Project:** Building inclusive bridges! Volunteering is for everyone! This project is based on the cooperation of IBG with "VIB Saarland" and the local community of Oberesch. The local host "VIB" is a charity organization offering jobs for people with mental or physical disabilities and organising various inclusion projects. Your volunteering team will support them in their inclusion strategy, creating new options for activities for their target group and offering new fields of (intercultural) experiences. The three main aspects of the project are: working together, meeting and having fun together.

Already in 2018, all three partners realised a first international workcamp around the inclusive recreation area together. The experience was really impressive - for IBG, the international volunteers and for the people from Oberesch. After that, several people from the village have become involved in a volunteering project abroad themselves. In recent years, the people of Oberesch and VIB have regularly worked together on different assignments, which led to an intensified cooperation and understanding among them, advanced the project and intensified contact. Now it is time to bring in an international dimension again and everyone is looking forward to the exchange and cooperation with your volunteering team.

**Requirements:** Please add a **motivation letter in English or German** to show your high motivation for the project, interest and experience in working with people with disabilities (What kind of experience do you have? What do you think you can contribute?).

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

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

In return participation is free of charge, as well as food and accommodation. Volunteers need to stay the full duration of the project in order to get their pocket money (5 euros per day) and travel cost reimbursed (20-360 euros depending on distance).

**NEXT STATION:** Siersburg

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATIONS:** Saarbrücken, Luxemburg

**NEXT AIRPORTS, in case you really need to fly:** Luxemburg (LUX)

**MEETING POINT AND TIME:** Siersburg (about 35 minutes from Saarbrücken train station with the regional train or about 2 hours from Luxemburg main train station). Please, try and arrive at Siersburg train station between 1pm and 8pm on July 25th. Find the best connection on the German railway company's website: <https://www.bahn.com/en>

## **IBG 29 Meadow Lands Schenkenzell | 30.07.-13.08.22 | ENVI/MANU | 12 vols**

**WORK: The community of Schenkenzell is counting on your help to support them with several landscape management projects around the village. You should expect physical work outside!**

Schenkenzell is surrounded by the forest as well as large meadows, which were once used for agriculture. Today, some of these meadows are classified as habitats with a particularly high diversity of plant and animal species. Your job will be to help maintain these important landscapes. Your tasks will include:

- Open meadow ditches again, in order to improve the exploitation of the fields;
- Remove invasive plants like fern;
- Clearing a forest meadow off overgrown plants;
- Freeing the edge of the forest and some hiking trails off overgrown branches.

The work will be led by a professional instructor, so no previous experience is needed. You will work around 30 hours per week from Monday to Friday.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will live in a gym hall, in the centre of the village. You will sleep on camp beds in one big room, please bring your own sleeping bag! In the building there are sanitary facilities which can be separated by gender and a kitchen for you to use. The gym hall is often used for different kinds of activities like parties and events, so there is everything a group needs! In Schenkenzell itself you can find a bakery, a pharmacy, a little supermarket and a public swimming pool. For proper shopping there are bigger supermarkets around 5 km away.

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

**LOCATION:** Schenkenzell is a quite small community of about 1.800 inhabitants. Nonetheless it has a lot to offer! The village is about 750 years old and it is known for its monastery, well-known brewery and beautiful landscapes, where you can find many hiking trails. This explains why it is a destination very much appreciated both by German and international tourists. During your free time you will have the opportunity to go on hikes in the Black Forest, visit the monastery and the brewery but also go on excursions to cities like Freiburg and Strasbourg (France).

**PROJECT:** Schenkenzell is nested in the middle of the Black Forest. In the past, the main activities for the inhabitants were agriculture, farming and mining. Although agriculture and farming have almost died out today, the village is still surrounded by meadows and land, which need to be maintained. This year, the community of Schenkenzell invites an international workcamp for the 6<sup>th</sup> time and they are always very happy to welcome the volunteers. Your work will be mostly landscape management and this will benefit both the community of Schenkenzell and the people who visit it. In addition, your work in the meadows and the forest will help to protect biodiversity. By joining this project you are actively supporting sustainable communities (UN SDG 11) and biodiversity (UN SDG 15)..

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Schenkenzell

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATIONS:** Karlsruhe (Baden-Baden), Stuttgart, Strasbourg (France) or Basel (Switzerland).

**NEXT AIRPORTS, in case you really need to fly:** The airports of Strasbourg (SXB), Karlsruhe (FKB), Basel (BSL/EAP), Frankfurt (FRA) and Stuttgart (STR) are all in a distance of 2-3 hours by train.

**MEETING POINT AND TIME:** Please, try and arrive at Schenkenzell train station between 1pm and 7pm on July 30th. Find the best connection on the German railway company's website:

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

**WORK: Support a summer free-time program for children aged 6-12 years old together with a group of German volunteers in Weil der Stadt!** In the first two weeks of summer holidays, the children who participate in this summer free-time program get picked up in the morning; they spend their day at a holiday house and return in the afternoon at 5pm. On Fridays, there's one overnight-stay and a common breakfast with the children. Saturday afternoons and Sundays are free. The summer camp is located next to a forest and a sportsground which allow for many outdoor adventures for the children, such as building huts or playing sports. But there will also be many opportunities for creative workshops. You are welcome to bring your own games, songs and ideas!

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will stay in the "Children and Youth Office" in Weil der Stadt. In the building, there is a big room where you will be sleeping. Camp beds are provided but please, **bring your own sleeping bag!** Inside the building you will find sanitary facilities and a kitchen. During the week, you will eat your lunch with the children and don't need to cook. At night and during weekends, you will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. Groceries will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

**LOCATION:** Weil der Stadt is a town with almost 20.000 inhabitants. It has a very nice historical centre and is located at the outskirts of the Black Forest – perfect for hiking, if you're up to it. Public transportation is good, so you can easily reach the regional capital Stuttgart, as well as Karlsruhe or Pforzheim. The team in Weil der Stadt can support you in organizing weekend trips or activities.

**PROJECT:** The "Children and Youth Office" of Weil der Stadt, close to Stuttgart, organizes a summer-camp for kids every year. Each summer, about 95 children participate in this program. They can join for one week or both. The purpose of the program is to give every child the chance to have a fun vacation time while at the same time, supporting working parents during the first part of school summer break, which lasts for 6 weeks in total. International volunteers have been supporting the summer activities and the local community for two years already (UN SDG 11 sustainable communities).

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** It is not necessary to speak German in order to participate, however it is a big help for sure. The children usually don't speak English but some of the kids have an international background so you might be able to communicate with some of them in your mother tongue. **NOTE:** Please attach a **Motivation Letter** with your application! We would like to know about your motivation to work with children, if you have any experience in this field, and if you speak (a bit of) German. In addition, since you will be working with children, you will be required to provide a **certificate of good conduct** before the start of the camp.

