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# WORKCAMP

A MINIMAL MAGAZINE FOR ADVENTURERS





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Congratulations,

You are now holding our workcamp program for 2024 in your hands.

All of our workcamps will take place in the north-eastern part of Germany: in or near Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. This area is well-known for its beautiful countryside and the vast amount of lakes.

On the map at the last page, you can see the exact places where we are arranging workcamps this year.

You are cordially invited to participate in one (or many 😊) of them!

your NiG-Team

## THE CAMPS

Every year we organize about 16 work camps and youth meetings in Germany. During a workcamp you will be in a group of around 10 young people from different nations between 18 and 27 years, in exceptional cases at the age of 16. A workcamp lasts 2 or 3 weeks. The camp language is usually English. Your work is voluntary and of benefit for the public.

You will work five days a week, a total of 30 hours per week. You are obliged to work because the towns, institutions and authorities with whom we cooperate with are counting on your help. Your work is unpaid, but accommodation and food are free. The accommodation is in school dormitories or student hostels. Please bring a sleeping bag as well as working clothes and shoes with you.

There will be many leisure time activities, events, meetings and excursions in which you can take part. Trips, for instance to Berlin, are also possible.

**We also expect you to  
bring in your own ideas!**

## IF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN A CAMP

If you find an appropriate work camp, please fill out the volunteer exchange form and send it to our office. You should write down alternative choices, in case it is not possible to take part in the camp you wish to. You have to cover all costs for travelling to and from the work camp yourself.

## INSURANCE

In our camps volunteers are covered by insurance in case of accidents and/or illness. **This insurance does not cover eyeglasses, dental treatments or cars.** EU volunteers are not insured against illness, that's why they have to bring the European Health Insurance Card EHIC. Please check your own insurance coverage abroad before travelling here. We advise to buy insurance from a private health insurance company that covers transportation home in case of necessity (available at travel agencies). You may also think about insurance for your baggage.

## REGISTRATION FEE

There is no registration fee for our workcamps in Germany.

## THE LOCATION

The NIG office is located in Rostock. It is the biggest historical hanseatic city of the northeastern part of Germany, with about 200 000 residents. Rostock was founded in the 13th century and is a city with many faces, surrounded by a beautiful landscape. It is worth seeing in every season. Rostock is well known for its interesting architecture: merchant houses, beautiful churches and remains of old city walls and gates give evidence of the city's former power and wealth. Ship building and maritime trade have always been important for Rostock. Ferry lines connect the city with other countries. Rostock is also famous for its University (founded in 1419). There are many interesting events for young people and students. You can go to cabaret, concerts, student clubs and discos, theatres and cinemas. The former fishing village, Warnemünde which became part of the growing city, is located where the river Warnow flows into the Baltic Sea. There is a wonderful beach and excellent opportunities for swimming and relaxing. Our work camps are mainly located in the federal country of Mecklenburg- West Pomerania, to which Rostock also belongs. This area is well- known for its traditional towns and villages and for its thousand lakes, islands and natural resources.

For further information please visit the website [www.rostock.de](http://www.rostock.de) (also available in English).

## ADVANTAGES OF TAKING PART IN A WORK CAMP

1. You will meet other young people and take part in real teamwork, which leaves lasting impressions. That is why many volunteers like to come again.
2. You are able to help and work for the public welfare in the region of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania.
3. We may certify your participation as a practical training. Please contact us after the workcamp.
4. You only pay your travel expenses. Accommodation and food are for free.
5. Last but not least - you are given the chance to experience different regions, people and traditions!

