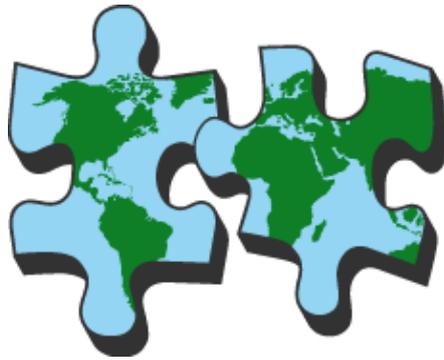


# IBG

## 2018

### Workcamps in Germany



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## ABOUT IBG

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**IBG** is a German non-profit organisation founded in 1965. Our aims are to promote international understanding and to facilitate and organise voluntary work while coordinating closely with our local partners.

**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.

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## ABOUT OUR WORKCAMPS

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

**Accommodation:** Accommodation will be in schools, gyms, youth centres, scouts huts or something 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.

**Campleaders:** Usually our camps have one or two campleaders who will support the organisation of free time activities, keep an account for the money for lodging and excursions as well as provide some support to group processes in the project. Apart from these responsibilities they are volunteers like the others.

**Food:** In most workcamps, preparing meals is self-organised by the participants. Usually everyone will take turns cooking.

**Contact to the local population:**

Establishing contact with the local population is one big aim of IBG. Of course the level and intensity of local contact depends entirely on the possibilities and cannot be forced, nevertheless volunteers should be open for 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 (non-EU) volunteers who plan to travel beyond these dates to bring their own insurance. More information can be found in our Infosheet.

**Official invitations:** Some embassies will ask for an addition of the paragraphs 66-68 to our official invitations ("Kosten fuer Rueckbefoerderung und Lebensunterhalt"). As in the past 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.

**Volunteers with special needs:** International workcamps should be open to everyone. If you have volunteers who need individual support to join a workcamp (more information, special support during the camp...) please contact us. We will do our best to find a way to host them.

**Accessing workcamps:** All our workcamps are open and accessible for volunteers with fewer opportunities, according to the special needs and interests of the volunteers.

**Location:** Most workcamps take place in Southern Germany. The shortcut next to the project name tells you, in which state the camp takes place.  
BW = Baden-Wuerttemberg                      ST = Saxony-Anhalt  
BY = Bavaria    SL = Saarland  
RP = Rhineland-Palatinate



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## IBG WORKCAMPS 2018 – OVERVIEW

Code	Name	Region	Dates	Type	Vols	Remarks
IBG 01	Schillingen	RP	14.03.-28.03.	RENO / FEST	10	
IBG 02	Grafenhausen	BW	07.04.-21.04.	CONS / ENVI	12	
IBG 03	Muensingen	BW	15.04.-06.05.	RENO / MANU	15	
IBG 04	Reichenau	BW	19.05.-03.06.	ENVI / CONS	15	
IBG 05	Kuernach	BY	21.04.-05.05.	RENO / REFU / TEEN	10	AGE: 16+
IBG 06	Johannesberg	BY	06.05.-19.05.	CONS / MANU	12	
IBG 07	Irschenberg	BY	05.05.-18.05.	KIDS / FEST / SPOR	12	AGE: 18-30
IBG 08	Bad Herrenalb	BW	06.06.-13.06.	RENO / MANU	12	
IBG 09	Haeusern	BW	16.06.-30.06.	CONS/RENO/MANU	10	
IBG 10	Wolframs-Eschenbach	BY	23.06.-07.07.	ARCH/MANU	14	
IBG 11	Schwarzerden	SL	27.06.-11.07.	RENO/MANU	12	
IBG 12	Lauchringen	BW	30.06.-14.07.	ENVI/CONS	12	
IBG 13	Mariaberg	BW	30.06.-14.07.	MANU/RENO/DISA	12	
IBG 14	Pegnitz U&D	BY	02.07.-09.07.	FEST/MANU	10	AGE: 18-26   ML
IBG 15	Willstaett	BW	07.07.-22.07.	RENO/CONS	10	
IBG 16	Rottenburg-Obernau	BW	08.07.-21.07.	CONS	12	
IBG 17	Nagold	BW	08.07.-24.07.	FEST/ENVI/MANU	13	
IBG 18	Karlstadt	BY	13.07.-25.07.	FEST/MANU	6	AGE: 18-26   ML
IBG 19	Oberesch	SL	13.07.-31.07.	DISA/RENO/FEST	12	ML
IBG 20	Krumbach	BY	14.07.-28.07.	RENO/ENVI/CONS	12	
IBG 21	Lauterbach	BW	14.07.-04.08.	ENVI/MANU	11	
IBG 22	Heidesheim	RP	22.07.-05.08.	ENVI/KIDS	12	ML
IBG 23	Bernburg	ST	22.07.-11.08.	RENO/MANU	10	
IBG 24	National Park Hunsrueck I	RP	22.07.-11.08.	ENVI	15	
IBG 25	Graefelfing	BY	23.07.-01.08.	FEST/MANU	10	AGE: 18-26   ML
IBG 26	Heilsbronn	BY	28.07.-11.08.	RENO/ENVI	12	
IBG 27	Kirchberg / Jagst	BW	28.07.-11.08.	ENVI/CONS	12	
IBG 28	Bahlingen	BW	28.07.-11.08.	ENVI	12	
IBG 29	Weil der Stadt	BW	28.07.-12.08.	KIDS	9	
IBG 4M	Raitelsberg	BW	29.07.-12.08.	TEEN/RENO/CONS	16	AGE 16-26 only volunteers from Catalonia, Rhône- Alpes and Lombardy
IBG 30	Kappelrodeck	BW	29.07.-12.08.	ENVI/CONS	9	

IBG 31	Stuttgart	BW	30.07.-07.08.	FEST/MANU	12	AGE: 18-26   ML
IBG 32	Niefern-Oeschelbronn	BW	04.08.-18.08.	ENVI/CONS	12	
IBG 33	Nuertingen	BW	05.08.-19.08.	ENVI/RENO/TEEN	15	AGE: 16-26
IBG 34	Berglen	BW	05.08.-19.08.	MANU/CONS	12	
IBG 35	Butzweiler	RP	08.08.-22.08.	ENVI/CONS	12	
IBG 36	Schwanfeld	BY	12.08.-25.08.	RENO/ENVI	12	
IBG 37	National Park Hunsrueck II	RP	12.08.-01.09.	ENVI	15	
IBG 38	Aach	RP	18.08.-01.09.	RENO/MANU	10	
IBG 39	Eislingen/Fils	BW	19.08.-02.09.	RENO/FEST	12	
IBG 40	Taufkirchen(Vils)	BY	25.08.-08.09.	CONS/MANU	12	
IBG 41	Wangen	BW	25.08.-08.09.	KIDS	12	
IBG 42	Kell am See	RP	03.09.-17.09.	ENVI/CONS	12	
IBG 43	Mannebach	RP	16.09.-30.09.	ENVI/CONS	8	
IBG 44	Friesenheim	BW	29.09.-13.10.	ENVI/MANU	14	

# IBG Workcamps 2018

## **IBG 01 Schillingen (RP) | 14.03.-28.03.2018 | RENO/FEST | 10 vols**

**PROJECT:** Schillingen is a village 30 km from Germany's oldest city, Trier, in a beautiful landscape. You will be active for the youth of Schillingen and improve and renovate the local youth club. The club is very small - more or less only one room - but still important as meeting place for the teenagers. Additionally, you will support the local community in running the daffodil-festival. The wild daffodil is the first flower to bloom in spring. In Schillingen, there are several meadows where this rare and protected flower can be found in great numbers. The festival is planned for March 25th but depending on the flowers it might have to be brought forward or postponed. Also, you will have the opportunity to get into contact with the local youngsters and with local associations e.g. the local voluntary fire brigade or the kindergarten. So please be prepared to present your country to local children and teenagers.

**WORK:** There will be two main tasks:

1. To renovate and decorate the local youth club. Probably painting work will be an important part of it. Parts of the work will be realised together with local youngsters.
2. To support the local community running the daffodil-festival on March 25th. In the past they had more than 1.000 visitors per year enjoying the first flowers of spring, having a drink and listening to traditional music.

There might be some other tasks in the village, for example maintenance work on a playground.

**ACCOMODATION:** You will be hosted in parish rooms of the local Catholic Church in the centre of the village. There is enough space, a kitchen and toilets, but you will have to sleep on the floor (no beds, please bring a mat and a sleeping bag). The showers are in the sports hall nearby.

**LOCATION:** Schillingen has 1.200 inhabitants and is situated in a touristic green area not far from Trier. The area is well known for cycling, hiking and other outdoor activities. Many tourists visit the area, but also local people come here for cycling (there is a 45 km cycling path on a former railway roadbed) or to spend a nice day outside, e.g. at a near-by lake. The region also offers plenty of historic sites (castles, museums....). Public transport is quite poor during the weekend, so the number of excursions will be limited. But for sure Trier, with the famous Roman sites, the cathedral and the birthplace of Karl Marx can be visited.

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Trier. You will have to arrive in Trier before 7 p.m. to catch the last bus to the campsite.

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

## **IBG 02 Grafenhausen (BW) | 07.04.-21.04.2018 | CONS/ENVI | 12 vols**

**PROJECT:** The community of Grafenhausen, located in the Black Forest, invites an international workcamp for the 3rd time. It is a village with about 2.100 inhabitants in the

South of Germany that 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 2015 worked). Grafenhausen is located at about 1.000 meters altitude, therefore the weather in April is still unpredictable: Be prepared for warm and sunny temperatures, as well as coldness and maybe even a day of snow.

**WORK:** This year's task is to create an "adventure trail": You will build a path with various stops where visitors and kids may try out a task, learn playfully about nature and test out their senses.

Your tasks will include: The installation of a bare foot path (a path with different grounds, where people are supposed to walk bare foot and feel the wood, stones, grit, etc.), building a sundial, a fence, and different playground equipment. Additionally, there might be similar tasks to complete the adventure trail. You will work mostly with wood, stone and soil. Be prepared to get dirty!

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in a beautiful group house where showers and a kitchen are provided. The house is in the middle of the village.

**LOCATION:** Grafenhausen is a very nice village within a beautiful landscape. The surrounding area is perfect for hiking trips: There are lakes close-by and it is not even half an hour by car to the Feldberg (the highest German mountain outside of the Alps). Also, the famous beer "Tannenzaepfle" is brewed in Grafenhausen and you might be able to visit the brewery. Furthermore, there are regular train connections to Freiburg (a university city with lots of students) and Lake Constance.