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Weil der Stadt

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATION:** Stuttgart – from Stuttgart main train station, it takes you 40 minutes and it costs 5,5€. You can buy your ticket at the train station.

**NEXT AIRPORT, in case you need to fly:** Stuttgart (STR)

**MEETING POINT AND TIME:** Please, try and arrive at Weil der Stadt train station between 1pm and 8pm on July 30th. Find the best connection on the German railway company's website: <https://www.bahn.com/en>

## **IBG 16 National Park Hunsrück (RP) | 30.07.-20.08.22 | ENVI | 15 vols**

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

1. Care of the nutrient-poor grassland and arnica meadows (mowing works, work to stop the spreading of shrubs etc.). With this work you can protect a valuable habitat with a very high biodiversity. This is especially the case for insects such as bees and butterflies and flowering plants such as orchids.
2. You will work on the wildlife park of Wildenburg Castle. Here you can find wolves, deer, wild boars, wildcats, mouflons and many other animals. Your task will mainly be to renew wooden fences and to build elements where the animals can hide behind. You will also construct wooden barriers to protect small trees from damage through the animals.
3. Let's give water its natural space back! Within the National Park there are many places where the natural flow of streams was changed (through cutting the curves of the streams or drainage channels etc.). In many cases this alteration is negatively impacting the biodiversity of these creeks. You will therefore help to restore the natural flow of the water by closing the channels and revitalizing natural flow elements.

In addition: Some of you will be invited to support monitoring activities (photo traps, counting of species ...), but this can only be done by few of you. Other environmental protection tasks can be added. Attention: The work might be physically hard and you will get wet and muddy for sure! Please bring hiking boots and working clothes.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will stay in the community centre of Deuselbach. The accommodation is spacious, has a huge kitchen including a dish-washer and a living room, toilets and showers. There is one big sleeping room with camping beds. Wifi and even a washing machine are available. Groceries will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking and cleaning. In order

to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

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

**PROJECT:** The National Park Hunsrück-Hochwald is the newest German National Park to protect the nature. The park was just founded in 2015. The landscape is dominated by huge forests, steep hills, small brooks and ponds, rocks and marshes. Only small hamlets interrupt the nature, a perfect region for plenty of different species but also for hiking. You will support the National Park Rangers in their work to preserve the habitat of endangered species and to protect ecologically valuable ecosystems. This workcamp will continue the mission of several Workcamps in the past years. Attention: You can arrive either on the 30th (at 7.30 pm) or on the 31<sup>st</sup> (at 1.30pm) to Neubrücke(Nahe).

**REMARKS:** This is a special project for nature lovers and people interested in nature protection work. You will get wet and dirty.

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Neubrücke(Nahe)

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL BUS/TRAIN STOPS:** Mainz, Frankfurt, Saarbrücken

**NEXT AIRPORTS, in case you really need to fly:** Frankfurt (FRA) or Frankfurt-Hahn (HHN)

**MEETING POINT AND TIME:** You can arrive either on the 8th (at 8.30 pm) or on the 9th (at 1.30pm) to Neubrücke(Nahe) – you can also write it “Neubruecke(Nahe)”.

## **IBG 17 Music Festival Stuttgart (BW) | 01.08.-09.08.22 | FEST/MANU | 12 vols**

### **VERY BASIC CONDITIONS!**

**AGE:** 18-26 years old!

**WORK: Become part of a festival crew and support the organization of a non-profit, free music festival in Stuttgart!** Your international group will work together with many other local volunteers. The main tasks will be setting up the stages, stalls and tents on the festival site, as well as taking everything down again at the end. While the festival is running, your group of volunteers will assist in different areas: bar, stage, organisation, catering etc. You will also have time to enjoy the festival yourself. But be prepared to work long and unusual hours – and enjoy music! Speaking or

understanding basic German will be a plus. Your group might be asked to give a short presentation of the workcamp on stage.

**ACCOMMODATION:** In the first two days, you will be hosted in a cultural centre in Stuttgart, where there is a kitchen and sanitary facilities. You will be sleeping in the building's hall, where a stage is. We advise these first two days (Monday and Tuesday) for sightseeing. On the third day, you will move to the site of the festival. There you will be camping in a big tent, all together. **Please bring your own camping mat and sleeping bag.** You can also bring your own tent, if possible. Food will be available through the food stands at the festival, so you will not have to cook for yourselves. Sanitary facilities are provided, but be aware of very basic festival standards: only cold, outdoor showers available and limited privacy compared to "regular" accommodations!

**LOCATION:** With 600,000 inhabitants, Stuttgart is the state-capital of Baden-Württemberg. From museums, to castles and parks, to an afternoon spent shopping, this city offers something for everyone! Within a short train ride, you can also enjoy the variety of nature around Stuttgart. The city is surrounded by beautiful vineyards and hills. You can also visit some of the other towns in the area, like Tübingen (approximately 1 hour away) and Ludwigsburg (approximately 30 minutes away), both accessible by public transportation.

**PROJECT:** In summer, Stuttgart hosts a variety of music festivals and events. One of those festivals – called "Umsonst & Draussen" (free of charge & outdoors) – will take place close to the campus of the University of Stuttgart, outside the city centre. This year, the organisers are especially looking forward to running the festival again, after a two-year pause due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The festival will run for three days, from 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> of August ([www.ud-stuttgart.de](http://www.ud-stuttgart.de)). It is the biggest non-commercial music-politics-culture festival in Stuttgart. "Umsonst & Draussen" is organized in a participative way, where everyone can come and take part. It has been running in that unique and quite anarchic way for over 40 years now! Since 2013, the festival has been hosting workcamps and the international volunteers have become an important part in the festival organisation. By helping to organize this communal festival, you are contributing to a sustainable and inclusive community (UN SDG 11).

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Stuttgart – you can reach the meeting point using the city's public transportation.

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATION:** Stuttgart

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Stuttgart, Frankfurt (1h15 from Frankfurt airport to Stuttgart main train station).

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** Please add a **motivation letter** to your application. We would like to know why you chose this camp in particular and what you expect from volunteering at the festival.

**MEETING POINT AND TIME:** Please, try and arrive at the cultural center between 11am and 8pm on Monday August, 1<sup>st</sup>.

