

# Ecumenical Youth Volunteer Programme in Germany 2023

*Are you interested in volunteering in Germany for one year?*



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In an international volunteer service, young people (aged 18-28) spend one year volunteering in a foreign country. In the EYVP South-North programme, this country is Germany.

**The term starts in the beginning of March 2023 and ends in the end of February 2024.** Applicants should be available from February 2023 to prepare for their service and attend a German language course if necessary.

As a volunteer, you will have the chance to grow personally in an informal learning process during your one-year voluntary service. You will establish cross-cultural competence and intercultural leadership skills by working alongside those with a different background and viewpoints.

Therefore, you will develop within the year. By sharing insights and experiences, you also develop your surrounding societies both in Germany and in your home country.

The Ecumenical Youth Volunteer Service is part of the weltwaerts programme, which is funded by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). Weltwaerts volunteer programmes are known for their high standard and quality.

## Who can apply?

If you are between **18 and 28 years old**, you are invited to apply. It is important that you are not older than 28 years at the point of arrival.

We are looking for **open-minded, socially, or politically involved** young adults, who are ready to spend one year abroad.

You will need **good English language skills** for our seminars and for your start in Germany.

Also, you should be **ready to learn German** while doing your volunteer service.



*Volunteers at the seminary in Stuttgart, Germany ©EMS*

### **Applicants must hand in:**

- Completed application form
- Copy of the data sheet of your passport
- Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of motivation (Why do you like to do a volunteer service in Germany?)
- Letter of recommendation (from the Church or an NGO, where you are an active volunteer)

Selection will be done by a committee of our member churches & the EMS General Secretariat.

### **When is the deadline for application?**

The deadline for application is in **mid-September 2022**. Before that, you must have applied via the e-mail to [oeftp@ems-online.org](mailto:oeftp@ems-online.org).

### **What does the volunteer service cost?**

For volunteers, there is no cost involved except the visa costs and the transportation to the embassy. Preparatory language course, flight, insurances, food, accommodation, seminars, and a small pocket money are covered by the programme.

### **Where do I live?**

It differs from project to project where volunteers live. Some volunteers live in one or several host families, others in shared flats or by themselves.

### **What kind of placements do we offer?**



*Volunteer from Ghana during his volunteer work ©EMS*

The Ecumenical Volunteer Service is no mission programme. As weltwaerts is a secular programme, the work is orientated towards social work.

All placements and projects are located within our German member churches in South-West Germany, within Baden-Württemberg, Hesse and Rhineland-Palatinate.

You should know that many of our projects vary from year to year. For 2023 we have placements in kindergartens, youth organisations, and family centres.