



# JugendBauhütten<sup>©</sup>

Voluntary Social Year in Monument Protection



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*Even the youngest are interested in the work of the Jugendbauhütten*

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# Wanted: Young Talents

Monuments are living proof of our history. They tell us about past times and in order to enable them to keep doing so for the next few hundreds of years, our action is needed: an important responsibility for following generations. Spreading the fascination for historic buildings, but also the knowledge concerning old craftsmanship and techniques is an important condition for securing the future of our cultural landscape. To reach this goal, the Deutsche Stiftung Denkmalschutz created a unique project: **Jugendbauhütten**.

## Let's Do This

The Jugendbauhütten project offers young adults, who are interested in saving our monuments, between 16 and 26 years of age the opportunity to take part in a voluntary social year or federal voluntary service. During that year, they learn about various professional fields regarding monument protection. Working with the Internationale Jugendgemeinschaftsdienste (ijgd), the Deutsche Stiftung Denkmalschutz provides more than 300 options for young adults each year – including many international participants.

## Learning to Love Monuments

The role model for the Jugendbauhütten are medieval mason's guilds. They united foremen, assistants and apprentices to work on the construction of gothic cathedrals. Training, art and craftsmanship became a single unit in such social communities and the Jugendbauhütten build on this tradition. Guided by experienced professionals, the participants learn various



*More than 300 Einsatzstellen participate in spreading knowledge in all areas of monument protection each year*

traditional trades in the field of monument protection. During several seminar weeks and daily work in the so-called Einsatzstellen, or workplaces, our participants do not only focus on knowledge in monument protection but also on taking responsibility and gaining manners on a personal level.



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## Discovering Talents

Through the participant's integration in the work processes at the Einsatzstellen, the participants are confronted with everyday working life. Side by side with experienced professionals in museums, restoration workshops, architectural offices, craft businesses and authorities for the protection of monuments they get the chance to achieve clarity regarding their own skills and professional interests.

## Einsatzstellen from A to Z

In order to preserve historic originals, old craftsmanship and knowledge are just as needed as the newest technologies. The professional fields in monument protection are just as versatile as these competences. From A to Z – starting with archaeology up to stonemasonry, there are plenty of choices. In the Einsatzstellen, you get to know this variety: manual work as a carpenter or creative tasks in museums, architectural offices or archives.

After the application process, which can be individually designed by the participants and their Einsatzstelle, the participants start their year in the Jugendbauhütten full of eagerness and curiosity. It's a win-win situation for all parties: The adolescents bring not only a lot of enthusiasm, but also a bunch of innovative ideas and perspectives, the Einsatzstelle gets their support in every aspect of their daily tasks. A year in the Jugendbauhütten is also a great chance for organizations or companies to find talented young employees.



*Adolescents get to work toward the preservation of cultural heritage in our 14 Jugendbauhütten*

## Locations and Priorities

### Commitment Nationwide

If one is interested in volunteering in monument protection, they can do so almost all-around Germany. Each Jugendbauhütte has its own widespread network of Einsatzstellen with their own focuses and themes, depending on their location and geographic properties.

### **Jugendbauhütte Brandenburg/Berlin**

The list of all the monuments, that this Jugendbauhütte has worked on so far, is very long and versatile. They even own their very own half-timbered house in Nauen in which the participants can live. Another unique feature of this Jugendbauhütte is their seminar house which is located in the monastery in Heiligengrave and has been restored by the participants them-

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selves. The location of the Jugendbauhütte Brandenburg/Berlin is in Potsdam.

## **Internationale Jugendbauhütte Gartendenkmalpflege**

Visual axis and espalier – vocabulary that is not only familiar to German fans of gardening. Words like these also become part of the daily vocabulary of the many international participants in this Jugendbauhütte who commit to the preservation and care of historic gardens and parks.

## **Jugendbauhütte Hamburg**

An almost 500-year-old farrier's house will be the future home of the participants of the Jugendbauhütte Hamburg. Before it is time to move in, an appropriate restoration of the whole building has to take place. A great task for the participants.

## **Jugendbauhütte Hessen-Marburg**

Research institutes in monument protection, museums, castles and monasteries all over the federal state Hessen are waiting for new, curious participants – made possible by numerous cooperations, e.g. with the outdoor museum Hessenpark or the Städel Museum in Frankfurt.

## **Jugendbauhütte Lübeck**

Participants may learn about cultural heritage far beyond the city limits of Lübeck, e.g. in Oldenburg or Flensburg. The focus of this Jugendbauhütte lays on maritime monument protection. In the Einsatzstellen all over the federal state Schleswig-Holstein the participants get to know the regional building culture first-hand.

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## **Jugendbauhütte Mühlhausen**

The adolescents participating in the Jugendbauhütte Mühlhausen are active right in the heart of Germany. The main focus of this Jugendbauhütte lies in the field of restoration of artistic and cultural goods and in archaeological excavations throughout Thüringen.

## **Jugendbauhütte NRW-Rheinland**

Located between the rivers Rhine and Ruhr, the focus of this Jugendbauhütte might be obvious. Discover the fascinating places and their industrial history like Zeche Zollverein, Kokerei Hansa in Dortmund or Margarethenhöhe in Essen and support their preservation!

## **Jugendbauhütte NRW-Westfalen**


Green sandstone, hanseatic cities, Wiesenkirche – there is much to discover, both in theory and praxis. A very special project is the restoration of the Senden castle, a water castle in the region of Münster in which the Jugendbauhütte contributes active support.

## **Jugendbauhütte Quedlinburg**

“A hut for the hut!” has been wished for. Through the active and eager work of the participants the Jugendbauhütte was able to work on a house in which future participants are now able to live throughout their year in the Jugendbauhütte. The idea of the program took shape in the so-called “Linhard-House” in the world heritage site of Quedlinburg.