## IBG 18 Historic Hiking Trail in Niefern-Öschelbronn (BW)| 06.08.-20.08.22 | ENVI/RENO | 10 vols

**WORK:** Join this workcamp and contribute to improving a historical hiking trail in an ecological way! In this camp, your main task will be to refurbish and ecologically enhance parts of a hiking path called “Eppinger Linienweg” between the two communities Niefern and Öschelbronn. The “Eppingen lines” is a historical site: it used to be a defensive line built in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. You will be working in collaboration with the local association LMU (Leben, Mensch, Umwelt) which is the German for “Life, Human, Environment”. Several tasks await you! You will

- build a dry wall (be ready to lift some heavy stones!);
- build a wild bee hotel;
- do many maintenance works along the way;
- plant shrubs;
- lay sand beds for the wild bees to nest (most of the species nest in the ground);
- fill some parts of the way with gravel;
- build some steps where needed.

The work site is about 15 to 20 minutes by foot from your accommodation. There will be the possibility for you to go by car with the people of the LMU association. The work will be led by a professional instructor, so no previous experience is needed. Some days, you might be split up in smaller groups to do different tasks. You will work around 30 hours per week, somewhere between 8am to 4pm from Monday to Friday with a 1-2 hour lunchbreak.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in an apartment between Niefern and Öschelbronn, which belongs to the city. In the apartment there are 2-3 different rooms for you to sleep in – they can be separated by gender if you wish so. Camp beds are provided but please, **bring your own sleeping bag!** There is also one equipped kitchen as well as one bathroom with toilets inside. Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

**LOCATION:** Niefern-Öschelbronn is surrounded by nature and it is close to the bigger city of Pforzheim and the Unesco World Heritage Site “Maulbronn Monastery”, a well preserved monastery built during the Middle Ages. Within a couple hours on the train you can reach the cities of Karlsruhe and Stuttgart but also the Black Forest which is very popular for hiking. In addition, the members of



different local associations are ready to organise some activities for you! You will also have the possibility to do a bicycle tour or a hike around Niefern-Öschelbronn, passing through fields, forests and meadows. Last but not least, you will get free entry to the local municipal outdoor swimming pool during the whole duration of your stay!

**PROJECT:** Niefern-Öschelbronn is a small town in the South-West of Germany; it consists of the two districts called Niefern and Öschelbronn. This year, the town is going to host its second international workcamp! After helping to open a nature kindergarden the first time around in 2018, the town now plans to take different communal and environmental actions. The locals are looking forward to meeting you and some of the local associations are already thinking about some activities or tours they could do with you. By supporting the community of Niefern-Öschelbronn you will help to contribute to a sustainable town (UN SDG 11), as well as to protect life on land (UN SDG 15).

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Niefern (from the train station to your accommodation you have to walk 20 min)

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATIONS:** Stuttgart, Karlsruhe

**NEXT AIRPORTS, in case you really need to fly:**

- Stuttgart (STR): from Stuttgart Airport it takes 1,5 to 2 hours on the train.
- Karlsruhe (Baden-Baden) (FKB): from Karlsruhe Airport it takes 2 hours on the train.

**MEETING POINT AND TIME:** Please, try and arrive at Niefern train station between 1pm and 7pm on August 6th. Find the best connection on the German railway company's website: <https://www.bahn.com/en>

## **IBG 19 Nature and History - Klingenberg (BY) | 06.08.-21.08.22 | ENVI/MANU | 15 vols**

**WORK: Come to Klingenberg to help the community with different kinds of environmental and construction works that are well needed at some of the town's natural and historic sites.** Different kinds of green works and construction tasks are waiting for you at some of the natural and historic sites of Klingenberg. Be prepared for lots of manual work in the fresh air.

As things stand, the work projects are as follows:

- Work on the bird of prey station; construction of a boardwalk.
- Work in the gorge; construction of a ravine with the "Salamander Friends", uncovering of the Great Rake
- Construction of several sound installations along two hiking trails;
- Preparation of an overgrown hiking trail;

- Cutting free / de-bushing at the historic clay works;
- Removal of plants in the quarry.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will stay in the club house of the local rambling club (Oskar's Waldhütte) in the district of the town called Röllfeld. It is located at the edge of the town surrounded by forests. There are mattress dormitories for up to 38 people, a kitchen, showers and a lounge. Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

**LOCATION:** Klingenberg is located at the river Main on the edge of the nature park Spessart, in the Bavarian region called lower Franconia. It is famous for its red wine and during the camp, you will be able to attend the festival of local wine growers, which will take place from 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of August. You will surely be invited for a glass or two. You will have time to explore the beautiful region and also make trips to cities close by like Würzburg, Aschaffenburg and Miltenberg.

**PROJECT:** This is the second time the medieval town of Klingenberg am Main invites an international Workcamp to their community. There are plenty of sights around the town and its two districts Röllfeld and Trennfurt that are in need of different maintenance and construction works: a stone pit, a gorge, hiking trails through the famous vineyards, a former clay pit and the bird of prey station.

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** "Klingenberg (Main)"

**NEXT BUS STOP:** Röllfeld Röllbacher Str., Klingenberg a. Main (You can also write it this way: Roellfeld Roellbacher Str., Klingenberg a. Main)

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATIONS:** Frankfurt

**NEXT AIRPORT, in case you really need to fly:** Frankfurt (FRA)

**MEETING POINT:** You have to arrive in Klingenberg (Main) train station. From there it is either a 40 minute walk to the accommodation or you can cross the bridge in front of the station, on the other side at the bus stop "Festplatz" take the bus line 61 (direction Mönchberg) and get off 6 stops later at "Röllfeld Röllbacher Str". From there it is 5 to 10 minutes to walk to the accommodation. Find the best connection on the German railway company's website: <https://www.bahn.com/en>

## **IBG 20 Summer Lake Festival Rainau (BW) | 07.08. - 21.08.22 | CONS/FEST | 12 vols**

**WORK:** The small community of Rainau needs your support for two projects: first, you will help them renovate the local nature kindergarten and second, you will help them run a highlight of the summer: a festival by a lake on August 14<sup>th</sup>! This year, the community in Rainau is inviting a group of international volunteers for the second time. They count on your help to design and arrange the

outdoor area of a nature kindergarten close to the village district of Dalkingen. You should expect a lot of manual work outdoors! The other project where your help is needed is the so called “Seefest” (“Lake Festival” in English), which is a summer beer garden by a lake in Rainau. Your job will be to

- support the preparation and organisation of the Seefest;
- assist with the set-up and dismantling of the lake festival area (e.g. set up benches, tables and small wooden huts);
- support local volunteers with cleaning up the festival area while and at the end of the festival.

