

# International EYS Workcamps in Germany



united we work 

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## Who we are?

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The Ecumenical Youth Services (EYS) is an international work camp programme and have been offering young people the opportunity for international exchange for over 65 years. EYS follows the tradition of the Ecumenical International re-construction camps, which were developed and organised by the World Council of Churches (WCC) after World War II. Today, the „Office for Church Services“ of the Evangelical Church Berlin-Brandenburg-schlesische Oberlausitz is the responsible body for the EYS.



## Goal of workcamps

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The aim of the workcamps is that young people from Europe and around the world come together. The workcamp group usually consists of 10–15 participants and 2–3 volunteer team members.

In each camp at least 5 nations are represented. The participants volunteer through practical work assignments in projects. Besides the project work, there is a lot of time in the free time for exchange, recreation, culture, fun and excursions. The group organises and spends its free time together.

**More information on the EYS projects and dates at <https://eys-workcamp.de/en/>.**

## Dates of the camps

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The camps take place during the summer school / university holidays from mid-July to the end of August. A camp lasts 2 weeks from Saturday to Saturday.



# Work

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“Work” means to engage in monument conservation, cultural or ecological projects for approx. 6 hours/day on 9 days of the total of 15 workcamp days without pay. In addition to the project teams, there is a household team that does the grocery shopping for the group, cooks and keeps the accommodation clean.



# Accommodation

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Accommodation during the workcamp is usually very basic. This means, for example, sleeping on the floor on mattresses or sleeping mats in rooms of a parish, school or day-care centre.

# Conditions of participation

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- Participants can communicate in English and/or German
- Participants are between 17–26 years old
- Participants **pay a registration fee of 25 € and their travel expenses**
- Participants do not get paid for their work in the projects. They are all volunteers!
- Participants receive a certificate of participation at the end of the workcamp.
- Participants do not have to belong to a religious community, but should be open to the topic of “religion”.

**The EYS pays for accommodation, meals and the jointly organised leisure activities.**

**All participants are covered by accident and liability insurance through the EYS.**

# Guiding principle: „united we work“



## By this we mean:

- to volunteer in meaningful projects
- to participate in an ecumenical, international group and to gain independence and personal responsibility
- to live together in an atmosphere of equality between young women and men
- to take part in a dialog with young people from different countries and cultures
- to participate in decision-making processes
- to make friends with whom to talk about God and life in general



## Contact

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