## INTERNATIONAL WORKCAMPs 2024

CODE	NAME/ LOCATION	TYPE	DATE	VOLS
<b>NIG 01</b>	Peenemünde I	Hist/ Arch	17.06. - 28.06.	10
<b>NIG 02</b>	Peenemünde II	Envi	17.06. - 28.06.	10
<b>NIG 03</b>	Lohmen	Cons/ Envi	17.06. - 30.06.	10
<b>NIG 04</b>	Rostock	Cult	01.07. - 14.07.	10
<b>NIG 05</b>	Upahl- Lenzen/Teterow I	Envi	08.07. - 21.07.	10
<b>NIG 06</b>	Upahl- Lenzen/Teterow II	Envi	29.07. - 11.08	10
<b>NIG 07</b>	Peenemünde III	Hist/Arch	26.08. - 06.09.	10



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<b>NIG 08</b>	Peenemünde IV	Envi	26.08. - 06.09.	10
<b>NIG 09</b>	Malchow	Hist/Arch	09.09. - 20.09.	10
<b>NIG 10</b>	Upahl- Lenzen/Teterow III	Envi	12.08. - 25.08.	10

Cult - culture  
 Envi - environment  
 Reno - renovation

Hist - history  
 Arch - archaeology  
 Cons - construction

# PEENEMÜNDE I

**17.06. – 28.06.2024**

Peenemünde

## LOCATION:

Peenemünde is located in the northern part of the island Usedom which again is located in the very north-eastern part of Germany. This place is mainly known for its significant role in the times of the Nazi regime.

Whereas Peenemünde first was only a place where the Nazis' army was positioned for developing different military tactics, the place became Europe's biggest military research centre during 1936-45. Up to 12,000 people worked on an area of 25 km<sup>2</sup> to develop new weapon systems, such as the V-2 rockets and other military objects. It was exactly this rocket that was the first ever human-made rocket to enter space.

Today, there is a museum in Peenemünde that deals exactly with this time span and also gives insight about the technology that was used in those days.

## WORK:

In this camp volunteers will work on the meadows of Peenemünde, where bunkers stored the mass-produced V2-rockets. The blown up ruins are supposed to be cut free from plants and other objects that are in the way, so that visitors can see and enter the landmark.



Historic Technical  
Museum of  
Peenemünde

- NEAREST AIRPORTS:** Berlin or Hamburg
- NEAREST TRAIN STATION:** Peenemünde
- ACCOMODATION:** The volunteers will stay in in multiple rooms at a youth hostel. There will be bikes provided to get to the working location.
- FOOD:** Food is included (also vegetarian). There will be someone cooking for the participants. Dinner will be warm; lunch and breakfast will be sandwiches.
- LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES:** Excursions can be planned, such as short trips to nearby towns.
- FURTHER REQUIREMENTS:** Please bring a sleeping bag, work clothing (gloves), a mattress pad and motivation.

**Impressions of the  
Camp**



# PEENEMÜNDE II

**17.06. – 28.06.2024**

## LOCATION:

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But Peenemünde is mainly known for its significant role in the times of the Nazi regime. Whereas Peenemünde first was only a place where the Nazis' army was positioned for developing different military tactics, it later became a labour camp in 1943. The prisoners had to help assemble the V-2 rockets and other military objects.

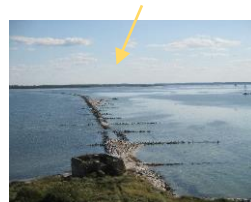
## WORK:

This workcamp is for nature lovers since the work will be mainly outdoors. The volunteers will work in a nature park on the island "Usedom" located in the Baltic Sea. There is a lot of work around the natural reserve. Since it's not possible to use common agriculture techniques, volunteers have to do everything manually. Moreover, every meadow around must be cut and the grass has to be put aside. The aim of this project is to help to protect this unique reserve through your contribution.

## Peenemünde



## Nature on the island



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**Impressions of the Camp**



# LOHMEN

**17.06. - 30.06.2024**

## LOCATION:

Lohmen is a village in the middle of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, and is located within a few nature parks with many lakes and forests. It has about 850 inhabitants but also many possibilities for outdoor activities like a labyrinth, sports grounds and an archaeological nature trail. Lohmen has to offer many historical sites that educate about the local history. Even though the village Lohmen itself has been founded approximately in the 12th century, the area around Lohmen has been inhabited for at least 5000 years.

## WORK:

Volunteers will help to renovate the archaeological nature trail of the community. Part of the work will be to install a new footpath and create new information boards about the nature trail. The archaeological nature trail passes many interesting phenomenons. Also, the volunteers will help to maintain public parks and the orchard. Work in a community.