The event is a perfect possibility to meet local people! The work will be led by a professional instructor, so no previous experience is needed. You will work around 30 hours per week. Your group will commonly decide on how to spend your free time.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Your accommodation will be in the sports hall in the village part of Dalkingen. You will sleep on camping beds in one very big room (around 90sq m), **please bring your own sleeping bag!** In the building, there is also a small kitchen for you to use. The many toilets and showers of the sports hall are at your disposal. They can be separated by gender. Next to the accommodation, there is a sports field and a big outdoor area that you can use during your free time or to take your meals outside. In the accommodation, Wi-Fi is provided. Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

**LOCATION:** Rainau is a community of five different villages in Southern Germany (Dalkingen, Wailer, Buch, Saverwang and Schwabsberg). Altogether, about 3,300 people live here. A nice lake called the “Bucher Stausee” is only 2km from your accommodation. The lake is a big leisure area, where you can swim, rent a rowing boat, play beach volleyball, go sailing or fishing or have a barbecue in one of the designated areas. Not very far, you will find a second small lake, which is a protected nature area. Swimming is not allowed here, but you can do bird watching, observe beavers or other animals. Rainau also has many sights from the Roman period like the Roman Limes (a rampart more than 500km long) here. You’ll have the chance to visit an old Roman watch tower or the ruins of a Roman bath. In addition, the area is perfect for hiking and other outdoor activities and you will have the opportunity to go on excursions to the cities nearby.

**PROJECT:** Rainau is a small community which consists of five different villages. Your work will help the community in two ways: First, to improve the daily life of the children visiting the nature kindergarten (a day-care where children spend most of their time outside, playing with and learning about nature) and second, to contribute to enriching the cultural life in Rainau. This summer’s Seefest is an opportunity for the local associations to celebrate the summer season together. The

event will be a good opportunity to meet locals and get to know the community. In short, it will be an unforgettable experience for you, for the locals and for the visitors. By participating in this project, you are supporting a sustainable community life (UN SDG 11).

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Ellwangen

**NEXT BUS STOP:** "Dalkingen, Ellwanger Straße, Rainau"

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATIONS:** Nuremberg, Stuttgart

**NEXT AIRPORTS, in case you need to fly:**

- Nuremberg (NUE): from Nuremberg Airport it takes 2 to 2,5 hours on the train and the ticket costs around 20€)
- Stuttgart (STR): from Stuttgart Airport it takes 2,5 hours on the train and the ticket costs around 20€)

**MEETING POINT AND TIME:** Please, try and arrive at Dalkingen bus stop between 1pm and 7pm on August 7th. Find the best connection on the German railway company's website: <https://www.bahn.com/en>

## **IBG 21 Take a Break at the Fountain – Kastel-Stadt (RP) | 14.08.-27.08.22 | RENO/ENVI | 12 vols**

**WORK: Come to Kastel-Stadt and help this community to turn a fountain and historic washing place into an attractive resting area for hikers.** Kastel-Stadt is a village with a rich cultural heritage (the name comes from a Roman castell that used to be here). It is situated on a rocky outcrop above the Saar valley. The regionally famous hiking trail "Felsenpfad" leads around the village over rocks, steep slopes and passes many cultural heritages. You will work together with local volunteers to convert the historic washing place into an attractive resting place for the thousands of hikers, who walk this trail every year. The former washing place is located at a spring in the forest, about 100m from the village. The old red sandstone washing stones are still there, but the place is no longer in use. You will upgrade it by setting up:

- a spring catchment
- dry stone walls;
- benches and tables, etc.

This way, hikers can take a break here in the shade, children can play by the water and the historic site will be revitalised. Smaller other work tasks will be added as needed. The work will be led by a professional instructor, so no previous experience is needed. You will work 30 hours per week, and your group will commonly decide on how to spend your free time.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will live and sleep in the former school which is the community centre now. You can use the large hall (one area for sleeping and one as living room). A full equipped kitchen, Wi-Fi, toilets and a shower are provided. In the same building, the local youth have a room to meet and the music ensemble practices in the attic. It is a listed historic building designed by a famous German architect in 1840 as a village school. Camp beds or mattresses will be provided, but **please bring a sleeping bag**. Outside the community centre, you have plenty of space to play games and sports. Volunteers will cook together and share kitchen and cleaning tasks.

**LOCATION:** Kastel-Staad is a small village (400 inhabitants) on a rocky plateau high above the Saar. The place has a long history: there was a Roman fort and a fortified settlement here even before the first century. Many sights, such as a Roman amphitheatre for over 3,000 spectators and a hermitage from the middle age can be found in Kastel-Staad. The border Germany-Luxemburg is not far (10km airline). Due to its location on this rocky plateau, the place is somewhat isolated today. There is almost no public transport; the road ends in the village. The nearest bakery and pubs are 5km (and 200 metres in altitude), the nearest supermarket 10km away. Therefore, be prepared that only a few excursions will be possible. Much of the free time is spent in nature (the region is perfect for hiking) or in common activities with the local population. But you will certainly visit Saarburg, a small town with a castle, a medieval town centre, a famous waterfall and mills, vineyards, many tourists, a swimming pool, a chairlift and a summer toboggan run and much more.

**PROJECT:** The village of Kastel-Staad is asking for the support of international volunteers for the first time this year. They have had the idea for this project for several years, but so far the Covid-19 pandemic has prevented its realisation. They are all the more pleased that it will work in 2022. The village community has developed many projects to make the place attractive and lively. Your work project is another piece in the mosaic of this concept. Besides the work, however, the encounters are just as important. So be prepared to get deeply involved in village life.

Apply now to support us and join the first international workcamp in the village of Kastel-Staad!

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Saarburg

**NEXT international busses/trains:** Saarbrücken, Trier

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Luxemburg (LUX) – from Luxemburg airport it takes approximately 2 hours to get to Saarburg.

**MEETING POINT AND TIME:** Please arrange your travels so that you can arrive in Saarburg somewhere between 1pm and 8pm on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

**IBG 22 Spruce up the Ponds! Heidesheim (RP) | 21.08.-03.09.22 | ENVI | 12 vols**

**WORK: Come to the Lenneberg forest and help to restore biodiversity in the area of the “seven ponds”!** The area of the “seven ponds” (“sieben Weiher” in German) is located about 2 km away from the hiking club’s house. For years, it was left unattended and the ponds were not in a good condition. Fishes were supposed to live in the ponds but there was almost none to be found. Also, many hikers complained about the state of the ponds. Many knew the area from before and said it used to be very beautiful. This is when the hiking club decided on a new project: sprucing up the ponds! In 2014 a first workcamp supported the hiking club in the seven ponds area and this year, they are again counting on your help to:

- Remove woody plants and excessive vegetation;
- Cut the paths and the lakes free to make it accessible for visitors.

