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FOREWORD

Sharing experiences, meeting new people, taking on responsibility and having loads of fun while you do it: enjoy all that and more as part of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern’s youth associations. This brochure presents the work that the Landesjugendring Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (Regional Youth Council Mecklenburg-Vorpommern) and its member associations do.

It is aimed at children, young people, parents, outreach workers and anyone else who is interested.

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I. YOUTH ASSOCIATIONS IN MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN

1. WHAT DO YOUTH ASSOCIATIONS OFFER?

What is a youth association?

A youth association is a community of young people who share certain interests. These young people get together to:

- spend some of their free time with like-minded people
- have fun
- get involved in free time activities and have their say on how they are run
- represent their own interests – sometimes in the political sphere
- run seminars and workshops that take place outside of school and work

The focus is always on what interests the young members. Because young people have all sorts of different interests, there are all sorts of different youth associations. Within these associations, decisions are taken democratically by the young members themselves. Everything is self-organised. The few adults involved in the associations are there to provide support. Youth associations are a voluntary activity. Their members are generally aged between 12 and 26 years old.

And you can join in too!

What do youth associations do?

Youth associations arrange all sorts of different activities. Virtually all of the associations you can join offer the following activities and you can even get involved with organising them:

- Youth group meetings
- Workshops, seminars and other educational events
- Holiday clubs
- Meet-ups for young people

- Group trips and excursions
- Committees (selected groups who make certain decisions, organise the work of the association and represent the association externally)

Some youth associations, in particular youth clubs, also run open meet-ups. And sometimes youth associations take to the streets to demonstrate and make their voices heard.

Who runs youth associations?

The free time and education activities offered by youth associations are primarily organised and run by volunteers who use their free time to get involved in their community. Most of the volunteers in youth associations are young people themselves. The few adults involved in the associations are either also volunteers or employees of the association. Being an employee generally requires special training or a degree. Associations also pay outside organisers to come in for certain events and activities.

Train to be a youth leader!

The young volunteers at youth associations have often undergone a brief training programme, known as the „JuLeiCa“ (or youth leader card) programme. This card lets you lead youth groups and oversee their free time activities. And you can get one too! The programme lasts 35 hours and covers aspects of education and law. You also have to take a First Aid course. If you are additionally involved in a youth association as a volunteer, you will also get the Youth Leader Card (JuLeiCa).

Where do the youth associations get their money from?

Jugendverbände finanzieren ihre Arbeit Youth associations largely finance their work and their activities using money from the government. However, they do not belong to the government and are independent of the state. They also frequently receive extra money from charitable foundations or donations. Lots of members of youth associations also pay a membership fee. Bigger activities (such as holiday clubs, trips) usually require participants to pay a fee. However, there are often discounts available for those who need it.

What is a Youth Council?

Youth Councils bring together youth associations and other youth work organisers to form a volunteer working community. Youth Councils exist at various levels of government:

- At the Federal level, you have the German Federal Youth Council

More information on training to be a youth leader and on the JuLeiCa (Youth Leader Card) is available here:



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- In the 16 federal states (Bundesländer), you have Regional Youth Councils like the Landesjugendring Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
- Many districts and (larger) towns and cities have District, City and Local Youth Councils
- The individual Youth Councils generally cooperate closely

The employees of the Youth Councils provide a variety of services, in particular for their member associations. They are experts who provide support and inspiration. The Youth Councils also bring together the interests of their members and represent them externally. This means they act as political lobbyists for children and young people. Youth Councils also act as points of contact for young people who are interested. More information on what the Landesjugendring Mecklenburg-Vorpommern does can be found in the second part of this brochure.

Member associations of the Landesjugendring Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

On the next few pages, you can read about the different youth associations that are members of the Landesjugendring Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. The Landesjugendring Mecklenburg-Vorpommern is a working community for the 20 regional youth associations who are active across Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, one affiliate association and the Regional Congress of the City and District Youth Councils who have come together to advocate for the interests of young people. The Council also cooperates with Sportjugend Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, the Young People's Sports Association, to advocate for the concerns of children and young people.



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AEJ MV (ARBEITSGEMEINSCHAFT EV. JUGEND)



Who are we?

We are evangelical. We are young. We are Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. The AEJ MV (Working Community for Evangelical Youth in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern) is the umbrella organisation of the nine evangelical youth associations.

