

Information for international partners of a potential future work camp with the Evangelical Youth Association in Wuerttemberg (Evangelisches Jugendwerk in Württemberg)

aims	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bringing youth from Germany and usually one other country together to share and learn from each other• Contribution towards strengthening and encouragement of churches and Christian youth work• Helping Churches or Christian Youth Associations for construction of buildings (or other projects)• Giving youth the chance to develop and use practical skills and by that giving them pride in what they have achieved together
age of participants	usually 18-26 years
number of participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• about 10-22 from Germany• if possible a similar number of participants from the hosting group
Expectations towards participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• openness towards other cultures and different types of spirituality• readiness to work manually (usually from 7.30 am – 1 pm)• technical skills are helpful but not expected
duration of work camp	usually two weeks (Saturday to Saturday)
preferred date	usually during school holidays in Baden-Wuerttemberg/Germany (between end of July and mid September)
Programm during the work camps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morning devotion / liturgy• Work on the construction site (usually from 8am – 1 pm)• Sharing meals together• Sports activities, cultural activities• trips and sightseeing (in the afternoons and on week ends)• Creative bible study groups, discussions on lifestyle and values, activities that promote intercultural learning• Attending of and contribution towards church worship services• Bonfire, singing, etc.• program is adjusted according to expectations of participants and local possibilities

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| expectations towards partner organisation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear vision for and solid planning of the project • Corresponding aims between your organization and the ejw • Sustainability of the project • Cooperation in organizing the work camp |
| What we can offer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Much experience in such kind of work camps (since 1962) • Experienced and motivated leaders in the technical as well as pedagogical/spiritual field • Experienced and motivated technical leaders with good ability to instruct participants (even if unskilled) • Experienced and motivated pedagogical/spiritual leaders • motivated participants |
| time frame for planning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First contact about 2 years before the camp • Decision about the camp about 1 ½ years before the camp |
| examples of previous work camps | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2007 Tur Abdin/Turkey, with the Syrian-Orthodox Church construction of a chapel • 2008 Allen/Argentina, with the Lutheran Church construction of a bungalow for a elderly home • 2009 Figueira da Foz/Portugal with the reformed church painting a creche • 2010 Jurbakas/Lithuania with the Lutheran Church; renovation of an old pastors house to be used as an mother child asylum |

The EJW works independently, yet assigned by the Lutheran Church of Wuerttemberg. At the same time the EJW is affiliated with the national office of the YMCA (CVJM-Gesamtverband) picking up the challenge to provide Christian youth work in an ever-changing society

The EJW-Weltdienst is the department for international relations of the EJW and promotes partnerships and projects in Ethiopia, Eritrea, Nigeria, Palestine, Romania, Slovakia and the Sudan.

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