

EIGHT WEEKS OF VOLUNTARY SERVICE IN GERMANY

WORKCAMP PLAN 2022

	12.6.-25.6.	26.6.-09.07.	10.7.-23.07.	24.07.-6.8.	07.08.-20.08.	21.08.-03.09.	04.09.-17.09.	18.09.-01.10.	03.10.-15.10.
A	Mannheim III	Gera	Jena	Gatschow					
B		Mannheim IV	Manheim V	Zühlitz I	Gera II				
C					Dresden	Zühlitz II	Rodewald	Mannheim VI	
D						Kleinmecka II	Storkow See	Kleinow III	Kalbe III



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MANNHEIM



The NGO "Diakonische Hausgemeinschaften Mannheim e.V." is renovating two barrack buildings in the conversion area in Mannheim city. An inclusive place is being created, where disabled people, families, and artists can live, work and support each other. In a mix of living units, studios, and exhibition rooms, living and artistic activities will be very close to each other. You will set up laboratories for art education and art production, build outdoor terraces and an oven with clay. You will live in apartments in the area, all meals will be provided by the project. In your free time, you can hang out in Mannheim, Frankfurt, or the beautiful historical Heidelberg.

GERA

The Kulturhaus Häselburg is a laboratory for creative, cosmopolitan, and diverse urban society. The former girls' school in Gera's city center houses several cultural institutions. A cultural café is now to be built in a former residential building with a bakery dating from 1894. This cultural café should become a meeting venue where students, families, and gallery guests can have a coffee or lunch during the day, and cultural and club events can take place in the evenings. In summer 2022, the first rooms will be completed and temporarily opened as a summer café. You will build drywalls, finish the interior, install a fire protection ceiling, and paint. You will live in the project building in two bedrooms and in your leisure time, you can use the facilities of the Kulturhaus and the offers of the art school and take part in the cultural events.



JENA

FreiRaum-Jena e.V. is a socio-cultural association and focuses its activities on the development of low-threshold, non-commercial spaces in Jena for culture, education, and politics. For several years, it has been renovating the old slaughterhouse in Jena in cooperation with a skate/youth and a theater club. Together they aim to create a colorful socio-cultural center. Numerous activities are scheduled for the summer of 2022 as part of the interior work and the design of the outdoor area. You will work with concrete; help laying electric and water installation and replace false ceiling. The food will be mainly vegetarian. You can canoe on the Saale River and visit the music festival Kulturarena with famous bands.



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GATSCHOW (BEGGEROW)

The association "Landkombinat" owns a former farm in Gatschow which offers an open working and meeting place for community building, crafts, and production. With the help of volunteers, friends, and neighbors, the farm is being renovated using ecological

construction methods (straw bale construction, green roofs, clay construction). This year, with the support of the construction camp, a baking oven is to be built. The planned bakehouse will be a new community place in the small village to strengthen the exchange and cohesion of the village community and to provide everyone with delicious organic baked goods. An open bakehouse will be built - mainly with natural building materials and old building materials from second use. You will live in simple shared rooms or construction trailers and the sanitary facilities are simple too. At the weekends you can go to the Baltic Sea or go for a paddling tour.



ZÜHLITZ (AL TENKIRCHEN)

The old Zühlitz schoolhouse was built in 1930 and used until the 1970s. The association "Schule Zühlitz e.V." wants to transform the building into a meeting place where ecological garden culture, traditional preservation of food (preserving, smoking, fermenting) and ecological building can be practiced. There will also be workshops for political education. You will do demolition work, prepare seaweed for insulation, paint and make floors.

The accommodation is in a caravan or a Finn hut. You can take part in the morning yoga and meditation or spend leisure time on the beach. Zühlitz is on an idyllic island with lonely beaches, but there is also an open-air stage with a changing programme and a disco.



DRESDEN

Five years ago, the self-determined house project "Weinberg 21" bought a 200-year-old farm on the outskirts of Dresden and renovated it with a lot of personal contribution. Now work is due to be carried out in the garden, for which the association is employing a specialist in dry stone wall construction, who will guide the work. The ancient technique of building dry stone walls promotes biodiversity in the garden. Except for the dry stone walls, paths and flower beds will be built. Minor repairs to the buildings are also on the agenda. You will sleep in huts for 2-3 people, shower and toilets are in the residential building. There is a swimming lake nearby. There will be movie nights in the barn and yoga sessions. And you can explore the beautiful city of Dresden.



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RODEWALD

The „Binderhaus“, a former residential house with a doctor's practice and a large garden had to be demolished in the 1990s after the owner couple died. A citizens' movement arose to prevent the demolition and to transform the house into a cultural centre. Since then, the association "Binderhaus e.V." has been organising cultural and community events here.

You will help repair pavements and make them barrier-free. You will live in the Binderhaus, all meals will be provided by the project, your help in preparing them will be appreciated. In your free time, you can visit Hannover or Bremen or borrow a bicycle and explore the countryside.



KLEINMECKA (NOBITZ)

The "Kulturhof Kleinmecka e.V." wants to revive a farm from 1801 in the middle of a picturesque cultural landscape with art and culture. The focus is on reused building materials, old handicraft techniques, and sustainability. The project conducts workshops on building crafts (clay, wood, and lime), concerts, and volunteer work. You will do masonry and brickwork, work with clay and install doors. You will live in simple rooms in the project and in your leisure time, you can play music with the others, go to the swimming pool or visit the exciting city Leipzig.

STORKOW SEE

The "CVJM Berlin e.V." was founded in 1883 and is thus the oldest Young People's Christian Association in Germany. In the "YMCA Camp Storkower See" (70 km from Berlin) with a group house, campground, direct access to the lake, and sports grounds, youth groups and school classes can actively spend their leisure time. An important part of the work is the experience of nature. In this year's construction camps, habitable tree houses and outdoor furniture will be built and work will be done on the "Talent Towers" project. Accommodation is in two cabins on the campgrounds with bunk beds, toilets and showers are in a cabin next door. Don't miss visiting Berlin on the weekend! During the week, you can canoe or swim in the lake.



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KLEINOW (PLATTENBURG)



The "Kilombo Kleinow" is a socio-cultural center with a focus on integrative child and youth development. Originating from years of work with socially disadvantaged children and young people of "Capoeira Angola e.V.", it now offers space and time for meetings, recreation, and nature-based experiences. In this year's work camps the Schrotboden, a previously unused outbuilding of the estate is to be renovated. A multifunctional building with dance and rehearsal space, as well as wood and digital workshop is to be created. You will renovate exterior walls and the roof, staircase, stairs, and window. You will live in shared rooms in the manor house and in your leisure time, you can explore the Elbe-Brandenburg River Landscape Biosphere Reserve.

KALBE

Kalbe upon the river Milde is a small town in Northern Germany. The association "Künstlerstadt Kalbe" ("Artistic Town Kalbe"), wants to bring more life to the town, and it is successful! Various cultural projects have been realised since 2014, new people have moved in and locals can enjoy the cultural offer. A former farm in the middle of the old town is being converted into a cultural farm and a residential centre for 20 guest artists. During the construction camps, an old stable building is to be rebuilt into a conference room, café, and workshop. You will paint walls, plaster with clay, and help with general renovation work. You will have the luxury of single rooms. And when you don't work, you can go on a biking tour or visit Berlin or Magdeburg.



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