What do we stand for?

We stand for community, fun, faith and education. All of which we manage under a single hat – our hat!

What do we want?

We want to give all kids and young people a fun and relaxed space for asking questions like where do we come from and where are we going, as they look for God and the meaning of life.



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ARBEITER-SAMARITER-JUGEND



Who are we?

We are ASJ MV (Worker Samaritans Youth), the independent youth association of the Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund in MV. There's always something going on when we get together. In addition to simply getting involved with our activities, you can also help to decide on and plan your own projects. As well as holiday clubs for kids and young people, we also offer First Aid programmes, school health services and creative workshops. We train our volunteers ourselves to turn them into Youth Group Leaders and offer seminars to help them continue their training and education. You can also find us at

celebrations and jubilees doing arts and crafts and face painting, or just generally having fun.

What do we stand for?

We are a democratic organisation. We do not belong to any church and are not affiliated with any political party. We are largely run by volunteers who put blood, sweat and tears into the work the youth association does. Being there for one another is important. We also empower our young members to stay safe with our „wachSam“ programme.

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What do we want?

Our top priority is the needs of kids and young people. We want to create spaces for young people to experience community and where everyone can grow as a person, allowing our young members and our volunteers to test themselves and take on responsibility.

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BUND DER DEUTSCHEN KATHOLISCHEN JUGEND (BDKJ)



Who are we and what do we do?

The BDKJ (Association of German Catholic Youth) is the umbrella organisation for a number of different Catholic youth associations. Our members are children and young people between the ages of 6 and 26..

We are an association:

- that creates free spaces, helping and empowering our members to flourish and express themselves the way they want to
- that is serious about participation,

- listening to your needs and taking your lead. Together, we are shaping the church, politics and society that is active in Vorpommern through our youth associations the Katholische Küstenkinder (Catholic Coast Kids) and the Pfadfinderstamm Boddenkieker (Boddenkieker Scouts) in Greifswald. We have youth evenings, excursions, holiday camps and international meet-ups.



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BLÄSERJUGEND MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN



Who are we and what do we do?

Bläserjugend Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (Young Wind Instruments MV) is part of the Bläserverband Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. We educate and maintain a dialogue between all young wind instrumentalists in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, organising musical workshops and free time activities several times a year. Our focus is always on the joy of making music together. Every year, the highlight of our calendar is the Landesjugendblasorchester M-V:

a whole week of the best young wind instrumentalists from Mecklenburg-Vorpommern rehearsing together, finished off with a big concert extravaganza.



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BUND DEUTSCHER PFADFINDER*INNEN E. V.



Who are we and what do we do?

Do you want to change something in your town where nothing happens? Do Nazis get on your nerves and are you always bored? Do you want to have a say on what you do? Then come and join the BDP! The BDP (Association of German Scouts) is an open, independent and democratic youth association. We stand against all forms of hate and right-wing ideas, and for a free society.

We help you plan and organise your own projects. Kids and young people need free spaces to act and learn independently. We give them just that!

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BUNDJUGEND MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN



Who are we and what do we do?

BUNDjugend MV is the youth branch of BUND M-V (German Association for the Environment and Conservation). We are making our world more environmentally and socially just! Organic farming, marine conservation, DIY, anti-racism and much more! We are a democratic organisation and advocate for a sustainable future for all. Our members are kids, young people and young adults. You can also do an FÖJ (Volunteer Environmental Year) with us.

For sustainable living, new ways of thinking and responsible action! Decisions are made together. Come and join one of our groups, activities, seminars, demonstrations and campaigns!



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DGB-JUGEND MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN



Who are we?

We are DGB-Jugend M-V, the youth branch of the Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund (German Trade Union Confederation). We look after the interests of young people in school, training, education and work. As an umbrella organisation, we bring together all young trade union members aged 27 and under from the eight DGB unions (except in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern where ver.di Jugend acts as an independent youth association). As a body that represents and is made up of pupils, trainees, apprentices, students and young workers, DGB-Jugend also puts pressure on politicians and businesses, advocating for sufficient training opportunities and jobs for young people, for example. We also fight for decent work and fair pay.

What do we stand for?

We stand for solidarity! Trade unions represent the interests of all workers,

including trainees and apprentices. We also campaign on behalf of job-seekers. As an independent workers organisation, our sole responsibility is to our members and we help to shape the world of work by campaigning for social justice.