Before this project, nothing was growing in the ponds anymore: The grown vegetation was blocking the light from reaching the plants in the water. If the plants in the water die, then oxygen is missing and the ecosystem deteriorates. With the help of local and international volunteers, new species came back. Therefore, your work will help sustain biodiversity in the ponds and the area around them. In addition, the people of the hiking club need your help for another project:

- planting trees!

Because of the many periods of drought in the past years, many trees died. In order to keep the forest alive, new ones that are suitable for the changing climate need to be planted.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Your group will stay in a sports hall in Heidesheim. You will sleep on gym mats in one big open room. In the building you will have access to sanitary facilities with several showers and toilets. Both can be separated by gender. In the accommodation there is no washing machine, but if you need, the local hosts will drive you to a washing salon in Heidesheim. It’s not sure if the Wi-Fi works inside the sports hall but you will have Wi-Fi access for sure on the work site, where the hiking club’s house is. On working days, you will take your breakfast and lunch on the work site. For dinners and weekend meals, you will be able to use the kitchen of the hiking club’s house, which is located at your working place. For the transport from the sports hall to the work place/kitchen, bicycles will be arranged (it’s a 10 minutes ride). The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

**LOCATION:** Heidesheim is a community with approximately 7600 inhabitants. It is located near the well-known river Rhine. You can go hiking or cycling and enjoy the famously beautiful Rhine valley with its picturesque towns and castles. Heidesheim is only 10km from Mainz, the state capital and university town with many cafés, restaurants and clubs. During your free time, the local hosts will try to arrange a small bus (9 seats) and a car, so that you can go about and visit this beautiful region!

**PROJECT:** The Wander- and Lennebergverein “Rheingold” Mainz (hiking club of Heidesheim for short!) is one of the oldest hiking clubs in the city of Mainz. For 140 years now, they have been pursuing the same goals:

- to protect and maintain the Lenneberg forest close to the city;
- to open it up and preserve it for those seeking recreation.

The association’s area is huge, it covers 752 hectares. Every year, they organise activities for children, hikes, action days and festivals for young and old! This year, the hiking club of Heidesheim is inviting international volunteers for the fourth time and they are looking forward to meeting you. By participating in this workcamp, you are actively supporting biodiversity (UN SDG 15) and help us work against climate change (UN SDG 13).

**REMARKS:**

- You should be able to ride a bike!
- On the last day you need to leave the accommodation at 4 pm at the latest.

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Heidesheim (Rheinhess)

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATION:**

- Mainz - from Mainz main station, it takes 15mn and it costs about 5€ to get to Heidesheim. You can buy your ticket at the main train station.
- Frankfurt am Main - from Frankfurt main station it takes about 1h and it costs about 20€ to get to Heidesheim.

**NEXT AIRPORT, in case you really need to fly:** Frankfurt (FRA)

**MEETING POINT AND TIME:** Please, try and arrive at Heidesheim(Rheinhess) train station between 1pm and 7pm on August 21st. Find the best connection on the German railway company's website:

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

**IBG 28 Care for the „Schachten-meadows” in Gumpenried! (BY) | 23.08.-02.09.**

**| ENVI | 10 vols**

**WORK: Get active for the mountain pastures in the Bavarian Forest and help to protect these ecosystems and their valuable biodiversity!**

You will work mainly on the slopes of the Arber, the highest mountain in the Bavarian/ Bohemian Forest. The mountain pastures here have an important meaning for the animal and plant life. The savannah-like landscapes and light, structurally rich forests are a legacy of earlier times on which many of today's animal and plant species, such as the capercaillie or the Hungarian gentian, depend.

For example, wood ants settle in bright, sunny spots, which in turn are an extremely important food source for the capercaillie chicks.

Some of the conservation work you will be doing is in line with the European nature protection guidelines (Fauna, Flora, Habitat Directive; FFH). The work includes:

- Brightening up the forest and thinning out the older, dense woody growth (especially spruce trees).
- Removal of young woody growth (especially spruce) on the pastures.
- Thinning out old, woody blueberry stands by mulching once.

You will also work with the forestry department and pasture experts on the “Schachten” pastures).

The work here includes:

- Protection of the Hungarian gentian – Install wooden fencing to protect against bites of wildlife.
- Planting of willow trees: - Planting of field maple and beech as pasture trees – Install wooden fencing to protect against bites of wildlife.

The work will be led by forest workers and rangers, so no previous experience is needed. Some days, you might be split up in smaller groups to do different tasks. You will work around 30 hours per week, somewhere between 8am to 4pm from Monday to Friday with a 1-2 hour lunchbreak. To get to work transport vehicles are provided.

**ACCOMMODATION:** During the two weeks you will be living in one of the forestry department’s huts close to a small village with a train station, “Gumpenried-Asbach”. The forestry hut Gumpenried is located in the middle of a forest and very close to the river “Schwarzer Regen”. Not altered a lot by humans, the river is freely winding through the forest. The region around Gumpenried is therefore also called Bavarian Canada.

The accommodation is simple and cosy and delivers a real forestry atmosphere. Did you ever wanted to try living off grid? Then this might be a good opportunity: Electricity only runs with photovoltaic panels and there are additional gaslights! In case of emergency there is also a generator that runs with fuel. The heating works with a central wood oven. For cooking there is a gas stove. The accommodation has two levels with a community space, a kitchen, toilets and a bathroom. There is hot water, but it remains exciting for you to find out how many showers are enough. There are three dorm rooms with space for 15 people.

The location is ideal to explore the nature of the surroundings. With the train station in reach you are also able to explore the greater region within your free time.

**LOCATION:** Excursions will be mainly to explore the nature – some of them under the professional guidance of rangers. Hiking will be an essential part. Excursions to bigger cities will not be possible



due to the isolated location in the middle of the Bavarian forest. This is however a great possibility to stay in the middle of the forest for two weeks and enjoy your time in the international group with a beautiful nature surrounding you.

**PROJECT: This workcamp is part of the 2022 IBG agenda: “Let’s take action for climate protection – volunteering for forests and peatlands”.**

The “Schachten” are the traditionally used mountain pastures in the Bavarian Forest. Although many former pastures have been abandoned in the past, some of the grassland remains managed until today. In the huge forest area, the “Schachten” are almost the only open spaces and often offer wonderful views of the Bavarian Forest. Individual shelter trees remained on the meadows to provide shady resting places for the animals. These solitary trees are often ancient and marked by wind and weather. However, many of the former meadow trees have already disappeared. The “Schachten”, which are mainly covered with mat grass, are now increasingly overgrown with other types of grass or blueberries, raspberries and blackberries. A few still contain botanical rarities such as Hungarian gentian, arnica and various types of monkshood.