However, the village is in a very rural area. The community will lend you a bus to make shopping and excursions easier, nevertheless, be prepared for two calming weeks in the forest and far away from big city life.

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Seebrugg

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Stuttgart, Baden-Baden, Zuerich (Switzerland!)

### **IBG 03 Muensingen (BW) | 15.04.-06.05.2018 | RENO/MANU | 15 vols**

**PROJECT:** The town of Muensingen will host its first workcamp in 2018 and is looking forward to your help: The outdoor swimming pool needs to be renovated. The town wants to take this process as a chance to change a lot: The swimming pool is supposed to become a place where people meet, spend their summer holidays together, and do sports (not only swimming, but also "adventure golf", table tennis, and so on).

A part of the work will be done professionally; the renovation has already been started in autumn 2017 and will finish in autumn 2018. In spring 2018, shortly before the swimming season starts, you will help with the manual work.

**WORK:** The municipality has lots of ideas how the area of the swimming pool can become more attractive: You will set up a table tennis place as well as an adventure golf parkour, put up wooden loungers to create resting places, and install waste containers, on top of which you will plant herbs. The work will be manual and might be exhausting sometimes; but for

sure it is going to be interesting and varied and will allow you to see a big difference in the end!

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will stay in a guesthouse with bedrooms for two or three people each. Sanitary facilities are across the hallway. On the floor below, you will have a common room and a kitchen for your own use.

**LOCATION:** Muensingen is a town with about 15.000 inhabitants. It is located in the Swabian Alps and part of the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve (a protected ecosystem with rare plants and animals). The area is perfect for hiking: Quite rural, with many great view-points and various old castle (ruins) that are worth visiting. Muensingen itself has a very nice centre with old half-timbered houses that are typical for this region. It offers a great infrastructure with shops, museums and besides the outdoor swimming pool you are working at there is also an indoor one. During your stay, the "Almauftrieb" (spring cattle drove) will take place: The cattle will be walked back to their meadows, where they will spend the summer - a very traditional and worth-seeing event in the Swabian Alps.

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Muensingen

**NEXT AIRPORTS:** Stuttgart, Memmingen, Muenchen

### **IBG 04 Reichenau (BW) | 19.05.-03.06.2018 | ENVI/CONS | 15 vols**

**PROJECT:** The municipality of Reichenau will invite a group of international volunteers for the first time. The village is quite well-known for its location directly at Lake Constance (partly on mainland, partly on an island.) For this project, the town will cooperate with the "NABU", a big German environmental organization that supports you with a work instructor.

**WORK:** Your task will be the installation of a gravel path in a natural area on mainland. People will have the possibility to walk here, to observe nature and animals. To support this experience, you will also build "activity stops": For example a simple wooden shelter that allows you to watch birds, a boardwalk to discover a pond, etc.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in the local gym hall, in which lots of space, camp beds, showers and a very well-equipped kitchen are provided. Within the gym, there is also a "youth club room", that is usually used by local youngsters aged 15 to early twenties. During the workcamp, you are welcome to use this room as well, play table tennis, football or dart, and meet the locals.

**LOCATION:** Reichenau is partly located on the island "Reichenau", which is the biggest island on Lake Constance. The community has about 5.000 inhabitants and is just a few kilometers away from the university town of Constance, where you will find pubs, clubs, museums and more. Lake Constance is not only the biggest lake in Germany, but also one of the biggest in Central Europe. It invites you to go swimming, take a boat trip, or bike around the lake. Also, Switzerland and Austria are just a stone's throw away.

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Reichenau

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Baden-Baden, Memmingen, Stuttgart, Basel (Switzerland!)

## **IBG 05 Kuernach (BY) | 21.04.-05.05.2018 | RENO/REFU/TEEN | 10 vols**

**AGE:** 16+

**PROJECT:** Two years ago the municipality of Kuernach started a project called “Kuernach baut ein Haus” (Kuernach builds a house). The idea is to take vacant, old and traditional small houses (of which there are a few in the village) and renovate them, so that they can be used again to live in. The renovation tasks were mostly undertaken by local volunteers together with refugees who were accommodated in the municipality. After the completion of the refurbishment the buildings will become the new home for refugee families. One house was already successfully preserved in that way and in 2018, Kuernach wants to take on the renovation of a second house that shall become home for two families - this time with the support of an international workcamp.

**WORK:** Together with local volunteers and refugees you will prepare an old farmer’s house and barn in the center of the village for a complete refurbishment. Everything will be taken out, the roof will be dismantled, etc. There are lots of old and traditional farmers’ tools and machines in the barn, which you might also help to restore so that they can be shown in public exhibitions.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in the local youth club, which is located at the gym hall of Kuernach. It’s a nice little club with two main rooms, pool billiard, foosball etc. You will be able to use the big kitchen and the sanitary facilities of the gym hall which is upstairs of the club.

**LOCATION:** Kuernach is a municipality in the district of Lower Franconia in BA. It is located very close to Wuerzburg, the capital of this district, which is famous for its wine, its fortress and the Residence which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Wuerzburg (there is a bus connection to Kuernach from here)

**NEXT AIRPORTS:** Frankfurt, Nuremberg

## **IBG 06 Johannesberg (BY) | 06.-19.05.2018 | CONS/MANU | 12 vols**

**PROJECT:** A few years ago the first international Workcamp in Johannesberg helped with rebuilding the outdoor playground area of the local kindergarten. This year the project is located at the elementary school. Part of the school is the so called “Hort” where up to 80 children get lunch and can spend their time after school playing, being creative, doing music, sports or their homework. It is a place for social learning that aims to strengthen the self-dependence of the children and to support their development.

**WORK:** There is a big outdoor area which needs to be reconstructed. According to the plans you will build a “water and mud area” and a wooden log cabin for the children. Other tasks will be the planting of bushes, repainting of fences and some earth moving. It is quite possible that the local families and children will join you during the work.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in the dormitory of the “Hort” next to the elementary school. Showers will be available in the gym of the school.

**LOCATION:** Johannesberg is a small village with about 3.000 inhabitants and is situated close to the city of Aschaffenburg in the northern part of BA. Coming from any directions, already

from far away, visitors can see the baroque church, which was built in 1769 and is located on the highest point of Johannesberg, 367 meters above sea level. During the free time and on the weekend you will be able to visit the cities nearby like Aschaffenburg, Frankfurt and Wuerzburg.

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Frankfurt

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Aschaffenburg (from here you can take a bus to Johannesberg)

### **IBG 07 Irschenberg (BY) | 05.05.-18.05.2018 | FEST/KIDS/SPOR | 12 vols**

**PROJECT:** The Caritas Children's Village in Irschenberg was founded in 1972 and is home to about 100 children and teenagers. A Children's Village consists of several houses where the kids live together in small families, because they don't have the opportunity to live with their parents. In May 2018, the Children's Village will be hosting the KidoCup for one weekend. The KidoCup is a big sports event for children and teenagers from Children's Villages all over Germany. The organizers are very happy to get the help of an international workcamp to realize the event.

**WORK:** You will help the organizers of the KidoCup 2018 in all phases of the event. Before the event starts, you will set up everything in the Children's Village. You will prepare the accommodation for the guests, set up the sport venue and take over many logistical tasks. The weekend during the KidoCup you will supply the guests with food and drinks. This is a great opportunity to get in contact with the children and teenagers, who are participating in the event. Afterwards you will help to clean up the area.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Your home in the Children's Village will be a community house, equipped with sanitary facilities and a kitchen. Accommodation is in shared rooms on sleeping mats. Please bring your own sleeping bag! Lunch will be provided by the host, breakfast and dinner you will cook by yourselves.

**LOCATION:** Irschenberg is a municipality in the German state of BA, about 46 km southeast of Munich. The region with its alpine landscape attracts many tourists all over the year. Enjoy the beautiful nature and be active with various outdoor activities. You can also visit Munich and Rosenheim or relax at one of the lakes in the region.

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Munich (MUC)

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Miesbach

### **IBG 08 Bad Herrenalb (BW) | 06.06.-13.06.2018 | RENO/MANU | 12 vols**

**PROJECT:** The non-profit holiday centre "Aschenhuetten" run by a German NGO just outside of the community of Bad Herrenalb in south western Germany welcomes its second workcamp! The centre offers cheap opportunities for families, school classes or youth groups to enjoy a short holiday, to discover the black forest and its nature or to run a seminar. For one week, volunteers will help with various renovation tasks around the centre.

**WORK:** You will be working in different renovation and maintenance tasks around the holiday centre "Aschenhuetten". Concrete tasks will be defined according to the weather

conditions and might include the maintenance of paths, gardening, improvement of the barbecue place and the sports field and different indoor renovation work.

**ACCOMMODATION:** The group will be staying at the “Aschenhuetten” in bedrooms of four. Of course, the house is equipped with all necessary facilities. Full board is included in this workcamp, so meals will be provided.

**LOCATION:** Bad Herrenalb is situated in the northern Black Forest, 15km east of Baden-Baden, and 22km southwest of Pforzheim. In 1841, a cold water sanatorium was established here which was later transformed into a water therapy institute for nervous disorders. Since 1954 Herrenalb is officially known as a “health resort”. The surroundings of Bad Herrenalb are perfect for hiking trips and discovering nature.

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Stuttgart (STR)

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Bad Herrenalb

### **IBG 09 Haeusern (BW) | 16.06.-30.06.2018 | RENO/MANU | 10 vols**

**PROJECT:** The town of Haeusern in the middle of the Black Forest will host its first work camp in 2018 and is looking forward to your help! The local kindergarten has gotten a new additional building last year and now needs a new playground and garden area so the kids can play outside in summer.

**WORK:** You will help improve the new outdoors area of the local kindergarten. Support the local construction workers in building a nice playground/garden area for the children to play in! It is possible that local families and children will join you during the work.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in ‘Naturfreundehaus’, a nice Black Forest house 10 minutes walking distance from the center of the village. The house is usually used to accommodate hikers and youth groups, so it has all the equipment you need for your work camp: Sanitary facilities, a kitchen, different dormitories, a common room, a terrace, a garden and a BBQ place. Bed sheets will be provided.

**LOCATION:** Haeusern is a village of about 1.300 inhabitants located in the middle of the beautiful landscape of the Black Forest. The area is very popular with hikers. Around Haeusern, there are 100 kilometers of marked hiking trails, which invite you to long walks in the forest. The Schluchsee Lake and several smaller lakes are close-by where you can either recover from a hard working day on the beach or you could even try one of the many water sports such as sailing, surfing or diving. You can reach the Feldberg (the highest German mountain outside of the Alps) in only half an hour by car. There are regular train connections to Freiburg (a university city with lots of students) and Lake Constance in the south.