What do we want?

WWe want a decent life for all! Political parties, governments and local authorities cannot ignore the opinion of trade unions, both at work and in areas such as social policy, environment, peace etc. And yet the trade unions represent the largest group in society – workers – and have been doing so for over a century. State welfare and the regulations on working conditions that we take for granted these days are the result of the organised apprentices, workers, employees and civil servants who fought for them. Today, in particular, these achievements have become the subject



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of renewed debate. As a result, trade unions remain indispensable when it comes to defending adequate conditions at work. Will I get a place on a training programme? Will regulations on safety at work and working hours be complied with? Are there ways to organise at my job and can I take advantage of these opportunities? Can I receive financial support for my training? Will I get a job after my training? In light of the tough conditions on the labour market, these are all questions that are of great concern for young people. And the trade unions are the best people to help address them.

DJO - DEUTSCHE JUGEND IN EUROPA LANDESVERBAND MV



Who are we and what do we do?

Youth work at the djo-Landesverband (German Youth in Europe) Mecklenburg-Vorpommern has many facets. We combine (political) youth work, working with migrants and refugees and international youth work. One of our main points of focus is engaging with regional culture and promoting intercultural learning.

Our cultural youth work takes a variety of different forms, but our goals are always the same: age-appropriate, individual, hands-on, diverse, problem-specific, value-oriented and democratic.



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Who are we?

We are SJD – Die Falken (The Socialist Youth of Germany – Falcons), a bottom-up children and youth association that has been active in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern in its current formation since 1990 and is largely run by volunteers. Nationwide, the association has more than 100 years of tradition, tracing its roots back to the workers youth movement of the early 20th century. After being outlawed in East Germany, the association's history in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern didn't begin until 1990.

What do we stand for?

The Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Falcons advocate for internationalism, co-determination, self-organisation, solidarity and anti-fascism, freedom and equality.

What do we want?

The aim of the association's work is to encourage children and young people to get involved with the community around them from an early age. The Falcons believe society is changeable. We want a society where human rights and the

rights of children are guaranteed in full; a society where people can live together in greater freedom, equality and solidarity; a society where people are aware of their own strength and take on responsibility; a society where a free, democratic expression of opinion and will is possible in all facets of life; a society where power has a legitimate, democratic base in all areas.

DLRG-JUGEND MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN



Who are we and what do we do?

The DLRG Jugend (DLRG) Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (German Life Saving Society) consists of 28 local groups. DLRG-Jugend is for members of the regional association aged 26 and under. DLRG-Jugend represents their interests inside and outside of the association. The motto of the DLRG is „Humanity and Sports“. A motto that guides the education activities and events run by DLRG-Jugend.

They encourage people to get involved in sports, social activities, culture and politics, focusing on the needs of their members and other stakeholders.



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GEMEINDEJUGENDWERK



Who are we and what do we do?

We at Gemeindejugendwerk M-V (Local Youth Society) stand for action-based work with children and young people that is centred on Christ and focuses on the human. With us, you will discover how it is possible to have a personal relationship with God and that this relationship can give your life meaning. We teach Christian values. This means that our activities are characterised by appreciation, democracy, respect, love and tolerance.

Our activities are tailored to the needs of young people. We also take into account you as a person and where you live. With us, you will learn to take responsibility for your life and the world.



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JUGENDROTKREUZ MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN



Who are we?

Children and young people from all across Mecklenburg-Vorpommern who enjoy helping others. Because no-one is too young to help. We are particularly focused on those who need extra help and are part of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent movement.

What do we stand for?

Humanity, helping others, community and tolerance, working together for health, the environment, democracy and international understanding.

What do we want?

For all children and young people in our society to feel empowered. That's why we promote volunteering by and for young people in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and beyond, passing down the Red Cross spirit to the next generation: We help everyone in need, equally.



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KATHOLISCHE JUGEND MECKLENBURG



Who are we and what do we do?

The KJM (Catholic Youth Mecklenburg) is a self-organised youth organisation representing all young Catholics in Mecklenburg. One of our core duties is to live Christian values and community. With us, everyone has the opportunity to bring their own wants and ideas to life. We have a wide range of courses, including the TeteRock Festival (a music festival), dance classes and group leader trainings.