Today the traditional pasture management with animals is getting less profitable. This causes abandonment and leads to overgrowth of the pastures and ultimately to the establishment of a forest. Today, conservation management is often done by volunteers. In this case you will be actively supporting the conservation of these threatened cultural landscapes.

The ecological enhancement is intended to increase the nature conservation value, focus on traditional grazing and raise awareness to the public. In this project you will support conservation efforts for the traditional pastures in cooperation with the local nature protection agencies, the forestry department and the local nature protection caretaker. Apart from them, the nature reserve of the Bavarian Forest as well as the local villages and experts for pasture management are also involved in this project. By volunteering in this project, you are actively protecting nature and biodiversity (UN SDG 15).

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Gumpenried-Asbach

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATION:** Nuremberg or Bayreuth

**NEXT AIRPORT, in case you really need to fly:** Nuremberg (NUE)

**MEETING POINT AND TIME:** Train station Gumpenried-Asbach at 5pm on Aug 23rd. From Nuremberg main train station (Hauptbahnhof) you can take a connection to Gumpenried-Asbach train station that will arrive exactly at 5:08 pm. The departure in Nuremberg is at 2:31 pm! With this connection you need to change two times: in “Plattling” and “Gotteszell”. The journey lasts about 2 ½ hours. From here you can walk to the forestry hut in Gumpenried. Check the website of Deutsche Bahn for the best times and to book your tickets: <https://www.bahn.com/en>.

### **BASIC CONDITIONS!**

**WORK:** Come to Mainz to actively support the association that is in charge of maintaining and running the historic site of the “Old brickworks”. Your tasks will be:

- Landscape maintenance work: The orchard meadows on the area have to be maintained by removing bushes and shrubs (Cornus commonly known as dogwoods) that are threatening to overgrow this specific eco-system. This is physically quite demanding and hard work – especially during the hot summer period.
- Mark out a nature trail with signage nature trail;
- help with restoring historic shutters (removing, painting, reinstalling) and various renovation works on the grounds of the Old Brickyard.

**ACCOMMODATION:** The accommodation is quite basic. You will be staying in a building on the area. On the first floor you will have several rooms for sleeping. Camping beds will be provided, **but you need to bring a sleeping bag**. Kitchen, showers and toilets are on the ground floor and you will be able to use the outdoor area. Be aware that the old brickworks is a busy place, so there will be lots of other people around and you will have the opportunity to get to know many local people! Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

**LOCATION:** Mainz is the capital of the German federal state of Rhineland-Palatinate, with over 2000 years of history. Since the middle Ages it was the seat of the archbishop and previously it was a Roman fort city. It is located on the banks of the Rhine River. Mainz is a very beautiful and interesting city. It is known for its old town with its half-timbered houses and medieval market squares.

**PROJECT:** The „Alte Ziegelei“(Old Brickworks) in Mainz is a former brickyard founded in 1900 to produce bricks in industrial manners with big ovens and technical machines. The factory was closed in 1972 and it provides a good insight into European Industrial culture. An association was founded in 1985 by members of the citizens' initiative for the preservation of the old brickworks. The aim and purpose of the association is to preserve the area as an industrial monument and at the same time, to develop it as a non-commercial, educational, leisure and cultural centre for all. The focus is not perfection but improvisation.

The outdoor area was redesigned, taking into account the old clay pits and natural specifications. Following ecological aspects, a near-natural system of woods, fruit trees and meadows was created,

alternating with areas used for agriculture. 250 different plant species and more than 30 different bird species are currently native to the area. After many years of expansion, development and numerous activities the Old Brickworks are now accommodating the historic brick works museum, a drama school, a kindergarten, an environmental NGO office, refugee accommodations, artists' studios and educational institutions. The place can be used by the general public for festivals, theatres, having barbecues and celebrating parties. The use of the brickyard is free of charge. By participating in this workcamp, you are actively supporting biodiversity (UN SDG 15 Life on Land) and to a sustainable and inclusive community (UN SDG 11 sustainable communities).

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- You need to be able to ride a bike!
- The project is not suitable for people who are allergic to bees.
- We ask for a motivation letter to be sent with the application!

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Mainz

**NEXT BUS STOP:** "Alte Ziegelei, Mainz"

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATIONS:** Mainz, Frankfurt

**NEXT AIRPORT, in case you really need to fly:** Frankfurt (FRA)

**MEETING POINT:** You have to arrive in Main main station. From there you can take a bus to the Alte Ziegelei. Find the best connection for trains and buses on the German railway company's website: <https://www.bahn.com/en>

## **IBG 24 Peatland and Wildlife Conservation - Weißenstadt (BY) | 11.09.-24.09.22 | ENVI | 12 Vols**

**WORK:** Help to protect one of the biggest raised bogs in the north of Bavaria and support the forestry department with wildlife conservation work! The Zeitelmoos is one of the biggest peatlands in that region. A big problem in peatland is the growth of woody plants such as shrubs and trees. The trees were able to spread because the peatland was damaged in the past. Trees have a negative effect on the availability of water and the amount of carbon that can be stored. You will therefore:

- clear the shrubs and trees, that don't belong in the peatland;
- collect the removed vegetation and stack it on piles out of the bog or move it directly out of the forest.

Besides of the work in the peatland you will help to protect the Capercaillie, a local bird species, in its natural habitat at the "Schneeberg", the highest mountain in the region. In order to bring more light into the dense forest, you will create open spaces and gaps at certain places so that more light can

reach the forest floor. In this way you help the Capercaillie since it is a relatively big bird that needs some space in between the trees to move around. Besides this, the vegetation on the forest floor changes with more light available on the forest floor and therefore more herbs and small shrubs. In this way wild blueberries can grow again – one of the Capercaillie's favourite snacks. Finally, by creating bigger gaps you also help the birds perform their specific mating ritual under the best circumstances. In this ritual, the male birds make a big show raising their tail feathers, moving and singing in order to impress the females.

The work will be led by forest workers from the forestry department, so no previous experience is needed. Some days, you might be split up in smaller groups to do different tasks. You will work around 30 hours per week, somewhere between 8am to 4pm from Monday to Friday with a 1-2 hour lunchbreak. To get to work transport vehicles are provided by the forestry department.

**ACCOMMODATION:** During the two weeks you will be living in one of the forestry department's huts close to Weißenstadt. The hut is in the middle of the forest and in an area that has been a big peatland in historic times. A nearby hamlet is therefore called "Torfmoorhölle" which means something like "peat-bog-hell". This may give a hint on how the people back in the days have perceived the swampy and inhospitable wetlands. The accommodation is close by and part of an old abandoned village called Hühnerhöfen that has quite some history you may find out about.

