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The VEY in Berlin is run by three charitable organisations. They are responsible for the content and organisation of the VEY.



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“It was just a normal school then.”
Irina Papke

Then: VEY 2008/2009 at the Umweltschule am Falkplatz (responsible: Vereinigung Junger Freiwilliger), today: training to become a primary school teacher



“Actually, I also wanted to collect frogs.”
Jöran Fliege

Then: VEY 2005/2006 at sunbeam GmbH (responsible: Jugendwerk Aufbau Ost), today: works there as the Art Director (experienced and leading communication designer)



“It made me think more politically.”
Britta Steffenhagen

Then: VEY 1995/1996 at “Sinnflut – Jugendlachrichtenagentur für ökologische und soziale Kreativität” (responsible: Stiftung Naturschutz Berlin), today: presenter, journalist and actress

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AREAS OF ACTIVITY IN THE VEY



WHAT IS THE VOLUNTARY ECOLOGICAL YEAR?

How about teaching young children about the responsible contact with plants and animals? Supporting an environmental project with its social media campaign? Or taking a closer look at Berlin's waters in a laboratory? The Volunteer Ecological Year (VEY) (Freiwilliges Ökologisches Jahr – FÖJ) offers young adults in Berlin lots of exciting opportunities to get actively involved in environmental protection. This isn't just good for the planet – it's good for you, too: those who take part in the VEY can put their professional skills to the test, discover their own abilities and talents and get to know other young, committed individuals in seminars. By the way: no special previous knowledge or school leaving certificates are required to apply for a VEY position.

WHERE CAN VOLUNTEERS PARTICIPATE?

VEY positions in Berlin are as diverse as the city itself. They range from animal husbandry and organic farming to environmental education, public relations work and research. Regardless of what you choose, it's important that you have an interest in ecological issues and enjoy working in nature, with animals and people.

WHAT BENEFITS ARE PROVIDED BY THE VEY?

Participants currently receive a monthly allowance of EUR 510. Social insurance contributions will be paid for the duration of the employment. Participants are entitled to 26 working days of holiday if they take part for twelve months. Child benefit will be paid in accordance with statutory provisions.

During the course of the VEY, up to five one-week seminars will take place at different locations on various topics regarding the environment, climate protection and conservation, including education on sustainable development. Among other things, there will be exciting excursions, interesting specialist presentations and an active exchange of experiences during the VEY. Participation in the seminars is binding and free of charge.

WHEN DOES THE VEY BEGIN AND HOW LONG DOES IT LAST?

In Berlin, the VEY always begins on 1 September and usually lasts for 12 months, or 6 months at the very least. A regular working week comprises 39 hours.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR THE VEY?

There are currently 360 VEY places in Berlin. Anyone wishing to apply should get in contact with one of the charitable organisation approved by the State of Berlin: Jugend-werk Aufbau Ost gGmbH, Stiftung Naturschutz Berlin or Vereinigung Junger Freiwilliger e.V. They will provide you with information about the various operational areas and workplaces. Since the application deadlines and conditions are not the same for all charitable organisation, we advise getting all the information you need about the positions as soon as possible. A declaration of consent from parents or legal guardians is required in the case of minors.