We want to give young people a safe space where everyone feels comfortable. Here, you can be yourself.



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LANDESJUGENDFEUERWEHR MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN



Who are we?

The Jugendfeuerwehr (Youth Fire Service) is the youth branch of the Volunteer Fire Service. There are 753 municipalities in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, of which more than 699 have their own Youth Fire Service with more than 10,300 girls and boys involved across the region. The Regional Youth Fire Service Mecklenburg-Vorpommern is the youth branch of the Regional Fire Service Association, the umbrella organisation bringing together all the youth fire services in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

What do we stand for?

The work of the Volunteer Fire Service in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern is about serving your neighbours. That is what our members strive for. They want to take responsibility and support their community through our work. Our aim is not just to recruit and train the next generation for

active deployment (emergency response teams outside of the police), meaning future firefighters, but above all to promote youth work in general. Young firefighters learn expertise, practical skills, social skills and above all community spirit and camaraderie as a way of achieving the goals we set as a team. Regular classes, free time activities, competitions, camps, trips – all this and more awaits members of the Youth Fire Service.

What do we want?

Public services that are not covered by the police rely on volunteers, which is why training the next generation is such an important public concern. But volunteer firefighters do more than that. In addition to strengthening the common interest, it is important that they strengthen their social skills, pass down their knowledge and develop spaces where people can learn by experiencing. We see ourselves as a reliable partner



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and want to pass on our knowledge of the emergency response system and to support extra-curricular education. The fire service doesn't just need young people though, it also needs women and migrants to get involved. And equal integration must be a lived reality everywhere. That is why in future, the social development of integration and diversity of cultures must be taken into account even more in the fire service. Fire services have to ensure that they remain a neutral space – tolerant in the interests of democracy.

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LANDESJUGENDWERK AWO M-V E. V.



Hi, we are...

... a kids and youth association, or in other words a club for young people! But, of course, we're not just any old association, we're the independent and democratic Children and Youth Association of Arbeiterwohlfahrt (Worker Welfare, or AWO for short) in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. We offer all sorts of different activities for kids, young people and young adults in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern in the areas of education, free time, projects and clubs.

We also advocate for children, young people and young adults in the association to have their voices heard in politics and in public life in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.



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LANDJUGENDVERBAND MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN



Who are we?

You and me, we are the Landjugendverband (Countryside Youth Association). Our home is out in the countryside – a space for living. And we want to keep it that way. That's why we advocate for the living prospects of young people in rural areas, both now and in future. In short: the Landjugendverband Mecklenburg-Vorpommern represents the interests of young people living in the countryside. Expect an exciting range of events, including simple free time activities, plus loads of agricultural events.

What do we stand for?

Our goal is to have an active impact on local life, to learn about agriculture and the countryside as a group and to encourage others to influence politics. Through the work of our association, we want to support the future prospects, wants and ideas of young people in our

region and to empower them to make a difference.

What do we want?

We want to create and maintain living prospects of young people in rural areas, both now and in future. We strive to promote and educate young people in rural settings professionally, politically and culturally. We want to create prospects for young farmers. We want to promote the involvement of young people in all areas of society and politics, and especially youth and agricultural policy. We want to guide young people to be tolerant, social and critical in their approach to society and their fellow human beings.



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LSVD QUEER MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN E. V.



Who are we and what do we do?

LSVD Queer Mecklenburg-Vorpommern e.V. is all about creating a comprehensive range of youth work activities for lesbian, gay, bi, trans and intersex people (LGBTI+). LSVD Queer Mecklenburg-Vorpommern e.V. provides activities that empower young people in their development. These include:

- Representing the social and political interests of young LGBTI+ people
- Promoting education of young people on LGBTI+ issues, including extra-curricular education
- Promoting the formation of

lesbian, gay, bi, trans* and queer youth groups and projects Regional and inter-regional meet-ups for young people



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PFADFINDERBUND MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN E. V.



Who are we?

We are Pfadfinderbund Meckleburg-Vorpommern e.V. (Meckleburg-Vorpommern Scout Association) or PBMV for short!

What do we stand for?

We stand for exploring far-away countries and spending time with good friends. And swapping out smartphones and laptops for tents and a rucksack.

What do we want?

We want young people in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern to be taken seriously! Our Scouts groups are run by young people and everything that happens in our Scouts Association is organised by our young members themselves.