Your accommodation is the last farm building left in the abandoned village. It is cosy and spacious, with several dorm rooms, a community room, a kitchen as well as showers and toilets. Please, **bring your own sleeping bag!** You will buy food from your camp budget and share cooking duties with all other volunteers - a great possibility for you to try many different international dishes. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable plant-based dishes.

**LOCATION:** The Fichtel Mountains feature scenic landscapes with lush forests, granite rock formations and small scattered rural villages. The nature park is well known for hiking and other outdoor activities. Directly from the accommodation you can access a hiking route that connects several springs of larger streams in the area. The granite rock formations already inspired the German author and nature scientist Johann Wolfgang von Goethe. The mineral springs are also used for thermal baths in the region. For instance, in Weißenstadt you can relax and recover from work in the Siebenquell a local thermal bath. If you want to simply further explore the nature in that area after work you certainly have a lot of options to find out more about the plants in the peatland or the different tree species in the forest.

**PROJECT: This workcamp is part of the 2022 IBG agenda: "Let's take action for climate protection – volunteering for forests and peatlands".** The biggest peatlands in the north of Bavaria are located in the Fichtel Mountains. Peatland) are wetlands which are characterized by living moss plants.

Peatland arises because of incomplete decomposition of organic material, usually litter from vegetation, due to water-logging and subsequent lack of oxygen. Therefore, big layers of undecomposed organic material (mostly mosses), the so called peat is accumulating. In this way a big amount of carbon is stored within these soils.

**Peatlands are real climate heroes:** On average, peatland stores about 700 tons of carbon per hectare, six times more than one hectare of forest. Around 150 to 250 million tons of carbon dioxide are trapped worldwide in the peat that is newly formed every year and is thus permanently removed from the atmosphere. This is twice the amount agreed by the contracting states in the Kyoto Protocol as a worldwide reduction target. So the more intact peatlands we have, the better it is for our climate. Besides being real climate heroes, peatland is also featuring a rich biodiversity with rare plant and animal species. A very important species in the region is the Capercaillie or wood grouse. It is a large bird that is threatened in Germany and of special conservation interest.

In this project you will take action for climate protection and help the forestry department of "Selb" in their efforts to protect the remaining active peatland in that region. Besides the work in the peatland you will also support the forestry department in their conservation efforts for the wood grouse. The local hosts are very happy to be supported by a workcamp to protect the important peatlands and wildlife! Not only is your help valuable to them but they are also very happy to share their knowledge about forest preservation to foreign volunteers. By volunteering in this project, you are actively supporting climate action (UN SDG13) as well as protecting nature and biodiversity (UN SDG 15).

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

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Wunsiedel Hohenbrunn

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN/ BUS STATION:** Nuremberg or Bayreuth

**NEXT AIRPORT, in case you really need to fly:** Nuremberg (EDDN)

**MEETING POINT AND TIME:** From Nuremberg main train station (Hauptbahnhof) you can take a train to Wunsiedel Hohenbrunn train station. The journey lasts about 1 ½ hours. From here a shuttle will be provided to the accommodation in Weißenstadt. Check the website of Deutsche Bahn for the best times and to book your tickets: <https://www.bahn.com/en>.

**IBG ESC3 Deuselbach – Make the Hunsrück International! (RP) | 11.09.-01.10.22 | ENVI/RENO | 15 vols**

**WORK: “Support rural youth and rural development”.** We want to make this rural area international: So, we asked local associations, youth initiatives and communities in five neighbouring small villages where they want to get help from international volunteers and they found plenty of different small projects. Due to this structure of the project, a wide range of different tasks awaits you: There will be different activities in the field of landscape protection, improving playgrounds and public places. But also more specific projects as the one in cooperation with the association "Nationalparkbahn Hunsrück": You will work on their goal to revive the historic railway line through the region. This should enable tourists to explore the Hunsrück in an environmentally friendly way and allow residents to use other means of transport than the car (<https://www.facebook.com/ignationalparkbahn/>) . You will work in small teams to support different projects at the same time.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will stay in the community center of Deuselbach, a village with 265 inhabitants. The accommodation is spacious, has a huge kitchen including a dish-washer and a living room, toilets and showers. There is one big sleeping room with camping beds. You will have Wi-Fi and a washing machine. Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

**LOCATION:** The Hunsrück is a very rural upland area in Rhineland-Palatinate. The densely wooded low mountain range is characterised by small villages, meadows and peatlands. It is bounded by the valleys of the Moselle-Saar (north-to-west), the Nahe (south), and the Rhine (east). The region has become one of Germany's major onshore wind power regions and nature-based tourism is widespread. In 2015, the new National Park Hunsrück-Hochwald was inaugurated.

**PROJECT:** Together with 5 small local communities in the rural Hunsrück region, we asked youth initiatives and local associations where they would like support from international volunteers in implementing their projects. In this way, as many inhabitants of the Hunsrück as possible - young and old - should experience international commitment, European citizenship and solidarity together with yourselves. Various events and joint activities will ensure that the exchange is as intensive as possible.

**OTHER ASPECTS:** The region should become truly international for the time of the volunteering team. Therefore, the project should also be as visible as possible. Regular posts in various social media channels, press reports and a big international party of you with all participating initiatives, associations and communities on 25th September should ensure that as many people as possible deal with the topic of international solidarity and European citizenship. IBG will also inform the young people about how they can become active in a project abroad. Therefore, we are especially

looking forward to volunteers who have experience in this field and perhaps take photos or make films themselves, who would like to help organise the international party, etc. These will be tasks alongside (not instead of) the daily work on the local projects.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Please add a **motivation letter in English or German** to show your high motivation for the project, your interest and experience and what you think you can contribute.

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

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

In return participation is free of charge, as well as food and accommodation. Volunteers need to stay the full duration of the project in order to get their pocket money (5 euros per day) and travel cost reimbursed (20-360 euros depending on distance).

**NEXT STATION:** Neubrücke(Nahe) – you can also write “Neubruecke(Nahe)”

**NEXT AIRPORTS, in case you really need to fly:** Frankfurt (FRA)

**MEETING POINT:** Neubrücke(Nahe) train station. There will be pickups on September 11<sup>th</sup> but the times need to be defined. Find the best connection on the German railway company's website: <https://www.bahn.com/en>

## **IBG 25 Educational Centre Kell am See (RP) | 18.09.-02.10.22 | ENVI/MANU | 12 vols**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**TRAIN STATION:** Trier. From here you can find a bus to Kell every two hours (travel time 1 hour).