**NEXT AIRPORTS:** Stuttgart, Baden-Baden, Zuerich (Switzerland!)

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Seebrugg

### **IBG 10 Wolframs-Eschenbach (BY) | 23.06.-07.07.18 | ARCH/MANU | 14 vols**

**PROJECT:** Wolframs-Eschenbach is a small medieval town in Franconia. It’s the second time the community is going to invite a Workcamp in order to help them with archaeological excavations at their city wall. They are very happy and excited to have international help

around again. Under the supervision of a local expert the group will help digging out the inside of a medieval tower (that has been filled up in the past) down to its original level.

**WORK:** The volunteers will unearth the inside of the tower to make it accessible for the public. Work will be supervised by an archaeologist. The work will also include the examination of the ground conditions with the help of special instruments like sieves,...Please be aware that you have to work a lot in the dirt and that you will get dirty and dusty!

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in the historic „Oberer Torturm“ (upper gate tower) that was built in the 14th century as the Northern entrance in the city's fortification. The tower is renovated, so there are a kitchen, three separate dormitories, and sanitary facilities you can use; however, you can still feel the medieval spirit of the place. There is one shower and bathroom in the accommodation that you can use, and some additional showers and sanitary facilities in the school building next door.

**LOCATION:** Wolframs-Eschenbach is a small medieval town with an historic centre that is still completely surrounded by a well-preserved fortification. It is located only 50 kilometres from Nuremberg and close to the Franconian Lake District. This area with several great lakes was created as a result of one of Germany's largest water-management projects and is a very popular touristic area.

**NEXT AIRPORTS:** Nuremberg, Stuttgart, Frankfurt

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Triesdorf Bahnhof, Merkendorf

## **IBG 11 Schwarzerden (SL) | 27.06.-11.07.2018 | RENO/MANU | 12 vols**

**PROJECT:** Schwarzerden is a small village with 430 inhabitants and already experienced in welcoming international volunteers. After four successful international IBG workcamps they again invite a group of volunteers to support them to improve the local infrastructure and to enrich the village festival on July 7th to 9th. The previous camps have always been a big fun for the volunteers and the locals.

**WORK:** You will support the local community in different tasks: 1. You will renovate a wooden hut used as shelter for hikers. Work will be demanding in parts and volunteers with experience in manual work or work with wood are especially welcome. 2. You will improve the surrounding of your accommodation. This will include landscape gardening and renovation work. Some other smaller tasks to improve the community infrastructure will be added. The group of volunteers will be split up in the two different tasks every day. You might be asked to support the local festival team.

**ACCOMMODATION:** The accommodation provided is the former centre of the sports club of Schwarzerden. It is now in public use for bigger events in this village. All necessary facilities are provided but there is no public internet. Attention: This place is quite isolated; the village of Schwarzerden is 1km away. Next to the accommodation you can find the sports ground, you can use it whenever you want. You will have a beautiful view over the valley; you will be surrounded by forests and meadows. Just make a campfire and enjoy nature.

**LOCATION:** The workcamp will take place in Schwarzerden, which belongs to the local community of Freisen, together 7 other villages. Freisen is situated in the north of Saarland

in a rural area. You can find many interesting places in Freisen: a historical railway, cultural and natural sights, a small zoo, a spa bath (but only few of them in Schwarzerden). The local villagers are already looking forward to getting to know you and to welcoming you at the local village festival. Some excursions will be organised (to the famous sights of Trier and to Idar-Oberstein, the German centre of gemstones). The project is perfect for volunteers who enjoy being outside and in nature.

Please make sure to arrive in St. Wendel before 20.25 p.m. to reach the last bus of the day to Schwarzerden.

**NEXT AIRPORTS:** Saarbruecken (SCN), Frankfurt (FRA)

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** St.Wendel

**NEXT BUS STOP:** Schwarzerden Bahnhof

## **IBG 12 Lauchringen (BW) | 30.06.-14.07.2018 | ENVI/CONS | 12 vols**

**PROJECT:** The community of Lauchringen is going to host an international workcamp for the very first time – and they are very much looking forward to it. The project will take place in cooperation with the “Familienzentrum” (family centre), an organisation that offers various programs for people of all ages to meet, exchange and educate themselves.

**WORK:** At the outskirts of the town, the family centre of Lauchringen built an “Adventure Land”: A big house with sleeping facilities, a kitchen, sanitary facilities, a workshop space and a big common room. This place is going to host groups during school holidays and offer an afternoon program for children and youngsters.

The building itself will be finished in March; however, your help is needed to shape the garden area around it! You might help create a play area with water, stone, and sand: Build a small hill; from its top, a small stream will flow down and find its way through sand and stones. Not only your helping hands, but also your creativity is welcome for this task!

Besides, there are many more small projects, for example, set up wooden elements to hide a steel fence.

Apart from these tasks, you will help maintain the local stream: Lots of weed is growing next to the stream, and your support in removing it is very much appreciated!

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in the “Adventure Land” itself – as the very first group to stay in the new building! There are two rooms with sleeping mats, a kitchen, and sanitary facilities – everything you need. Have a look at pictures of the new building here: <http://faz-hochrhein.de/abenteuerland/category/blog/>

**LOCATION:** Lauchringen is a small and pretty town in the very South of the Black Forest. It is just a stone’s throw away from the Swiss border and not far from places like Lake Constance and the university town of Freiburg. Lauchringen itself offers everything you need: shopping facilities, cafés, bars and much more.

**NEXT AIRPORTS:** Stuttgart, Karlsruhe (Baden-Baden)

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Lauchringen

## **IBG 13 Mariaberg (BW) | 30.06.-13.07.2018 | MANU/RENO/DISA | 12 vols**

**PROJECT:** Following the success of last years' projects, IBG and international volunteers are again invited to come to Gammertingen. An old monastery overlooks the village from atop the surrounding hills and lush forests of the Swabian Albes. 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 here to live, learn and work. We ask you to come with an open heart and mind, as you will be in close contact with the people and become a part of the diverse community in Mariaberg!

**WORK:** One area in the Mariaberg complex where people with and without disabilities work together is the ecological farm, which is mainly raising Angus cattle, but also some pigs, geese and therapeutic sheep as well as cultivation of different grains. The farm is located a bit outside the main part of Mariaberg and quite recently it was made possible that the people working in the farm can also live there directly. So the project for this year's Workcamp is to renovate and rebuild the outdoor area at the farm's building so that it can be used for free time activities and relaxation. During some days the Workcamp volunteers will work together with students with disabilities from one of the schools in Mariaberg.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Accommodation will be in a gym hall in the centre of Mariaberg close to all needed facilities like showers and toilets. You will certainly have access to the swimming pool of the quarter and have the opportunity to use other facilities. You will not prepare meals for yourself since there is no kitchen close to your accommodation. Hence, you will be served in the local Café and restaurant of the "village".

**LOCATION:** Gammertingen is situated 80 km south of Stuttgart, nestled in the Swabian Albes (not Alpes!) – a beautiful mountain chain with spectacular nature. Without a doubt, you will find enough to do in Mariaberg itself (swimming pool, 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 and other activities for you.

**NEXT AIRPORTS:** Stuttgart, Karlsruhe (Baden-Baden)

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Gammertingen

## **IBG 14 Pegnitz U&D (BY) | 02.07. - 09.07.2018 | FEST/MANU | 10 vols**

### **BASIC CONDITIONS!**

**AGE:** 18-26 years old

**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.

**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, as well as the disassembly of the whole structure and surroundings on the last day. While the festival is running, the volunteers 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.

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

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Pegnitz

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

### **IBG 15 Willstaett (BW) | 07.07.-22.07.2018 | RENO/CONS | 10 vols**

**PROJECT:** The community of Willstaett invites an international workcamp for the 9<sup>th</sup> time already! They are very happy to be supported by a group of volunteers again to help with different renovation and maintenance tasks in the town.

**WORK:** The community of Willstaett needs your help in three different areas this year: Expanding the grounds in front of the "Bauhof" (builder's yard), which includes preparing the ground and paving it. Other tasks for the work camp group include re-painting BBQ huts and the maintenance of public green spaces. You will work together with the staff of the Bauhof.

**ACCOMMODATION:** The work camp will be accommodated in a building of the fire brigade with all sanitary facilities, camp beds and a kitchen provided. Please bring your own sleeping bag.

**LOCATION:** The community of Willstaett contains several villages with, all in all, around 10.000 inhabitants. It is situated in the beautiful southern part of Germany, close to the border of France. It is characterised by its beautiful architectural style. With its spectacular waterfalls, castles, and nature, there is also plenty to see and discover in the landscape close

to the Black Forest. German cities like Freiburg or Karlsruhe are not too far away and well worth seeing; the French city of Strasbourg also offers a wide range of cultural events.

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Strasbourg (France), Stuttgart, Karlsruhe Baden-Baden

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Appenweier, Kehl

### **IBG 16 Rottenburg-Obernau (BW) | 08.07.-21.07.2018 | CONS | 12 vols**

**PROJECT:** Rottenburg am Neckar is a medium-sized town about 50km southwest of Stuttgart. Be aware that the project itself is going to take place in the village Obernau that belongs to Rottenburg – but it is located about 6km away from Rottenburg itself! While Obernau only has about 500 inhabitants, Rottenburg offers a picturesque historic centre, lying on the banks of the river Neckar. This year Rottenburg will be hosting a workcamp for the third time. The project will be done in cooperation with a local kindergarten, so there will be close contact to the local people. The children's parents are already planning to invite you for a homestay in one evening!

**WORK:** The playground of a local kindergarten needs to be re-done! Professionals will instruct you during the work and the aim is to finish the whole playground within the two weeks.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in the local gym, right next to your work place. A kitchen and showers are provided.

**LOCATION:** Rottenburg offers various cultural as well as sport activities: museums, swimming pools, canoeing and an outdoor climbing wall. Nearby, there are hiking trails and castles which invite you to spend a relaxing day in the nature. The university town Tuebingen with plenty of cafés and bars is only 12km away and also Stuttgart can be reached in 1 hour by train. To thank you for your help, the town Rottenburg wants to organize a barbeque in the local castle, punting (boating with a punt, a small flat-bottomed boat that is pretty popular in Tuebingen) and some more free-time activities for you.

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Stuttgart, Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Rottenburg (Neckar)

### **IBG 17 Nagold (BW) | 08.07.-24.07.2018 | FEST/ENVI/MANU | 13 vols**

**PROJECT:** The youth centre of Nagold is one of the oldest partners of IBG. For more than twenty years, they have been organizing work camps with us inviting volunteers to support the centre with different renovation and cleaning tasks, making a movie about work camps or organizing festivals.