## **Jugendbauhütte Regensburg**

This Jugendbauhütte does not only offer fascinating fields of operation in crafts, restoration and archaeology but also enables a lot of hands-on experience on heritage-protected objects through a cooperation with the





State Office for the Preservation of Historical Monuments in Bavaria.

### **Jugendbauhütte Sachsen**

This Jugendbauhütte works all over the federal state of Saxony. With the headman's house in Görlitz, the participants have their own seminar building they can live in throughout the year. Whether it's working with clay or as a stonemason, the participants learn about all fields of monument protection.

### **Jugendbauhütte Stade county**

The main action scope of this Jugendbauhütte lies within the Elbe-Weser-region, including the metropolises of Hamburg and Lüneburg. Everyone who wants to set sail in the county of Stade, can expect boats in need of restauration, the old craft of reed thatching and the manufacturing of traditional materials like clinker.

### **Jugendbauhütte Stralsund/Szczecin**

This binational project has become part and parcel of the cultural life of the region: whether it's the European Heritage Day or other events – the German and Polish participants taking part in the so-called Tandem-Einsatzstellen are always eager to contribute.

### **Jugendbauhütte Wismar**

Slawic settlements, proud hanseatic churches, innovations in aircraft and vehicle construction which are almost forgotten and of course the unique manorial cultural landscape – all this is part of the history of Mecklenburg! The Jugendbauhütte Wismar conveys knowledge about monument protection by working on various projects from all epochs.



*Working and learning with monuments can be done in the Einsatzstellen and during seminars*

## Getting Involved: Requirements and (Framework) Conditions

### 1. Requirements for Application

- participants must be between 16 and 26 years of age
- compulsory schooling must be completed
- no specific qualifications needed
- willingness to become involved in the field of monument protection for one year

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## 2. Framework Conditions

The voluntary service in the Jugendbauhütten is a voluntary service (FSJ – Freiwilliges Soziales Jahr) regulated by German law. According to federal law regarding the FSJ, the framework conditions are the following:

- The FSJ in monument protection is a full-time employment.
- Starting each year in September, with a duration of 12 months.
- The participants have 26 vacation days.
- The entitlement for child benefit still exists.
- Participants receive a monthly allowance and provisioning or a financial adjustment.
- No-cost participation in seminars throughout the year.
- Social insurances are covered by the ijjg.
- A few Jugendbauhütten and Einsatzstellen offer housing for their participants. If not, the adolescents are supported regarding their housing in every case.
- Some university majors accredit the FSJ in monument protection as an internship.
- In individual cases the Chamber of Crafts may accredit the year as part of an apprenticeship.

The FSJ in monument protection offers the opportunity to put the waiting period for a course of studies at a university or an apprenticeship to an effective use. Since September 1st, 2012 it is also possible to complete a federal voluntary service (BFD – Bundesfreiwilligendienst) in the Jugendbauhütten.

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### 3. Qualified supervision – a successful year!

The offices of the Jugendbauhütten are the places to go for applicants but also for interested parties and participating Einsatzstellen.


An application is possible at any time. Further information about the application process can be found online on the websites of ijgd and Deutsche Stiftung Denkmalschutz.

The interested adolescents are supported regarding formal and financial matters and the conditions regarding their employment are fixed via agreement between the participant on one hand and the Einsatzstellen on the other. The ijgd ensures the pedagogical supervision throughout the year, e.g. in the seminars and through regular visits in the Einsatzstellen.

### 4. Graduation

After the successful graduation of the year in the Jugendbauhütten the participants receive a qualifying certificate, which might open a few doors to an apprenticeship or study.

*Conveying several historic craftmanships  
in the Jugendbauhütten*









*More than 15 years of Jugendbauhütte - a good idea...*

## Supporting Young Monument Protectors

The strategy of actively involving young, eager people in the preservation of cultural heritage is well approved by now. More than 4.000 participants of the Jugendbauhütten are thankful for that!

The work of the Deutsche Stiftung Denkmalschutz is mainly financed through donations. Therefore, the work of the Jugendbauhütten is dependent on private involvement and support as well. Each donation contributes to the goal of introducing adolescents to the various perspectives in the field of monument protection.

Besides the support through the federal government, several institutional sponsors and the payments from Einsatzstellen, the financing of the Jugendbauhütten is ensured by donations and the income from a collective fund for the Jugendbauhütten. In this aspect, they are also supported by the friends' association for Jugendbauhütten, the "Verein zur Förderung der Jugendbauhütten der Deutschen Stiftung Denkmalschutz e.V. ".



*...which keeps on growing with your help*

## How you can Contribute

With donations, which have an immediate impact, you support the daily work of the Jugendbauhütten. They will be used where they are needed the most.

### ■ Donation account Jugendbauhütten:

IBAN: DE75 3804 0007 0305 5555 05

BIC: COBA DE FF XXX

With a donation to the collective fund of the Jugendbauhütten you increase the inaccessible long-term funds of the foundation. This leads to a continuous increase of the yearly income and a long-term protection of the work of the Jugendbauhütten.

### ■ Account Collective Fund Jugendbauhütten:

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## As an institutional sponsor, you have several options for support:

Your financial funding could:

- support the whole project nationwide.
- serve as a long-term support for a Jugendbauhütte in your region.
- support the work in seminars.
- secure the participation for one or more adolescents for a defined period of time.

We would be glad to advise you and introduce you to the various possibilities for financial involvement in our project.

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*Commitment, tradition and a sense of community -  
all under one roof*



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## Wir bauen auf Kultur.

The Jugendbauhütten are a youth educational project in the field of crafts and monument protection created by the Deutsche Stiftung Denkmalschutz.

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