

Hesse is a region of 6 million inhabitants in the centre of Germany. Our main cities in hesse are Frankfurt/Main, Darmstadt, Gießen, Marburg, Fulda and Kassel. Wiesbaden near the river rhine is the capital of the region of hesse.

Since April 1946 the youth organisation were licensed by the former american authorities. In 1947, the independend organisation from adult structures, founded the Youth Council of Hesse in Frankfurt as a work group of regional activ youth organisations and with at present 28 youth organisations.

In our statement of principles it is also said:

We are activ against fascism, racism.

We are working for peace solutions.

By the way: We are activ at the place of auschwitz since 1970 and in the international youth centre of Auschwitz/Oswiecim.

Supporting the cooperation between the partnership regions incl. East Europe as well as facing the developing European Union, these are our main tasks.

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YOUTH COUNCIL OF HESSE

**Presentation of  
the regional Youth  
Council of Hesse**

## Youth Council of Hestia

The youth council is today working as a board of 8 workers with a permanent address in Wiesbaden. We are in permanent contact to the parliament and the the ministry of youth and social affairs. So we are involved in more or less all steps of youth policies belonging to the sector beside school education system and the universities.

We are concentrating our activities belonging to the free organized part of the youth, which is up to 30% of the youth population. The German law of supporting youth in the society is defined up to the age of 27.

Our youth council is a democratic controlled organisation.

- we coordinate ca. 6 Million Euro (given by the state lottery) for supporting youth work for 1 million children and young people
- we moderate with the hessian youth organisations 66 youth workers, sponsored up to 80% of the costs by the regional government. These professionals are responsible for 70000 volunteers.
- we are engaged in political education developing a civil society and we organize debates against antidemocratic activities. We are qualifying strategies and material for volunteer education and supporting them.
- we are publishing handbooks, monthly newsletters and a journal 4 x a year.

## Foundation

The youth organisations united in the Hessian Regional Youth Council are seeking for different aims and are differently oriented. The variety of member organisations goes from religiously oriented associations over scouts, ecological, cultural and humanitarian organisations up to worker's youth federations. Their main task besides individual differences are young people and their dealing with every day life. The youth organisations are working directly responsible without government-control being granted by statutory funds according to the Child and Youth Services Act.

Their basis grounds on their youth workers' honorary work. These youth workers take care of spare time activities with young people in self-organised groups, which enable them to experience community. Such group activities are of different nature according to the related youth associations' interest and character. The member organisations of the Hessian Youth Council offer a lot of possibilities for boys and girls to arrange their spare time self-determined. The offer variety reaches from dancing and folklore, making music and singing over theatre and cabaret, sports and playing up to trekking and climbing, hobby work and handicraft.

The youth associations' work is according to their own demand mainly educational and intellectual work. In contrast to school education this work is being carried out voluntarily without any performance or marks' pressure. Its principle is "political education" and creates the possibility for adolescents to learn together with others democratic behaviour and politically responsible acting as well as to represent their interests. Reflections on historical experiences are hereby as important as considering current political, social and ecological problems.

## Structures

The Hessian Federal Youth Council is a registered non-profit association with following authorities:

- General Assembly
- Executive Committee
- Executive Board

The General Assembly meets once a year to discuss fundamental positions of the Hessian Regional Youth Council's work and to agree upon the main tasks for the coming year. The member organisations send their delegates according to the number of their individual members. The youth councils are represented by one male or female delegate.

## Tasks and work priorities

to represent the interest of youth and common aims of the member organisations in front of public, especially as far as parliament and government are concerned;

1. assuring a permanent information flow between the member organisations to enable them, to especially exchange and coordinate common positions on youth policy;
2. the cooperation with youth organisations abroad and the international youth policy.