**WORK:** This year, work camp volunteers will be helping out at a culture festival in Nagold. Local clubs and associations will be participating in the festival and you will be helping them with preparations for music, dance and international food. On other days, you will work on various environmental tasks within the community of Nagold.

**ACCOMMODATION:** The group will be staying in the YOUZ youth centre. Two sleeping rooms with beds and a large kitchen are provided. Please bring a sleeping bag! Showers are available at the swimming pool nearby. Take a look at the youth centre here:

<http://www.youznagold.de/YOUZ2012/wordpress/>

**LOCATION:** Nagold is situated in the beautiful Black Forest and has about 22,000 inhabitants. The youth centre, located in the inner city of Nagold, is a popular meeting point for young people aged 14 to 20. Beside many other possibilities to spend time in the youth centre you will find rooms and equipment to play music, to dance, to take videos and plenty of other things to do in your leisure time. Trips to Stuttgart and Tuebingen, hiking in the Black Forest, horse riding, swimming and playing beach volleyball are only some of the possible activities. Local youth will be around at almost all times, so participants can look forward to getting in touch with them.

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Stuttgart (STR)

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Nagold

## **IBG 18 Karlstadt U&D (BY) | 13.07.-25.07.2018 | FEST/MANU | 6 vols**

### **BASIC CONDITIONS!**

**AGE:** 18-26 years old

**PROJECT:** In the summer months, Germany is host to a variety of music festivals and events. One of those festivals – “Umsonst & Draussen” (free of charge & outdoors) – will take place outside the town of Karlstadt and run for three days, from 20.-22. of July (<http://www.umsonstunddraussen.de/hauptseite.html>). This festival has quite a long tradition already and it has been organized by the town’s young people for more than 25 years now. International workcamp volunteers have supported the Karlstadt festival for many years now and helped with the exciting, but also demanding tasks of setting up the festival. Some of them return every year to take part in this unique festival experience. That’s why this years’ volunteer group will consist of 6 international volunteers and 6 Spanish volunteers (who have already been in Karlstadt in the last years).

**WORK:** The international group will work together with many other volunteers from Karlstadt. The main tasks will be setting up of the stage and campground on the site of the festival, as well as the disassembly at the end. While the festival is running, the volunteers will assist in different areas: bar, stage, organisation, catering etc. Volunteers should be very flexible, because often there are no fixed working hours. The organisation of the festival is in many parts done “just in time” and depends for example on deliveries, which are arranged on short notice or even on the same day. This can result in longer breaks or the need to work quite late. Speaking or understanding basic German will be a plus!

**ACCOMMODATION:** In the local youth centre for the first days. For the main part of the Camp the group will be lodging in tents on the site of the festival, where all helpers will also stay. Food will be served in the festival canteen throughout the day. Sanitary facilities are provided, but be aware of festival standards. Expect very basic amenities!

**LOCATION:** Karlstadt is situated in the Bavarian region called Franconia. The town is home to around 7000 inhabitants and has a historical touch. If you are interested in architecture, you will find lots of traditional German buildings in the town centre. Also, with its vast vineyards and rolling hills, the region provides an opportunity for some calm and relaxing outdoor activities as an alternative to the hectic life of the festival.

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Frankfurt, Nuremberg

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Karlstadt

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

### **IBG 19 Oberesch (SL) | 13.07.-31.07.2018 | DISA/RENO/FEST | 12 vols**

**PROJECT:** Active and inclusive together! The local host of this project, “VIB der AWO Saarland”, is a charity organization offering jobs in workshops for people with mental or physical disabilities and initializing various inclusion projects. For example, they run a supermarket mainly operated by people with disabilities and they started ‘Café Courage’, a self-governed café and meeting point for people with and without handicap.

The workcamp 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.

**WORK:** There will be two different tasks: 1. You will improve the accessibility of a path surrounding a small lake for people with different disabilities. To make the path more attractive you will create a bare-foot-path and a maybe an area of special herbs and flowers smelling very nice.

2. You will support the middle-age-festival that is taking place in the nearby ruins of a castle and is attracting many visitors. You will for example help setting up tents and stands and offering activities for children.

All tasks will be done under professional supervision and in cooperation with people with disabilities (mainly from the Café Courage) or with special needs. The project will start with an introduction focussed on questions of inclusion on the first weekend.

**ACCOMMODATION:** The accommodation 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. Showers will be available at the building of the local fire brigade right next to the community centre. During the middle-age festival you might sleep in a tent next to the castle.

**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 Luxemburg or 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 Café Courage thus making the workcamp an unforgettable experience.

**NEXT AIRPORTS:** Saarbrücken, Luxemburg, Frankfurt-Hahn (Ryan-Air)

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Siersburg

**SPECIAL 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?).

## **IBG 20 Krumbach (BY) | 14.07.-28.07.2018 | RENO/ENVI/CONS | 12 vols**

**PROJECT:** The town of Krumbach wants to support and strengthen its Youth Centre: It is a building at the outskirts of Krumbach where young people may meet, spend their free time and enjoy concerts that are organised by the youngsters themselves. Now they would like to improve the area around the building and create a small park with benches and a fireplace.

**WORK:** There's a detailed plan, how the area is supposed to look like – now it is your task to realize the project! That includes setting up benches, planting, and installing the fireplace, and so on. Also, the project will finish with the annual Summer Festivity, that takes place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup>. You are very welcome to support this event as well, e.g. with cooking dishes that are typical for your country.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You are accommodated in the Youth Centre itself: There's a big room, where camp beds will be set up for you, one small room, a kitchen and toilets. To shower, the town organizes a solar shower and you will receive free entry in the local public swimming pool (ten minutes by bike – they will provide them for you).

**LOCATION:** Krumbach is a Bavarian town with about 13.000 inhabitants. It has a nice city centre with a historical town hall, a small river and all shops and facilities you might need. Krumbach is located in a rural area; however, you can easily reach very worth-seeing cities like Ulm, Augsburg and Munich by train.

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Memmingen, Munich, Stuttgart

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Krumbach(Schwab)

**REMARKS:** You need to be able to ride a bike.

## **IBG 21 Lauterbach (BW) | 14.07.-04.08.2018 | ENVI / MANU | 10 vols**

**PROJECT:** This is the 10<sup>th</sup> time that the community of Lauterbach invites a workcamp! Above all, the local host is very happy to be supported by a workcamp at different environmental and construction tasks in a nature protection area!

**WORK:** A variety of tasks are waiting for your help. One task will be the maintenance of a hiking trail in the forest. So-called "neophytes" (invasive non-native vegetation) need to be removed in the nature protection area. You will cut and clear those plants. Furthermore, cleaning and clearing of vegetation needs to be done in biotopes like ponds and tarns. You will, most likely, also repair fences and maintain grasslands around fruit trees. Be prepared for hard physical work! Due to working in damp and steep areas (ponds), rubber boots and/or sturdy shoes are necessary for working effectively!

**ACCOMMODATION:** The workcamp team will stay in a nice community house in the middle of the forest, where you can find sanitary facilities, showers and a good equipped kitchen. You can have a look at their website: <http://moosenmaettleweb.de>. There are 4-bed-rooms for you. Due to the position of the house in a rural area, it is likely that there will not be access to internet and no coverage for mobile phones. Just be prepared to spend three wonderful, adventurous weeks away from your busy and usual everyday life!

**LOCATION:** Lauterbach is situated in the heart of the Black Forest nature park, close to Schramberg and the town Rottweil. There are many possibilities to hike and experience

nature first hand. Just step out the door and find yourself surrounded by beautiful nature! On weekends, you'll have the chance to visit Rottweil or the university town of Freiburg.

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Stuttgart

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Hausach

### **IBG 22 Heidesheim (RP) | 22.07.-05.08.2018 | ENVI/KIDS | 12 vols**

**PROJECT:** After a two-year break, the hiking club of Heidesheim is inviting international volunteers for the third time! There are two main tasks to do, so the group will split up every day. You will have the chance to try out both, depending on your preference; and since both projects take place next to each other, you will still share your breaks with the rest of the group.

**WORK:** Every year, the hiking club offers outdoor holiday activities for about 30 children aged 5-12 years. They are very happy to get your support in organizing games for the kids and are looking forward to your creative ideas. Since the children do not speak English, it might be very helpful to know at least a few German words and/or bring games that can be played easily, without difficult explanations or language skills.

Secondly, the area of the "seven ponds" needs to be taken care of. It is an area in the midst of the forest with a few lakes, terrace-like arranged and flowing into one another through small streams. In 2014, the first workcamp in Heidesheim took care of the area, which was overgrown with bushes and trees. Four years later, maintenance work is needed again: You will clear vegetation, cut free the lakes and paths in order to be accessible for visitors.

**ACCOMMODATION:** The group will stay in the sports hall; all necessary sanitary facilities are provided. You will be able to use the kitchen of the hiking club's house, which is located at your working place. For transport from the sports hall to the work place/kitchen, bicycles and a car (for 9 people) will be arranged.

**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 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.

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Frankfurt

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Heidesheim (Rhein Hess)

**REMARKS:** You should be able to ride a bike!

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** Please provide a Motivation Letter together with your application: Why would you like to take part? Do you have first experiences with working with kids and/or in environmental projects?

### **IBG 23 Bernburg (ST) | 22.07. -11.08.2018 | RENO/MANU | 10 vols**

**PROJECT:** The municipality of Bernburg invites an international workcamp for the 18th time! In cooperation with a local youth club all former camps have been running very successfully - due to experienced and motivated people, lots of leisure activities and good contact to

locals. This year, they might also include a common activity together with three youth parliaments.

**WORK:** Volunteers will help to renew local playgrounds: old playground equipment needs to get removed; new tools need to get set up. This might include different tasks such as digging, placing of concrete and also the painting of the new tools.

**ACCOMMODATION:** The accommodation will be on the first floor of a youth club, with all facilities needed, such as: kitchen, a shower and a bathroom. Participants will sleep on sport mats. The volunteers will interact regularly with the local youth who visit the club often.

**LOCATION:** Bernburg is a town with a history of more than 1000 years and is situated in the eastern part of Germany. Overlooking the valley formed by the Saale River, there is a medieval castle. There are plenty of possibilities for leisure activities, such as visiting the town, having a drink in a local pub, taking an excursion to cities like Leipzig or Magdeburg, canoeing on the river, hiking, or simply making conversation with the locals.

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Leipzig or Berlin

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Bernburg

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** Volunteers need to be able to ride a bike!