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THW-JUGEND MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN E. V.



Who are we?

THW-Jugend MM-V is the umbrella association for all THW youth groups in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. We are a group of volunteer helpers working together to establish a foundation for youth work in technical relief in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, providing help and assistance to our support workers at all times, including support for many aspects of their youth work. There are currently 18 youth groups for people aged 10 to 17 years old across lots of towns and cities in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. There are even opportunities for kids as young as six to get involved with THW.

What do we stand for?

The Technische Hilfswerk (Federal Agency for Technical Relief) stands for tolerance, helpfulness and openness. Our youth branch is no different.

What do we want?

To empower young people and give them a meaningful way to spend their free time. At THW-Jugend, our focus is always on ensuring our work meets the needs and interests of children and young people.



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VER.DI JUGEND NORD



Who are we and what do we do?

ver.di Jugend is the youth branch of the ver.di trade union. We focus, in particular, on training, working and living conditions for trainees, apprentices, (dual) students and young adults. We and our members address these issues together. As ver.di Jugend, we stand for diversity and openness. We fight for a modern, enlightened and free society for all.

We also support young people facing problems in training and education or at work. Together, we campaign for better collective agreements and working conditions.



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3. AFFILIATE ASSOCIATION

DJH-LANDESVERBAND MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN



Who are we?

We are independent providers of support for young people and have made it our priority to give you the right space for meeting, learning and spending your free time while travelling for your youth work..

What do we stand for?

The diversity of youth work in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern is incredible and we know how much dedication it takes to get a free time activity, workshop and more up and running. That's why we engage in individual and (hopefully) long-term partnerships when you stay at one of our 12 youth hostels on the Baltic Sea or in Seenplatte: tell us what you need, how we can help you and who your group members are. We will try to give

you the space you need, from specialist catering and inclusive free time activities, to the perfect rehearsal room. We will coordinate all of it with you!

What do we want?

In such challenging times for youth association work, we want to be an even better partner for networking and support: we actively advocate for the concerns of youth association work in the political sphere. We also engage in targeted partnerships with youth associations from the region to utilise synergies and work together to enrich the range of activities available to young people in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern!



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4. REGIONAL CONGRESS OF THE CITY AND DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCILS

The City and District Youth Councils operating in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern have joined forces to form the Regional Congress. These bodies are the regional umbrella associations for youth work and represent the political interests of young people in towns, cities and districts. Established in 2012, the Regional Congress is an organ of the Landesjugendring which regularly discusses a variety of topics and represents its interests at the General Meeting and on the Head Committee.



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II. LANDESJUGENDRING MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN

1. ORGANIGRAMM

The Landesjugendring Mecklenburg-Vorpommern e.V. is a working group for the 20 regional youth associations who are active across Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, one affiliate association and the Regional Congress of the City and District Youth Councils. It is backed by youth associations with around 100,000 young members total, making LJR MV e.V. the largest representative body for children and young people in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, and the only one of its kind.

Head Committee

The Head Committee consists of selected representatives from member organisations, plus one member of the Regional Congress of the City and District Youth Councils and the Chair. The Chair and Managing Director have a consulting