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LOHMEN

Impressions of  
the camp



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NEAREST TRAIN STATION:	Guestrow
ACCOMODATION:	The volunteers will stay in a kindergarten.
FOOD:	Food (also vegetarian/vegan) is included, but meals have to be prepared by the volunteers.
LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES:	Excursions can be planned, swimming, short trips to nearby towns.
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LOHMEN



# ROSTOCK

**01.07. - 14.07.2024**

## LOCATION:

The Hanseatic city of Rostock was founded in the 13th century and is with over 200.000 residents the largest city in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. Those location factors make up a great way of living in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania and the university with its 9 faculties and many study courses only adds to Rostock's amenity. Rostock is the place to be – and the volunteers will, among other things, encounter several buildings of historical and cultural value. Also, there are a lot of opportunities for free time activities: You can go swimming in the Baltic Sea, go canoeing, play various out- and indoor sports and spend a chill day in the shopping area of the Kröpeliner Straße – a long street that connects the city hall with one of the city gates that were built in the Middle Ages and remained until today: The Kröpeliner Tor.

## WORK:

Volunteers will do an unforgettable theatre-project, where they have the chance to be another person on stage. The volunteers have the opportunity, to evolve a little scene, etude or even a play. Theatre is always a very interesting exercise to get to know yourself better or even to discover yourself in another way.



## Impressions of Rostock

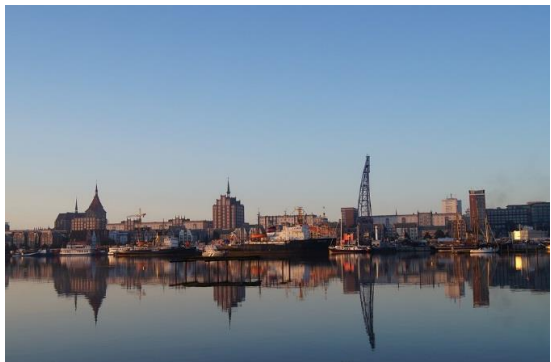




## NIG 04 / CULT / VOLS 10

NEAREST AIRPORT:	Hamburg or Berlin
NEAREST TRAIN STATION:	Rostock
ACCOMODATION:	The volunteers will stay in one shared accommodation of our partners.
FOOD:	Food (also vegetarian/vegan) is included, but meals have to be prepared by the volunteers.
LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES:	Excursions (swimming, short trips) can be planned by the volunteers.
FURTHER REQUIREMENTS:	<p>A few German language skills are beneficial.</p> <p>Please bring a sleeping bag, a mattress pad, musical instruments and good motivation.</p>

old harbour of Rostock



Church in Lohmen

# UPAHL-LENZEN/TETEROW I

**08.07. - 21.07.2024**

## LOCATION:

Lohmen is a village in the middle of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania and is surrounded by the nature reserve Upahl-Lenzen. It has about 850 inhabitants but also many possibilities for outdoor activities like a labyrinth, sports grounds and an archaeological nature trail. There is a lake in walking distance where you can swim and also much nature to enjoy in general.

## WORK:

This work camp is for nature lovers since the work will be mainly outdoors. There is a lot of work around the natural reserve “Upahl-Lenzen”. Since it’s not possible to use common agricultural techniques, volunteers have to do everything manually. More over every meadow around has to be cut and the grass has to be put aside. The aim of this project is to help to protect this unique reserve through your contribution. This project will be done in cooperation with environmental agency of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania.



Impressions of  
the workcamp



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NEAREST TRAIN STATION:	Guestrow
ACCOMODATION:	The volunteers will stay in a kindergarten.
FOOD:	Food (also vegetarian/ vegan) is included, but meals have to be prepared by the volunteers.
LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES:	Excursion (swimming, short trips) can be planned.
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LOHMEN



# UPAHL-LENZEN/TETEROW II

Church in Lohmen

**29.07. - 11.08.2024**



## LOCATION:

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# PEENEMÜNDE III

**26.08. – 06.09.2024**

## LOCATION:

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Whereas Peenemünde first was only a place where the Nazis' army was positioned for developing different military tactics, the place became a labour camp in 1943. 1500 male prisoners from different countries had to work in the labour camp "Karlshagen I". This included refuelling planes, digging up duds to be diffused and heavy lifting. Due to all that stress, heavy physical labour and malnutrition, hundreds of prisoners died. In 1945, 10 prisoners managed to steal a German plane to flee into the Soviet Union.