### **IBG 24 National Park Hunsrueck I (RP) | 22.07.-11.08.18 | ENVI | 15 vols**

**PROJECT:** The National Nature Park Hunsrueck-Hochwald is the newest German National Park to protect nature. The park was just founded in 2015. The landscape is dominated by huge forests, steep hills, small brooks and ponds, rocks and moors. Only small hamlets interrupt the nature, a perfect region for plenty of different species but also for hiking. Within this National Park you will work under the supervision of several Park Rangers to care for special moors situated on the slopes of the hill. These moors are an important and valuable natural CO2 storage. Most of them were drained with ditches in the last century to use it as forests. The rangers use different measures to bring back the special character of this place and keep the water in the marshes. Many different species (especially amphibians and special plants) already returned. This workcamp will continue this mission and will take place in cooperation with the National Nature Park Hunsrueck-Hochwald and the Foundation for Nature and Environment RP. As second task you will support the maintenance of the game park situated in this National Nature Park.

**WORK:** Protect the nature and support the natural CO2 storage! The main task will be in the moors: Under the supervision of several Park Rangers you will realise different measures to keep the water in the moors and to undo the drainage of the area by blocking or filling ditches or by building small wooden barriers. You will be able to discover many rare species which already returned. In addition you will work on the game 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 elements to protect small trees from damage through the animals. Attention: The work might be physically hard and you will get wet and muddy for sure! Please bring hiking boots, rubber 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.

**LOCATION:** The workcamp will take place in the western part of RP. You will stay in Deuselbach, a small village with 160 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 Germany city with many Roman sights, a huge cathedral and plenty of things to do (vineyard, shopping, clubs...). For sure you will visit Trier, but due to the poor public transport the number of excursions will be very limited.

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Frankfurt-Hahn (Ryan Air, Wizz-Air) or Frankfurt

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Neubrücke(Nahe). Meeting points will be in the afternoon and early evening.

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

## **IBG 25 Graefelfing (BY) | 23.07.-01.08.2018 | FEST/MANU | 10vols**

**AGE:** 18-26

**PROJECT:** Since 1978, the Kulturfestival Graefelfing ([www.kulturfestival.de](http://www.kulturfestival.de)) has taken place every two years on the first weekend of the summer holidays in a big park between Graefelfing and Munich. It is run by a local non-profit organization and it is free of charge. It will be the third time that the festival is supported by international volunteers. This year, the festival itself will be from the 26th until the 29th of July and about 15,000 visitors are expected throughout the whole event. There will be 4 different stages for the program of different types of music, theatre, dance and programs for children. In case of bad weather, the whole festival will take place inside big tents.

**WORK:** The Workcamp will help the organizers in all phases of the festival. The main tasks will be setting up of all facilities at the festival site as well as the disassembly at the end. While the festival is running, the volunteers will assist in different areas: bar, stage, organisation, catering etc. You will work closely with the people from the association. Volunteers should be flexible enough to work long and unusual hours and enjoy music. Speaking or understanding basic German will be a plus.

**ACCOMMODATION:** TBC. Because the festival is taking place in a very urban area, it is difficult for the organisers to find accommodation for the volunteers. In the past volunteers were staying at a youth club, in an empty house or had a home stay at several members of the local team. Everything is possible and please note that arrangements might change and that everything is improvised - a typical festival experience!

**LOCATION:** The small garden city of Graefelfing is 1,250 years old. The townscape is famous for its many villas from the beginning of the last century. Graefelfing has about 13,000

inhabitants and is situated very close to Munich (18min by S-train from Munich Central Station). Please be aware that during the duration of the workcamp there will not be much time for trips to Munich, even though it is very close. If you are interested in the touristic site of Munich, please plan some time before or after the camp.

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Munich

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Graefelfing

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

### **IBG 26 Heilsbronn (BY) | 28.07-11.08.2018 | RENO/ENVI | 12 vols**

**PROJECT:** After the success of the projects in the last ten years, the town of Heilsbronn is looking forward to hosting another work camp this year. The town hall is a big fan of work camps and international groups and has already introduced other neighbouring cities to the work camp idea as well. In this year's project different construction and environmental tasks await you in and around this beautiful town in Bavaria.

**WORK:** You will help with the maintenance of the Vita Parcours fitness trail. Your task will mainly be to clear the trail of over-grown plants. Besides, you will set up gardening spaces in the "Naturlehrgarten", a park that includes several stations which explain environmental issues to the visitors. In this park you might plant herbs and trees as well as set up new paths. Last but not least, there will be plenty of cleaning work to do for you along the famous St. James' Way.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in the local youth club called "JUZ". The building includes a kitchen and all necessary facilities. Please bring a sleeping bag! The local youth who normally visit the club are looking forward to welcoming you and getting to know the international volunteers.

**LOCATION:** Heilsbronn with its 9300 inhabitants is located in the idyllic Bavarian region called „Franken“ ("Franconia"). The town lies along the path known as "the Way to 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 offers a few unique sites, such as the Romanesque monastery and the local cathedral. A guided tour might be organised for you. Besides, the town arranges free entrance to the outdoor swimming pool for you. Nature-lovers can find several hiking trails in the beautiful surrounding landscape. The beautiful cities of Nuremberg, Bamberg and Rothenburg ob der Tauber are not too far away either and might be visited on weekends.

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Stuttgart (STR), Frankfurt (FRA) or Nuremberg (NUE)

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Heilsbronn

### **IBG 27 Kirchberg / Jagst (BW) | 28.07. - 11.08.2018 | ENVI/CONS | 12 vols**

**PROJECT:** After a two-year break, Kirchberg/Jagst is glad to welcome its third workcamp this year! Kirchberg is a small historical town with approximately 4500 inhabitants. It is situated among rolling hills and is partly named after the river Jagst, flowing through it. Due to its beautiful landscape, there are many often-used hiking trails in and around the town.

**WORK:** Your work will consist of constructing and renovating some of these hiking trails, which are partly in bad condition. This also includes replacing old signs and setting up new ones; however, mostly you will broaden the path. Be prepared that the task is not very diversified; on the other hand, you can clearly see what you achieved on each single day and the people of Kirchberg are very happy about your help!

Eventually, you will also help with a similar task in a park area of the town, where bushes and trees need to be cut. In general, please be aware that you will work outside, so please bring sturdy shoes with you.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will stay in a local boarding school. The school includes all necessities for living, such as a kitchen and all sanitary facilities.

**LOCATION:** Kirchberg itself offers a charming old city centre and a beautiful castle. Of course, you will also have the opportunity to go hiking or biking. Easily accessible by public transportation are several larger towns, such as: Schwaebisch Hall, Heilbronn, Nuremberg and Stuttgart, the capital of Baden-Wuerttemberg.

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Stuttgart, Nuremberg

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Ilshofen-Eckartshausen, Rot am See, Crailsheim

### **IBG 28 Bahlingen (BW) | 28.07.-11.08.2018 | ENVI | 12 vols**

**PROJECT:** For the fifth time Bahlingen is looking forward to welcoming an international workcamp. Various interesting tasks in water and nature conservation await you this year. While working and also in your free time you can enjoy the beautiful nature in the region, but you will also have the possibility to visit nearby towns in Germany, France and Switzerland.

**WORK:** Volunteers will support the local workers in the renaturation and maintenance of local rivers as well as in the removal of invasive plants (which is necessary to protect the local nature). Besides, you will help to take care of the so called "Loesshohlwege" (loess hollow ways), which are very typical in this region and important habitats for plants and animals. All tasks in this project will have professional instruction.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in the local gym: There is lots of space, a huge kitchen and showers are available.

**LOCATION:** Bahlingen is a small town in the south-west of Germany. It is located next to the Black Forest, at the foot of "Kaiserstuhl", a well-known German mountain range. Bahlingen itself and the surrounding area are famous for its vineyards. Very close-by, the university town Freiburg is worth seeing. Besides, you could visit Strasbourg, the Alsatian capital in France (70km), and Basel, the 3rd biggest city in Switzerland (80km).

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Stuttgart

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Bahlingen

### **IBG 29 Weil der Stadt (BW) | 28.07-12.08.2018 | KIDS | 9 vols**

**PROJECT:** The town of „Weil der Stadt“, located close to Stuttgart, organizes annually a summer-camp for kids: There are about 95 children taking part each year. In the first two weeks of summer holidays, they get picked up in the morning, spend their day at a holiday

house and return in the afternoon at 5. On Friday, there's one overnight-stay and a common breakfast. Saturday afternoon and Sunday are free. This year, a group of international volunteers will be welcomed for the first time, to support the day care activities.

**WORK:** The children are 6-12 years old. They may participate for just one of the two weeks or both. Together with a group of German caregivers, you will support their free-time program. You are welcome to bring your own games, songs and ideas!

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will stay directly in Weil der Stadt. Camp beds, sanitary facilities and a kitchen are provided. During the week you will eat your lunch with the children and don't need to cook.

**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! Also, public transportation is good, so you can easily reach BW's capital Stuttgart, as well as Karlsruhe or Pforzheim.

**REMARKS:** To participate, it is not necessary to speak German; however, it is a big help for sure, since the children don't speak English. 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, what's your motivation to work with children, if you have any experiences in this field and if you speak (a bit) of German.

**IBG 4M Raitelsberg (BW) | 29.07.-12.08.2018 | RENO/CONS | 16 vols  
PROJECT ONLY FOR VOLUNTEERS FROM LOMBARDIA, AUVERGNE-RHÔNE-ALPES,  
CATALONIA AND BADEN-WURTTENBERG!**

**AGE:** 16-26 years old!

**PROJECT:** The Aktivspielplatz Raitelsberg e.V. (AKI) is a non-profit association that was founded in 1975 by active citizens to improve the living conditions of children in the eastern part of Stuttgart. The children of the surrounding quarters can come and make experiences with nature and animals, exercise, nutrition /health etc. The AKI provides for example a giant trampoline, a trapeze, a half pipe, a workshop, a fireplace, several vehicles, a sports field and a riding field. The animals have to be taken care of every day, so the children (age 6-14) and younger children together with their parents have the possibility to be in contact with nature, environment and animals close to the city. The area of the AKI is quite worn down and the intense use over the last years is showing, so there is a big need for maintenance work, renovation and refurbishment. The board and staff members of the AKI want to prepare this special place for the future. That's why they are looking for support in this great and important task to strengthen the local and open youth work in their neighborhood.

**WORK:** Main focus of the Workcamp is the renovating the inside and outside of the „playhouse“. Especially the wood paneling on the outside needs to be refurbished: sanding off the wood and repainting with preservative. The doors need a new paint job as well. On the inside a lot of repainting work is waiting as well and you can get artistic and creative on some walls, ceilings and doors. Depending on the work progress you might also help with greening some parts of the playhouse to improve the indoor climate.

