

German Language and Youth Services International Training Seminars for Foreign Youth Workers

Opportunities for learning German and to get to know the German child and youth services are available to youth workers on two special training seminars held every year in Germany. The seminars are organised by IJAB - International Youth Service of the Federal Republic of Germany on behalf of and financed by the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth. With these seminars, the Ministry aims at promoting international youth work and contributing to international understanding.

The four-week seminars are provided in Tübingen in May/June for foreign youth workers who are beginners in German and in Kassel in August/September for those with advanced level. Within the framework of bilateral agreements for youth exchanges, a certain number of places is offered to various countries.

Participants are selected by their national Ministries or by central national youth work agencies of their respective home country. Candidates must be at least 18 years old. They have to be engaged in their national child and youth services on a professional or voluntary basis and should be actively involved in international youth exchanges, especially with Germany.

The international training seminars combine language tuition with an introduction to the German youth services system by lectures and visits to youth work projects. Special emphasis is laid on the youth work terminology.

The seminars take place in a multinational environment and offer an excellent opportunity for youth workers, who are actively involved or interested in international youth exchanges, to meet counterparts from their partner countries. Thus, they provide the opportunity for intercultural learning and for an international exchange of experience in the field of youth work. In addition to learning the German language and gaining an understanding for the host country's culture and youth work system, it is also possible to develop partnerships for future exchange projects.

An additional one-week job shadowing programme will be offered to three participants each of both seminars. The job shadowing aims at qualifying youth workers cooperating or planning to cooperate with a German youth organisation or authority. Following the four-week seminars,

selected participants will have the opportunity to gain a deeper insight into the practical work of a youth facility in Tübingen or Kassel respectively, the stay in Germany thus being prolonged for one more week.

Participants will be accommodated with German host families (single rooms).

Course fees as well as room and board will be borne by the German side. Travel costs to and from Germany must be borne by the participant's side.



BEGINNERS

**International Training Seminar
"German Language and Youth Services"
(BEGINNERS)
for Foreign Youth Workers
Sprachinstitut Tübingen
from 7 May to 4 June 2011**

with additional job shadowing programme
for three participants from 4 to 11 June 2011

The target group of this seminar are 'zero beginners' without previous command in German as well as so-called 'false beginners' with little previous knowledge in German which, however, should not exceed the level A1 of the Common European Framework of References for Languages (CEFR).

The International Training Seminar "German Language and Youth Services" (BEGINNERS) at the Sprachinstitut Tübingen will cover German every-day language, different working groups, e.g. phonetics, computer lab, and additional cultural and sports activities.

Classes will be held in German only. The lecturers are very experienced in teaching beginners without having recourse to translation.

Nevertheless, participants must have a fair command of English, since all information during the specialised programme on youth work as well

as on organisational matters will be provided in English.

Participants will be given an overview of the structure, aims and objectives of youth work in the Federal Republic of Germany by lectures and visits to youth work projects including an all-day excursion with outdoor pursuit activities.

The course will comprise 26 youth workers from 10 countries: the Czech Republic, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Turkey, the UK and the Ukraine.

Deadline for handing in applications:
6 April 2011.

Website: www.ijab.de

ADVANCED LEARNERS

**International Training Seminar
"German Language and Youth Services"
(ADVANCED LEARNERS)
for Foreign Youth Workers
Europa-Kolleg Kassel
4 weeks in August/September 2011
with additional one-week job shadowing
programme for three participants**

The target group of this seminar are youth workers who are advanced learners in German. Participants must meet at least the Competence Criteria A2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) and must have successfully completed a minimum of two years of German at school or 200 hours of German at an institute of adult education.



The International Training Seminar "German Language and Youth Services" (ADVANCED LEARNERS) will take place at the Europa-Kolleg Kassel and has the following objectives:

- Its main purpose is to develop the participants' comprehension and speaking ability. It is to enable the participants to communicate in German with foreign colleagues or young people during international contacts.

- By lectures and by visiting youth work projects in Kassel and surroundings, the participants are given a survey of some representative areas of German youth work. They are to increase their knowledge and experience in the youth field and learn to discuss problems in German.

The seminar shall comprise 36 youth workers from 15 countries: China, the Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Turkey, the UK and the Ukraine.

Deadline for handing in applications: 1 July 2011

Website: www.ijab.de

For further information and for application forms, please contact your national Ministry or the central agency in your country, which is responsible for the selection of participants.

If you do not know which is the Ministry or the central agency in charge, please contact Katrin Schauer or Elke Metzner at IJAB Bonn who shall be pleased to help you.

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