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATION:** Luxemburg

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Luxemburg (LUX)



**MEETING POINT AND TIME:** Please arrange your travel in a way that you arrive between 2pm and 8pm in Kell on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **IBG 26 Ober-Olm – Forests are Future! (RP) | 02.10.-16.10.22 | ENVI | 12 vols**

**WORK: Forests are future!** The new "Waldnaturschutzzentrum Ober-Olm" (forest conservation centre) is located near Mainz, an area with few forests. The main goal of the center is therefore to preserve the protected forest of 350 hectares and at the same time make it a place for ecological learning.

The local rangers ask for your support in their work. Concrete tasks will be:

- Biotope maintenance in the nature conservation and Natura2000 area;
- Strengthening certain tree species for nature and climate protection;
- Support on the action day for climate protection on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> ;
- Apple harvesting for cider production (educational event on Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)
- Starting of a tree nursery (preparing the ground, building a wooden fence, collecting seeds).

The rangers want to grow their own seedlings of rare tree species and of trees that are particularly resilient to climate change in the tree nursery. This is intended to strengthen their own forest in the future, and at the same time the little trees are to be given to people in the surrounding area as "citizen trees". All work is carried out under the professional guidance of rangers, who will also explain a lot about the ecological background of the forest and its different usage interests.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be staying in the forester's lodge. There are living rooms, bedrooms, a kitchen, two toilets and one shower. Outside you have the infrastructure of the forest nature center with a barbecue area or campfire site. The house is surrounded by forest, about 1 km from the outskirts of Mainz. **Please bring your sleeping bag.** Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

**LOCATION:** The location of the camp combines nature and culture in a unique way. You live and work in the middle of the forest, so you can enjoy nature and do many outdoor activities. At the same time, it is easy to reach Mainz by bus. With a population of 220,000, its many sights, shops, clubs, university, etc., Mainz offers everything your heart desires. Mainz is also famous as the location of the BIONTECH company, where the current Covid19 vaccine was developed.

**PROJECT:** The new "Waldnaturschutzzentrum Ober-Olm" (forest conservation centre) is a branch of the Rheinhessen Forestry Office and is to become more and more of a center of attraction for forest

visitors and a place of learning for sustainable development in the coming years. Particularly in Rheinhessen, which is poorly forested, the aim is to balance the interests in the forest and to preserve the multifunctionality of the forests: Local recreation, nature conservation, forest information and classical forestry have similarly high importance.

For the first time international volunteers are invited to support the rangers in their work. This international dimension has a special significance, as large parts of the forest were used by the American army as a military training area and missile site from 1951 to 1993. After the withdrawal of the army, many structures were dismantled and nature has since reclaimed its habitat. The former missile site is now the "Hill of Friendship" with art objects and peace messages in English, French, Russian and German. This workcamp is part of the 2022 IBG agenda: "Let's take action for climate protection – volunteering for forests and peatlands". By volunteering in this project, you are actively supporting climate action (UN SDG13) as well as protecting nature and biodiversity (UN SDG 15).

**NEXT TRAIN STATIONS:** Mainz. There are direct busses from Mainz station (15min) every hour on Sundays.

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Frankfurt (FRA) – from Frankfurt Airport, it takes about 25 min to reach Mainz.

**MEETING PLACE AND TIME:** Please arrange your travel in a way that you arrive between 2 and 8 pm to Ober-Olm on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **IBG 27 Danube Valley Village – Leibertingen (BW) | 09.10.-23.10.22 |CONS/ENVI| 12-15 vols**

**WORK: Help the community of Leibertingen make their village even more beautiful, using ecologically friendly methods!** The municipality of Leibertingen needs your help on two different projects, which will both benefit their population and respect the environment.

- The first project will be about paving the alleys, in one of Leibertingen's four cemeteries. Indeed, in each district of Leibertingen, there is a cemetery and in all but one of them, the alleys are paved with cobblestones. Now it is time to compensate this, by paving the alleys of the fourth cemetery. Doing so, you will use an eco-friendly type of cobblestone, which lets the grass grow around it. In addition, you will put up two wooden banks, where visitors can sit. Your work will contribute to the lives of the district's inhabitants, by enhancing this important place.
- The second project will be about bringing flowers to Leibertingen! Your job will be to convert public grass strips all around the village into flower beds. This will have many advantages: First, it will make the village more colorful, second it will require less water and third, the native wildlife like butterflies, bees or hedgehogs will be happy!

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

**ACCOMMODATION:** Your group will stay in the building of the aviation club in Leibertingen. From there to the work place, it takes about 5 to 10 minutes on foot. You will sleep in shared rooms with single beds. Pillows and covers are provided but please **bring your own bedsheets** (ie: pillow case, fitted sheet and comforter cover in size 90x190cm)! In the building there is an equipped kitchen, several bathrooms with showers and several toilets. You will also be able to enjoy the large outside area around the building. Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

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

**PROJECT:** In the municipality of Leibertingen there are four different districts: Altheim, Kreenheinstetten, Leibertingen and Thalheim. You will most probably get to know them all during your stay. In the past, there has already been a workcamp in Leibertingen, working on a pedagogical train in the forest. This year, the inhabitants are looking forward to greeting international volunteers again! Your work will satisfy needs, which have been expressed to the municipality. Also, they are looking forward to introduce you to their beautiful region.

**REMARK:** As it can already be quite cold in Leibertingen in October, be sure to bring warm clothes, warm shoes and raingear!

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** “Hausen i Tal”

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATIONS:** Ulm (1,5 to 2h away), Konstanz in Switzerland (1,5 to 2h away), Zurich in Switzerland (2,5h away), Stuttgart (3h away)

**NEXT AIRPORTS, in case you really need to fly:**

- Zurich (ZRH) in Switzerland – from Zurich airport it takes 2,5 to 3 hours to Hausen I Tal and it costs around 20-25€
- Stuttgart (STR) – from Stuttgart airport it takes 3 to 3,5 hours to Hausen i Tal and it costs between 12 and 20€.

**MEETING POINT AND TIME:** On October 9<sup>th</sup> we will organise pick-ups at Hausen i Tal train station. It will be in the afternoon but the times still need to be specified. Find the best connection on the German railway company's website: <https://www.bahn.com/en>

## INFO ABOUT THE ORGANISATION – GENERAL AND BRIEF

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

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**Please note:** Placement requests and/or cancellations **only via Plato and email!**

## TECHNICAL DETAILS

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

Considering the challenges posed by the many travel restrictions linked to the Covid-19 pandemic, **we will be following different placement rules than the ones we have in the previous years.** For more information please consult the extra document relating to this topic.