Peenemünde



Historic Technical  
Museum of  
Peenemünde

## WORK:

In this camp the volunteers will maintain the remains of the former labour camp "Karlshagen I". Barracks, a bunker and two towers will be made visible for the public. This includes trimming the plants and keeping the wooden stakes that stabilize the construct in good shape.

NEAREST AIRPORTS:	Berlin or Hamburg
NEAREST TRAIN STATION:	Peenemünde
ACCOMODATION:	The volunteers will stay in in multiple rooms at a youth hostel. There will be bikes provided to get to the working location.
FOOD:	Food is included (also vegetarian). There will be someone cooking for the participants. Dinner will be warm; lunch and breakfast will be sandwiches.
LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES:	Excursions can be planned, swimming, short trips to nearby towns.
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# PEENEMÜNDE IV

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Peenemünde



Nature on the island



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# MALCHOW

**09.09. – 20.09.2024**

## LOCATION:

Malchow is a small city in the southern part of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. What once started as a village on the island of the Malchower lake, later became a city with about 6600 inhabitants and an important health resort between two great lakes and



within the Malchower lake. But in between those times the city Malchow was mainly known for two things: The first thing was a manufactory for ammunition in Malchow that was a company established during the times of the regime of the Nazis. Half of the manufactory workers were forced labourers from abroad. The second thing was an external labour camp of the concentration camp Ravensbrück for women that got built in 1943. Hundreds of women, most of them Hungarian Jews, had to work under inhumane conditions. A lot of them died.

## WORK:

The participants will work on the area of an external camp of the former women's concentration camp Ravensbrück. The women had to work there under very extreme conditions in an armament's factory. First steps will be taken to build a memorial on the area where the former prisoners were accommodated. The volunteers are supposed to bring some ideas, about the future of the memorial.

NEAREST AIRPORTS:	Hamburg or Berlin
NEAREST TRAIN STATION:	Malchow
ACCOMODATION:	Hostel
FOOD:	Full board is included (also vegetarian)
LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES:	Excursions (swimming, short trips) can be planned.
FURTHER REQUIREMENTS:	Please bring a sleeping bag, a mattress pad, work clothing and motivation.



# UPAHL-LENZEN/TETEROW III

**12.08. - 25.08.2024**

Church in Lohmen



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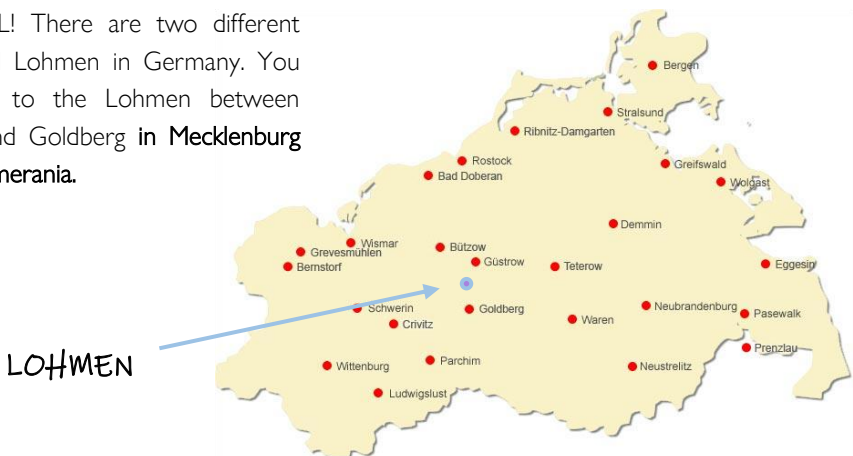


Impressions of  
the workcamp



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## LOCATIONS IN MECKLENBURG- WESTERN POMERANIA:

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|------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Lohmen  | 4. Upahl-Lenzen/Teterow |
| 2. Malchow | 5. Peenemünde           |
| 3. Rostock |                         |