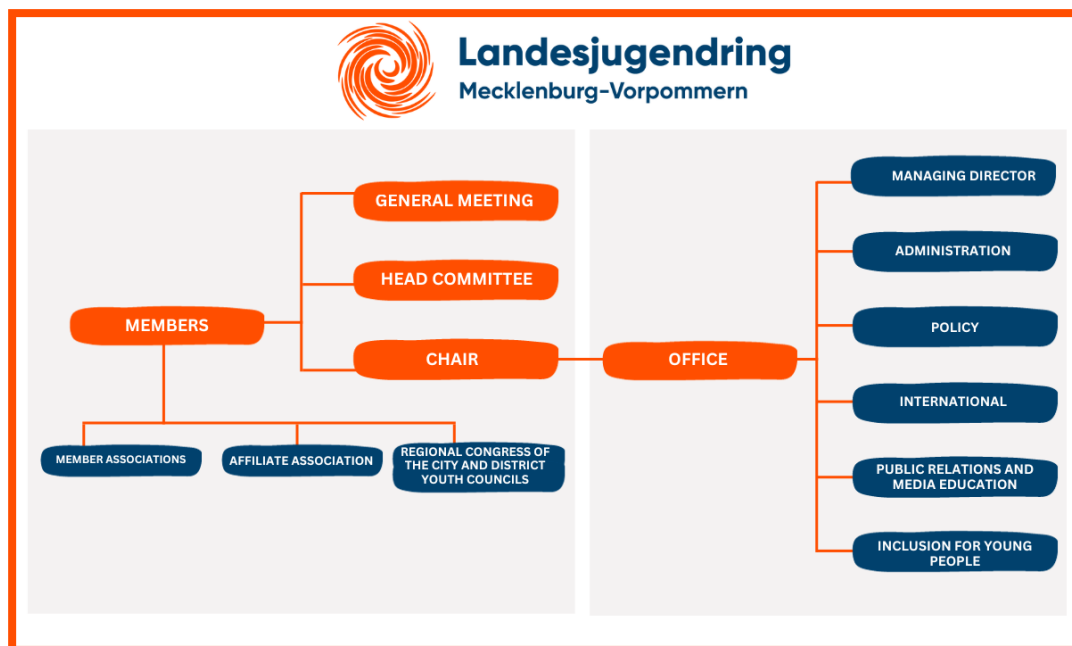
vote. Each affiliate association may send one representative with a consulting vote. In between the General Meetings, the Head Committee manages all the duties of the Landesjugendring that are not explicitly reserved for the General Meeting. For example, it takes decisions on all projects, actions and campaigns of the Landesjugendring within the boundaries set out by resolutions of the General Meeting.

General Meeting

The General Meeting is the highest decision-making body. It consists of representatives of the member organisations.

Its duties include, in particular:

- Overall planning and setting guidelines for the organisation's work
- Receiving the Chair's report, annual financial statements and audit report
- Electing the Chair
- Discharging the Chair
- Appointing the auditors
- Admitting and expelling member and affiliate associations
- Approving the rules of procedure
- Passing resolutions on scales of contributions
- Passing resolutions on amendments to the Articles of Association
- Passing resolutions on votes of no-confidence
- Passing resolutions on dissolving the body



Organigramm of the Landesjugendring Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

2. THE WORK OF THE LANDESJUGENDRING MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN

Youth Participation

Set up in 2001, the Beteiligungsnetzwerk MV/Participation Network MV (previously the Participation Campaign and Participation Network) is a project run by the Landesjugendring Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. The network supports the participation of children and young people in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. It consists of regional facilitators who are active in districts and free cities in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, plus regional advisors. They provide help and support with participation projects.

The aim of the Participation Network MV is to promote the participation of children and young people in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

In the longer term, this means:

- Making the participation of children and young people in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern sustainable and anchoring participation consistently in all districts and free cities
- Specialist staff empowering children and young people to take advantage of opportunities to get involved across Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
- Actors involved in the participation of children and young people in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern are in regular dialogue and have good networks across the region and beyond
- Actors involved in the participation of children and young people in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern have the resources to empower young volunteers engaged with participation
- The rights of children and young people to inclusion are anchored in law

The Participation Network MV is here for anyone who is engaged with participation for children and young people and who needs help and support, specifically:

- Children and young people
- Volunteers and people working full-time with children and youth work, youth social work, school social work and educators
- Employees in public administration and holders of public office in local and regional politics

The Participation Network MV offers a variety of services related to participation for children and young people and digital inclusion:

- Overseeing participation processes and projects for children and young people (including digitally-assisted processes and projects): from basic ideas to design, and from concrete planning to financing and implementation
- Advice on working with digital tools
- Information on children's and young people's rights and the basics of participation for children and young people
- Providing and (further) developing methods of participation
- Offering and moderating events, training courses and workshops on the subject of participation for children and young people and digital participation

For example, the Participation Network MV helps children and young people to develop and implement their own project ideas at school, to represent the interests of young people or to set up a children and youth committee.

When it comes to politics, public administration and professionals, the Participation Network MV can offer support on partnerships and the participation of children and young people in the community, providing help by using suitable methods.

Digital participation for young people

Digital participation for young people has been affiliated with the Landesjugendring Mecklenburg-Vorpommern since January 2022 and is now more heavily focused on the participation of children and young people in the digital environment. The job of the Digital Participation team is to help young people and professionals working in children and youth work, schools and public administration to use the tools provided by the digital environment to improve the participation of children and young people. They do this by running regular workshops, advice sessions and training courses. The Digital Participation team's „Talk & Tools“ podcast provides information on these issues via social media.