Apart from the work on the playhouse, there are lots of smaller projects waiting in the outdoor area of the Aki that can be tackled by the volunteers according to the progress on the playhouse.

**ACCOMMODATION:** The group will stay in the playhouse directly on the AKI area, where there is enough space for separate sleeping rooms. Kitchen, toilets and showers are provided. However sanitary facilities are quite basic.

**LOCATION:** The adventure playground is located on the edge of Raitelsberg, which was built in the 1920s as a working class quarter in the eastern part of Stuttgart. It is only a few minutes to walk to the next subway station, the "Schlosspark" the Stuttgart's biggest park area and a mineral spring spa. Stuttgart has about 600,000 inhabitants and is the state-capital of BW. From museums, to castles and parks, to an afternoon spent shopping, the city offers something for everyone. Just a short train ride away you can enjoy the variety of nature around Stuttgart. Take a visit to some of the other interesting towns in the area, like Tuebingen (approximately 1 hour away) and Ludwigsburg (approximately 30 minutes away).

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Stuttgart, Frankfurt

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Stuttgart, subway station „Mineralbaeder“

### **IBG 30 Kappelrodeck (BW) | 29.07.-12.08.2018 | ENVI/CONS | 9 vols**

**PROJECT:** For the sixth time, the community of Kappelrodeck in the Black Forest invites an international work camp! This year, the international group will help build a new hiking path in the forest next to town.

**WORK:** If you love hiking and working outdoors, this project is for you! The community of Kappelrodeck is located in the holiday region of the northern Black Forest where you will find a wide area of hiking paths. This summer, the community wants to start building a new hiking path. Part of the path will be created in the forest area. Support local workers and the "Bauhof" (builders' yard) in this project and help them make the Black Forest an even better experience for hikers! Since you will be working in the middle of the forest, please remember to bring suitable shoes and clothing.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in the local school's building. Camp beds, a kitchen and sanitary facilities are provided. Showers are located in a sport hall just around the corner (it's a walk of 3 minutes). Please bring your own sleeping bag!

**LOCATION:** Kappelrodeck is a small community situated in the Black Forest. It has a total of around 5,700 inhabitants. The region and its beautiful landscape attract many tourists throughout the whole year. Besides, the area is famous for its delicious red wine. The locals are interested in getting in touch with you and show you the beauty of this area. You will be able to use the local swimming pool for free and can get a special discount on local transportation. Hiking as well as excursions to cities like Strasbourg or Freiburg are possible.

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Strasbourg (France!), Karlsruhe

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Kappelrodeck

### **IBG 31 Stuttgart U&D (BW) | 30.07.-07.08.2018 | FEST/MANU | 12 vols**

**VERY BASIC CONDITIONS!**

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

**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, running for three days, from 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> of August ([www.ud-stuttgart.de](http://www.ud-stuttgart.de)). It is the biggest non-commercial music-politic-culture festival in Stuttgart. It is organized by an open plenary where everyone can come and participate. The festival is running in that unique and quite anarchic way for 39 years now! Since 2013 the festival has been hosting camps and the international volunteers have become an important part in the festival organisation.

**WORK:** The international group will work together with many other local volunteers. The main tasks will be setting up of the stage, stalls and tents on the site of the festival, as well as the disassembly at the end. While the festival is running, the volunteers will assist in different areas: bar, stage, organisation, catering etc. Volunteers should be flexible enough to work long and unusual hours – and enjoy music! Speaking or understanding basic German will be a plus! The group might be asked to give a short presentation of their workcamp on stage!

**ACCOMMODATION:** In the first two days, the group will be hosted in a cultural centre in Stuttgart, where you have a kitchen, sanitary facilities and the group will be sleeping in the hall, where the stage is. We advise sightseeing in these first days. On the third day, you will move to the site of the festival. There you will be camping in a big tent. You will need a camping mat and a sleeping bag. We encourage you to bring your own tent, if possible! Food will be available through the food stands. Sanitary facilities are given, 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 BW. From museums, to castles and parks, to an afternoon spent shopping, this city offers something for everyone to see! In addition, take a short train ride and enjoy the variety of nature around Stuttgart. Take a visit to some of the other interesting towns in the area, like Tuebingen (approximately 1 hour away) and Ludwigsburg (approximately 30 minutes away).

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Stuttgart, Frankfurt

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Stuttgart

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

### **IBG 32 Niefern-Oeschelbronn (BW) | 04.08.-18.08.18 | ENVI/CONS | 12 vols**

**PROJECT:** Niefern-Oeschelbronn is a small town in the South-West of Germany; it consists of the two districts Niefern and Oeschelbronn. This year, the town is going to host its first international workcamp! Therefore, they are cooperating with a local association that already runs two “forest kindergartens” in the area. In September, they want to start another one in Oeschelbronn. The idea behind forest kindergartens is that the small children and their kindergarten teachers spend almost every day outside in the forest. The close contact with nature helps the children to develop into healthier, emotionally stable and creative personalities.

**WORK:** It will be your task to help preparing the area that will be used for the kindergarten. Therefore various equipment is needed: A place with a roof, a fence, a meeting / breakfast place, and so on. They have lots of ideas what could be done! To keep the impact on the forest low, all these things will be constructed with natural materials: mostly wood, stones, etc. To get an idea, you can have a look on their existing kindergartens here:

<http://www.wichtel-waldkinder.de/waldkindergarten-heimenheim/>

**ACCOMMODATION:** The town provides a 100sqm flat in the center of Oeschelbronn. There are four rooms with camp beds, a kitchen, a shower and a bathroom. You will have the possibility to use the showers in the town's gym as well, if you want to use additional ones. From the accommodation, it is just a few hundred meters to the next supermarket; your work place, at the edge of the forest, is about 15 minutes by foot.

**LOCATION:** Niefern-Oeschelbronn is a small community, but it offers everything you need. It is surrounded by nature and close to the town of Pforzheim and the Unesco World Heritage Site "Maulbronn Monastery". The cities of Karlsruhe and Stuttgart are both not far, as well as the Black Forest where you can go hiking.

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Stuttgart, Baden-Baden

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Niefern (Niefern-Oeschelbronn)

### **IBG 33 Nuertingen (BW) | 04.08.-18.08.18 | ENVI/RENO/TEEN | 5 vols**

**AGE:** 16-26 y.o.

**PROJECT:** The host of this workcamp is a cultural, social and ecological centre, which is called "Alte Seegrasspinnerei" (old spinning of seagrass). After several successful workcamps in the past, the centre is very happy to invite international volunteers for another camp this year. In three historic buildings there are artist's studios, a kindergarten, workshops for children and teenagers, offices of social initiatives or associations with ecological orientation. Many cultural events take place here. Meeting point is the "Kulturkantine" (culture canteen), which is also a public restaurant. Huge parts of the project will be done together with a bilateral German-Greek workcamp (8-10 volunteers aged 16-26 years old), so the international group will be 15 in total.

**WORK:** You will help to transfer an abandoned garden to a mini-farm for children. You will clear the garden from overgrowing vegetation and prepare everything for the new purpose. In the future children of the kindergarten will be able to take care of the animals and to grow fruits and vegetables.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Volunteers will be accommodated in a building of the "Alte Seegrasspinnerei". There will be two sleeping rooms and all necessary facilities. Please bring your own sleeping bag and mat!

**LOCATION:** Nürtingen is a beautiful old town with approx. 40,000 inhabitants. The town is located on the Neckar River and Stuttgart is only 19km away. Nürtingen is surrounded by beautiful nature and offers many cycling and hiking trails. From Nürtingen there are good train connections to visit places near-by. You can go to Stuttgart, the capital of Baden Württemberg, and Esslingen, a quaint medieval town with traditional German architecture.

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Stuttgart

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Nürtingen

**EXTRA FEE:** To cover the additional efforts for a teenager project we ask for an extra fee of 120 Euro. The fee has to be transferred at least two weeks before the project starts.

### **IBG 34 Berglen (BW) | 05.08.-19.08.2018 | MANU/CONS | 12 vols**

**PROJECT:** This summer the community of Berglen welcomes its sixth group of international volunteers already! In the hills of south-western Germany the work camp team will help renovate and improve playgrounds in the Berglen area where local kids spend their afternoons.

**WORK:** You will help renovate and renew local playgrounds. Together with the “Bauhof” (builders’ yard) team you will mainly be working on the renovation, maintenance and construction of new playground equipment, e.g. building a new playing hut for the kids. Other tasks may also need the team’s creativity and handy-work.

**ACCOMMODATION:** The work camp group will be staying at the local youth club. In the club’s house you will have access to a kitchen and all necessary sanitary facilities. Please bring your own sleeping bag!

**LOCATION:** Berglen is a small community with around 6,100 inhabitants located 30 km from Stuttgart, the capital of the state of Baden-Württemberg. Surrounded by orchards, forests, fields and meadows, the community of Berglen consists of many small villages and farms. The idyllic countryside and location have become a popular recreation area. The cities of Stuttgart, Heidelberg or Tuebingen can be visited on a weekend trip from here.

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Stuttgart (STR)

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Winnenden

### **IBG 35 Butzweiler (RP) | 08.08.-22.08.2018 | ENVI/CONS | 12 vols**

**PROJECT:** Butzweiler is a village not far from Trier, the oldest German city. A local group of volunteers started an initiative to revalue a canyon full of trees crossing the village. Up to now this canyon has no function in the village life, now they want to install together with the international workcamp an educational forest trail and places to rest in green and the shadow.

**WORK:** You will mainly work in the canyon “Butzerbachgraben” crossing the village. It has been a real jungle, so they already started to do some forest work to make it accessible again. Your tasks will be to improve several hundred meters of the path leading through the canyon (construct wooden steps and handrails, install educational panels and build up places to rest (with wooden benches). If there is time enough, you might also create an outdoor classroom for the primary school nearby. You will work with some local volunteers; therefore you will also work on Saturdays (as many locals are available) but will have another day off during the week. The work can be physically hard in parts and you will get dirty. But you will work in the shadow which can be quite helpful in summer.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will stay in several rooms of the village community centre. These cosy rooms in the top floor are usually dedicated to the local youth or to local associations. One room will become the living room, the other one the sleeping room. There is a kitchen

on the same floor but you have to descend two floors to get to the toilets and showers. You can also sit outside and make a barbecue or a campfire.

**LOCATION:** Butzweiler is a village 10 km far from Trier with 1.500 inhabitants in a beautiful landscape. The area is well known for hiking and other outdoor activities. In the village you can find a small supermarket, pubs and restaurants, a primary school and many different associations with a very active village life. The local inhabitants are already very curious to get to know you. For sure you will be invited to several parties and other activities. In the leisure time excursions (e.g. to Trier with its famous Roman sights) or special hiking trips (exploring the rest of the canyon with waterfalls, caves and the ruins of an old castle) are possible.