Young people at „Jugend im Landtag“, an participation project organised by the Landesjugendring / Participation Network in partnership with the Landtag

2. THEMEN DES LANDESJUGENDRINGS MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN

Volunteering

Youth work in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern is only possible with the help of thousands of volunteers. Without their involvement and dedication, the wide range of activities and campaigns run by youth associations, clubs and initiatives in children and youth work simply would not be feasible.

The Landesjugendring Mecklenburg-Vorpommern advocates for young volunteers.



Juleica

The Youth Leader Card (JuLeiCa) is one of the areas the Landesjugendring Mecklenburg-Vorpommern focuses on. The Landesjugendring runs regular courses on Legal and Insurance aspects with different JuLeiCa sponsors. The Chair and Office of the Landesjugendring also advocate for expanding and improving JuLeiCa benefits. In addition, the Landesjugendring Mecklenburg-Vorpommern regularly reviews the training standards for the JuLeiCa within Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and in dialogue with others across Germany, adapting these standards to the lived reality of young people, taking into account relevant social issues.

International

The Landesjugendring Mecklenburg-Vorpommern advocates for international youth work! We also empower young people to get involved at an international level. And we are engaged in international youth policy.

Our focus here is organised dialogue with young people from other countries. The formats vary enormously and include youth conferences, young people meet-ups, volunteer services and much more. Programmes can last a few days or a whole year. These types of activities give participants entirely new perspectives and insights, shedding light on the differences that exist within Europe and around the world and promoting mutual tolerance and solidarity. All of which young people find incredibly meaningful. At an international level, there are also political processes that are very important for young people. That is why the inclusion of young people is particularly significant in this arena, too. Some of the ways in which the Landesjugendring Mecklenburg-Vorpommern promotes all of this at an international level include:

- For young people: raising awareness of and advising on international meet-ups for young people, inclusi-

on processes and training programmes

- For youth associations, clubs and professionals: networking with potential cooperation partners at home and abroad, raising awareness of current funding programmes, training courses and useful information, advising on and supporting international activities and initiating and organising pilot projects and professional events
- With politics, public administration and other umbrella associations: lobbying for international youth work and inclusion, working together constructively on better international youth policy and advocating for better framework and funding conditions for international youth activities

Franco-German Youth Exchange (bilateral and trilateral)

The Landesjugendring Mecklenburg-Vorpommern signed a cooperation agreement with the Deutsch-Französischer Jugendwerk (Franco-German Youth Office, or DFJW for short) in May 2022. The aim of this cooperation is to establish long-term Franco-German and trilateral projects for extra-curricular activities in and with the State of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.



Young people at the COMMPASS young person's meet-up (2022)

Youth policy

The Landesjugendring Mecklenburg-Vorpommern represents the interests of young people in improving the living conditions of children and young people in the north-east of Germany with respect to politicians, public administration and the general public. In doing so, we pursue the following aims:

- Improving the living conditions of children and young people in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
- Representing the interests of children, young people and young adults in politics, public administration and among the general public
- Helping to shape, secure and grow youth work in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
- Creating and expanding opportunities for young people in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern to be included

Media learning

Children and young people have no problem communicating via digital media. While this allows them to have important experiences, the public debate frequently focuses exclusively on the dangers.

People working in youth work/youth associations have to be conscious that as people who children and young people trust, it is they who children and young people will go to if they ever have problems related to their use of media. Therefore, these people have to be able to navigate the media landscape of children and young people as a minimum.

For this reason, the Landesjugendring Mecklenburg-Vorpommern supports active media work and media learning at



youth associations and in other extra-curricular contexts within youth work in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

The Landesjugendring Mecklenburg-Vorpommern is a project partner on the Medienscouts MV project.

Holidays

Every year, the Landesjugendring publishes a holiday calendar for Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. This calendar provides information on the activities offered by countless organisations across Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany and Europe. As public and independent bodies, all providers of the holidays listed in the calendar commit to uphold the standards of the Landesjugendring for children and young people's free time activities. The holiday calendar is available on the website as a printable version.

For more information on the work of the Landesjugendring Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and the latest events and projects, please visit the website:



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