**AIRPORTS:** Hahn (HHN), Luxembourg (LUX), Frankfurt (FRA)

**TRAIN STATION:** Trier, you absolutely have to **arrive before 8 p.m. in Trier** to catch the last bus to the Butzweiler!

### **IBG 36 Schwanfeld (BY) | 12.08.-25.08.2018 | RENO/ENVI | 12 vols**

**PROJECT:** The community of Schwanfeld is the oldest village in Germany. Some years back, proof was found of a former Bandkeramik (Linear Pottery Culture) settlement outside of the present village from presumably 5500 B.C. Schwanfeld is happy to show their treasures of the golden days to international volunteers and invites the group to get to know more about the south of Germany. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> time a workcamp will take place in Schwanfeld – and all citizens will be very welcoming and excited to meet the new volunteers after the success of previous years. Invitations by local associations and the village youngsters have led to many cordial encounters and friendships in the past.

**WORK:** A variety of tasks awaits you! First, you will help out in the local museums (cleaning and restoration). Depending on the weather, you will also help to renovate hiking trails, possibly set up signs for a nature trail, clean out a stream, or do similar renovation and landscaping work to support the Municipal Maintenance Department.

Also, since there are school holidays in August, there is an annual holiday program for kids, in which you might help out supervising.

For sure, you will also help out with the annual fair that will be taking place at the weekend. You will work with locals to prepare the festival, provide a helping hand in the stalls during the fair, and assist in dismantling afterwards. This will give you the chance to get in touch with the people of the Schwanfeld community and learn more about local traditions!

**ACCOMMODATION:** The group will live in the local gym hall next to the school where they will have access to toilets and showers. The nearby community centre will provide a kitchen for you to use.

**LOCATION:** Schwanfeld is situated in the north-western part of BA, in between the cities of Schweinfurt and Wuerzburg. Only about 2,000 people live in this small community. The very motivated and active mayor of the village is looking forward to accompanying the volunteers, showing them around and educating them about the historical and regional specialties of Schwanfeld. Aside from the village's own sights and events (museum, church, local annual

fair which was the highlight of last year's workcamp) there is the ambient nature and nearby, larger cities like Wuerzburg to discover.

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Nuremberg

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Waigolshausen

### **IBG 37 National Park Hunsrueck II (RP) | 12.08.-01.09.18 | ENVI | 15 vols**

**PROJECT:** The National Nature Park Hunsrueck-Hochwald is the newest German National Park to protect nature. The park was just founded in 2015. The landscape is dominated by huge forests, steep hills, small brooks and ponds, rocks and moors. Only small hamlets interrupt the nature, a perfect region for plenty of different species but also for hiking. Within this National Park you will work under the supervision of several Park Rangers to care for special moors situated on the slopes of the hill. These moors are an important and valuable natural CO2 storage. Most of them were drained with ditches in the last century to use it as forests. The rangers use different measures to bring back the special character of this place and keep the water in the marshes. Many different species (especially amphibians and special plants) already returned. This workcamp will continue this mission and will take place in cooperation with the National Nature Park Hunsrueck-Hochwald and the Foundation for Nature and Environment RP. As second task you will support the maintenance of the game park situated in this National Nature Park.

**WORK:** Protect the nature and support the natural CO2 storage! The main task will be in the moors: Under the supervision of several Park Rangers you will realise different measures to keep the water in the moors and to undo the drainage of the area by blocking or filling ditches or by building small wooden barriers. You will be able to discover many rare species which already returned. In addition you will work on the game 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 elements to protect small trees from damage through the animals. Attention: The work might be physically hard and you will get wet and muddy for sure! Please bring hiking boots, rubber 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.

**LOCATION:** The workcamp will take places in the western part of RP. You will stay in Deuselbach, a small village with 160 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 Germany city with many Roman sights, a huge cathedral and plenty of things to do (vineyard, shopping, clubs...). For sure you will visit Trier, but due to the poor public transport the number of excursions will be very limited.

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Frankfurt-Hahn (Ryan Air, Wizz-Air) or Frankfurt

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Neubrücke(Nahe). Meeting points will be in the afternoon and early evening.

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

### **IBG 38 Aach (RP) | 18.08.-01.09.2018 | RENO/MANU | 10 vols**

**PROJECT:** Aach is a small village not far from Trier. After a very positive experience in 2017, they are looking forward to welcoming again international volunteers to improve the infrastructure of the village. Both aspects are quite important for the local community: the exchange with international volunteers and their concrete support. The village is situated in a deep valley, the different houses climb up the steep hills.

**WORK:** Help the villagers to maintain their local heritage and infrastructure! Some renovation work is already planned on the former Jewish cemetery and on the current one. Also, you will set up wooden benches and tables in front of the community centre (your accommodation). Other tasks in the field of renovation and landscape protection will be added.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in a community centre; the rooms are called "family barn". Usually these rooms are offered to people in the village to celebrate big birthday parties or similar events, or to local initiatives for trainings. There is also a small kitchen and you can use the bathrooms of the sportshall which is in the same building.

**LOCATION:** Aach is a village with approx. 1.000 inhabitants not far from Trier in Western Germany, near the border to Luxemburg. It offers several pubs (but no shops), friendly people and a beautiful landscape. You can go hiking, make barbecues, discover nature, and have different activities together with locals (they are already very curiously waiting for you). The number of excursions will be limited due to the poor local transport but for sure you will visit Trier, the oldest German city with many Roman sights (as Porta Nigra), a famous cathedral, many clubs and events...

**Next AIRPORT:** LUX or HHN (alternatives: CGN or FRA)

**Next train station:** Trier

**Meeting point:** bus stop in Aach

### **IBG 39 Eislingen/Fils (BW) | 19.08.-02.09.2018 | RENO/FEST | 12 vols**

**PROJECT:** Every year, the youth centre in Eislingen organizes a Dirt Bike Contest with participants from Germany, Austria and Switzerland. For the fourth time now, they will get the help of an international workcamp in the preparations and also the realization of this 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.

**WORK:** You will help to prepare everything for the Dirt Bike Contest which will take place on 1st of September. Concrete tasks will be the reconstruction and renovation of the trail as well as the removal of greens. On the day of the event you will set up the stalls, sell drinks etc. During the two weeks you will also help out with the renovation work in the local youth centre. Apart from these main tasks there will be a lot of time which you will spend together

with the youth. 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 might be difficult sometimes. However, they are looking forward to meeting you and making new friends around the world!

**ACCOMMODATION:** Volunteers will be accommodated in a school, directly in the centre of the town. The building provides a kitchen, a shower and lots of space (in the school itself as well as on the schoolyard).

**LOCATION:** Eislingen is a town in the German region BW around 50km southeast of Stuttgart. It is located on the river Fils in beautiful nature. The region with its diverse landscape invites for hiking trips or other outdoor activities. There are good train connections to bigger cities nearby, e.g. Stuttgart or Ulm.

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Stuttgart

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

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** *Volunteers should be able to ride a bike!*

### **IBG 40 Taufkirchen(Vils) (BY) | 25.08.-08.09.2018 | CONS/MANU | 12 vols**

**PROJECT:** The *Deutsche Lebens-Rettungs-Gesellschaft e.V. (DLRG) (German Life Saving Association)* is a relief organization for life saving in Germany and the largest voluntary lifesaving organization in the world. The main aim of the association is the creation and promotion of all activities used to fight drowning. The town of Taufkirchen(Vils) approved the building of a new vehicle hall for the association, so that this summer they invite an international workcamp for the first time to help with the construction work for the hall.

**WORK:** Join the German Life Saving Association in Taufkirchen(Vils) and help build a new vehicle hall for three cars/trucks and two boats. The vehicle hall will also be used for further deployment and training material later on. Together with the volunteers of the DLRG you will help finish the construction work on the hall.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Volunteers will be accommodated in the DLRG club's house directly on the grounds of the local swimming pool. Camp beds and separate bedrooms are provided; please bring your own sleeping bag! There is a kitchen for the group to use, as well as barbecue facilities, showers, and all sanitary facilities of the swimming pool for you to use as well. Take a look at the swimming pool here: [www.waldbad-taufkirchen.de](http://www.waldbad-taufkirchen.de)

**LOCATION:** Taufkirchen(Vils) is a town of around 10,000 inhabitants in Bavaria, about one hour north-east from Munich. Although not very big, Taufkirchen(Vils) has everything you need for daily life and some very pretty sights like the water castle (Wasserschloss) Taufkirchen(Vils), a moated castle that is over 700 years old. The local swimming pool has a large outdoor area, so that in your free time you can play miniature golf, climb or go swimming directly next to your accommodation. The surrounding area also makes for nice day trips to go hiking or see near-by cities like Munich.

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Munich (MUC)

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Erding

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** Volunteers should be able to swim!

## **IBG 41 Wangen (BW) | 25.08.-08.09.2018 | KIDS | 12 vols**

**SPRACHE:** Deutsch!

**ALTER:** 18-30 Jahre

**PROJEKT:** Nun bereits zum zehnten Mal lädt die Stadt Wangen zu einem Workcamp ein, das die Ferienspiele für Kinder unterstützen wird. Während der ersten Woche findet die Spielstadt „Mini-Wangen“ statt: Hier sind Kinder im Alter von 7 bis 13 Jahren eingeladen, eine Woche lang verschiedene Berufe auszuprobieren: z. B: Bürgermeister, Zeitungsreporter, Zirkusmitarbeiter ... Sie können ihre eigene Stadt aufbauen, gestalten und den Alltag in dieser leben. Neben dem Bauhof, der Schmückerei, der Küche und der Stadtverwaltung können die Kinder auch neue Bereiche eröffnen. In der zweiten Woche findet mit dem gleichen Prinzip eine mittelalterliche Spielstadt für Kinder der gleichen Altersgruppe auf einer Burgruine in der Nähe statt.

**ARBEIT:** Die Teilnehmenden des Workcamps unterstützen die Kinder bei verschiedenen Aktivitäten in der Spielstadt - in den Bereichen Sport, Spiel und Handwerk. Die Freiwilligen arbeiten gemeinsam mit lokalen Betreuern zusammen, um das Programm innerhalb und im Außenbereich des Jugendhauses und in der Stadt zu beaufsichtigen. Es werden neue Bereiche eröffnet und begleitet und Aufführungen für das große Stadtfest am Donnerstag geprobt. Die Ideen kommen von den Kindern, aber auch die Freiwilligen dürfen und sollen ihre eigenen Erfahrungen, Hobbies und Vorschläge einbringen. Ungefähr 120 Kinder werden an „Mini-Wangen“ teilnehmen.

Der Tag beginnt für die Helfer um 7.30 Uhr. In einer kurzen Morgenrunde werden anstehende Aufgaben besprochen. Um 8.00 Uhr treffen die Kinder ein und der Tag in Mini-Wangen startet. Um 14 Uhr endet für die Kinder der Tag in Mini-Wangen. Danach werden noch Aufräumarbeiten durchgeführt. Mit einer kurzen Reflektionsrunde der ehrenamtlichen Mitarbeiter endet auch für diese der Tag um ca. 14:30 Uhr. In der zweiten Woche helfen die Freiwilligen bei dem mittelalterlichen Ferienprogramm auf der Burg mit.

**UNTERKUNFT:** Ihr wohnt in dem gut ausgestatteten Jugendwohnheim (Küche und Sanitäreinrichtungen sind vorhanden) auf dem Grundstück des Deutschen Roten Kreuzes nahe dem Stadtzentrum. Betten sowie alle sanitären Anlagen gibt es in der Unterkunft. Bitte bring deinen eigenen Schlafsack mit.

**UMGEBUNG:** Wangen ist eine sehr schöne alte Stadt in der Region „Allgäu“. Sie liegt in der Nähe der Alpen und der Länder Schweiz und Oesterreich. Die Umgebung ist vielseitig und lädt dazu ein, den Bodensee und die Alpen zu entdecken. Doch auch die Stadt Wangen selbst hat mit seinen Fachwerkhäusern und der langen Geschichte, die bis ins Jahr 815 zurückreicht, viel an Kultur und Sehenswürdigkeiten zu bieten.

**NÄCHSTER FLUGHAFEN:** Stuttgart, Memmingen, München

**NÄCHSTER BAHNHOF:** Wangen (Allgäu)

***JUST FOR INTERNAL INFORMATION!***

## **IBG 41 Wangen (BW) | 25.08.-08.09.2018 | KIDS | 12 vols**

**LANGUAGE:** German

**AGE:** 18-30 years

**PROJECT:** It is the 10th time that the municipality of Wangen invites a workcamp to help out at the local summer festivals and activities for children. During the first week, a play scheme called “Mini-Wangen” will run and children at the age of 7-10 years are invited to participate in this “mini-town” where the kids may give various professions a try: Being a major, a journalist ... During the second week a medieval play scheme will take place on a castle.

**WORK:** The participants of the workcamp will help to take care of the kids at several different activities at the play scheme in the first week. They are generally helping the children to enjoy their summer holidays, in cooperation with the local camp counsellors. There will be about 120 children taking part – which can be stressful but also fun and very rewarding. The other task will be to help out at the medieval summer festival for children, which takes place in a castle! The activities take place from 8-14 o'clock. Since this holiday program has been taking place for years, the kids usually know how things work and they are very independent. Therefore, volunteers are asked to bring own ideas (games, music, and so on) and to enrich this “mini-town” with some intercultural experiences!

**ACCOMMODATION & FOOD:** You will stay in a well-equipped self-catering house close to the city centre. All sanitary facilities and kitchen are available. The group will prepare meals for themselves.

**LOCATION:** Wangen is a beautiful city situated in the southern German region called “Allgaeu”, close to the borders of Austria and Switzerland. The region lies close to the Alps and therefore has a diverse nature of mountains, meadows, waterfalls and the like. There is a lot to discover in terms of history and nature, old castles, mountain trails and the Lake Constance. But also Wangen itself has much to offer. The history of the city dates back to the year 815. The charm of Wangen lies within its historical buildings and southern German architectural style. Definitely two exciting, adventurous and diverse weeks are waiting for you!

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Munich, Stuttgart, Memmingen

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Wangen

**Special requirements:** *Camp language is German. German motivation letter is required!*

## **IBG 42 Kell am See (RP) | 03.09.-17.09.2018 | ENVI/CONS | 12 vols**

**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 last year and different new outdoor and training facilities were installed.

**WORK:** Support the work of a youth educational centre by improving their outdoor facilities! You will mainly work in the green areas around the centre. You will cut grass and bushes and clean the ground of the centre. Additionally, you will construct a bread-oven, which will be used for different educational activities with youngsters.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will stay in several wooden tepees for five persons each. Mats are provided. In the centre you will have your own kitchen and living room and sanitary facilities. There are perfect conditions to spend your free time: billiard, plenty of outdoor facilities (barbecue and campfire, basketball, a rope course, football, volleyball...). The public swimming pool is just nearby.

**LOCATION:** Kell am See is a village 30 km from Trier in a beautiful landscape. The area is well known for cycling, walking and other ways of outdoor activities. The local holiday resort offers more than 200 holiday bungalows next to a lake (close to the educational centre). But also people from the area come here for cycling (there is a 45 km cycling path on a former railway roadbed) or to spend a nice day outside. The region also offers plenty of historic sites (castles, museums....). You will also get the opportunity to come in contact with local associations as e.g. the local voluntary fire brigade. Be aware though that public transport is poor during the weekend, so the number of excursions will be limited. However, you will be able to visit the city Trier for sure, which is famous for its Roman sites, the cathedral and the birth place of Karl-Marx.

**AIRPORTS:** Hahn (HHN), Luxembourg (LUX), Frankfurt (FRA)

**TRAIN STATION:** Trier, you absolutely have to **arrive before 7 p.m. in Trier** to catch the last bus to the campsite!

### **IBG 43 Mannebach (RP) | 16.09.-30.09.18 | ENVI/CONS | 8 vols**

**PROJECT:** The village community and the mayor of Mannebach invite you to this workcamp. Mannebach is a very small village without public transport, without a school or a kindergarten and without any shopping facilities. Nevertheless, a few years ago the community started initiating different projects to improve village life and to ensure the future of the village: e.g. they now have a village mini-bus with volunteer drivers to improve mobility, they built a public gym that is open 16 hours a day to promote physical fitness and health for all ages (especially seniors), they opened a leisure area with soccer field, playground, barbecue, beach volleyball and much more, they started different educational projects for children and youth and built up structures to support each other. All these projects and some more were undertaken by volunteers and they all follow the aim to keep as many people as possible in the village. So even if at first sight you might not expect it, you will be able to enjoy plenty of things in Mannebach.

**WORK:** Setting up a permaculture garden. You will contribute to the local strategy of keeping the village alive by setting up a permaculture garden. Permaculture is a system of agricultural principles centred on simulating or directly utilizing the patterns and features observed in natural ecosystems. This garden will be used as a community garden and an educational garden for children. A team of professionals is planning the exact outline of the garden in spring. Tasks of the workcamp will be to prepare the ground, to remodel the

terrain, build small paths and maybe a pond, set up compost heap and a bench, plant trees and bushes and much more. The permaculture garden will be part of the local leisure area about 500m from the village centre.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be hosted in the village's community centre. There is enough space for the group to sleep, as well as a kitchen and toilets. Showers are nearby. The accommodation is right in the middle of the village next to the church and the local pub (with its own brewery!).

**LOCATION:** Mannebach is a very small village of 350 inhabitants not far from Trier, close to the border of Germany and Luxembourg. The surrounding area is quite touristic. In Saarburg (6km) you can find all the infrastructure you need, such as shops and many attractions (swimming pool, ruins of a castle, waterfall, historic city centre, a summer toboggan run, a chairlift...). There is also a holiday resort with 150 holiday bungalows. Mannebach is surrounded by a beautiful landscape, perfect for hiking and other outdoor activities. The number of excursions will be limited, but for sure Trier with the famous Roman sites, the cathedral and the birthplace of Karl Marx can be visited.

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

**TRAIN STATION:** Saarburg

### **IBG 44 Friesenheim (BW) | 29.09.-13.10.2018 | ENVI/MANU | 14 vols**

**PROJECT:** Friesenheim is a village with about 13.000 inhabitants in the very South-West of Germany, close to the border to France. The community already hosted a work camp 11 years ago and kept in good memory. In 2018, they would like to repeat the good experience.

**WORK:** In one part of the village (about 5km from Friesenheim itself) lies the district "Oberschopfheim". A small stream flows through this part of the town, and it will be your task to help clean it: Remove trash as well as plants that grow in or into the water. Together with local workers, you will help take everything out of the water and place it on the shore, where it can be removed. The water is not deep (just a few centimeters); however, be prepared to get a little bit wet! The town will provide equipment (e.g. good trousers with which you should stay dry); but please keep in mind that it is already October and it might be rather cold. Bringing warm clothes will be a good idea. The work is very helpful for the community and they are very much looking forward to hosting you.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in the local gym hall, very close to your working place. There's lots of space, sport mattresses, a well-equipped kitchen and all necessary sanitary facilities. The town will provide a car for you, so you can easily go shopping or reach the train station.

**LOCATION:** Friesenheim is a nice town with a pretty centre that offers everything you need. By car or train, you can easily reach towns like Freiburg (a popular university town), Strasbourg (in France), Offenburg and Karlsruhe. Also, the Black Forest is a stone's throw away, so you might go hiking in your free-time.

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Baden-Baden, Stuttgart

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Friesenheim



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## IBG Workcamps Germany

### Info about the Organisation - general and brief

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IBG hosts international workcamps since 1965. We mostly work together with communities, municipalities and local associations. The work takes a central spot 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. Three of our main focuses lie on inclusion of volunteers with fewer opportunities, sustainability and the exchange between the workcamp group and local population.

After all, “peacing the world together...” is what we want!

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**Attention:** Placement requests and/or cancellations only via Email!

## Our program 2018

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We host 45 workcamps this year. We mostly work together with communities/ municipalities. Our projects balance the “camp” and “work”-aspect evenly!

**Age limit:** 18+ with the following exceptions:

- 18-26 in IBG 14 Pegnitz; IBG 18 Karlstadt; IBG 25 Graefelfing; IBG 31 Stuttgart
- 18-30 in IBG 07 Irschenberg and IBG 41 Wangen

**Teenager camps:**

- 16+ in IBG 05 Kuernach
- 16-26 in 4M Raitelsberg
- 16-26 in IBG 33 Nuertingen

**Participation fees:**

There are no fees, except for IBG 33 Nuertingen (120€ because of the age range)

**Camp language** is English, except for one German speaking camp: IBG 41 Wangen

**Special Project:**

- 4-Motors-Project for volunteers from Catalonia, Lombardy and Rhône-Alpes: IBG 4M Raitelsberg

## Technical details

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

Also, we send **confirmation slips** together with the Infosheet, which need to be sent back and confirmed at least two weeks before the workcamp starts!

**We start placement on the 12th of March!**

## What else is important ...

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Keep up the amazing work! We are happy to work with you! 😊