

WORKCAMP LATVIA: FROM COURL AND TO THE FIRST REPUBLIC

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IN JELGAVA

19/07 - 24/07. 2026

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DEAR PARTICIPANT,

we are delighted to invite you to spend a part of summer with us in Latvia, in a group of 25 young people from many European countries.

On this page you will find the most important information about this youth exchange.



ARRIVAL: July 19 until 18:00 to Upeslīči (near Jelgava)

DEPARTURE: July 30rd at 09:00 from Riga

ACCOMMODATION:



19.-24.07: Upeslīči atpūtai

Upeslīči, Līvberzes pagasts, LV-3003, Lettland

24.-30.07: Cinnamon Sally Backpackers Hostel"

Merķeļa iela 1, Centra rajons, Rīga, LV-1050, Latvia



Group accommodation with full board

TRAVEL ORGANISATION

You can set off with other participants on July 18 at 8:00 a.m. from Europaplatz at Berlin Central Station (Hauptbahnhof). You will spend the night in Poland along the way.

You can also return with our bus on July 30 at 9:00 a.m. from Riga and spend the night in Poland again. Arrival at Berlin Central Station is scheduled for after 7:00 p.m. on July 31.



You can travel directly to Riga on July 19 and depart from Riga on your own on July 30. Part of the leadership team will be waiting for you at Riga Central Station on July 19 for the joint departure to Jelgava by train around 2:00 p.m. In Jelgava, you will be picked up by bus and taken to your accommodation. You will receive the team's exact contact information and the schedule by the end of June.

For a **Lithuanian group**, there is the option to be picked up by bus near Kaunas on July 19 at around 12:00 PM and dropped off on July 30 at around 3:00 PM.



PREPARATORY MEETING: June 22, 18:00 (Berlin time) ONLINE

Please join our preparatory meeting to get to know each other and discuss questions you might have:



Work for Peace – International youth exchange in Hamburg and Sandbostel

ABOUT THE PROJECT

This summer, the work camp will focus on Latvia's history during the First World War, the German occupation and its consequences for the Latvian state and society.

We will look at the battles on the Aa, the formation of Latvia and related events, and shed light on the fates of Latvian refugees. The multinationality and multiculturalism of the region, the role of Latvian riflemen and today's culture of remembrance will also be topics of discussion.

At the same time, you will carry out light maintenance work on German war graves together with the other participants.

We will spend the first half of the camp in the countryside – surrounded by forests, rivers and the Baltic Sea. In the second half, the camp will move to the heart of the capital, Riga, where you can enjoy city life, culture and leisure activities as a group. In addition, overnight stays in Poland and/or Lithuania are planned on the way to Latvia and back.

The camp combines history, international encounters, nature experiences and summer adventures. If you feel like making new friends, doing something meaningful together for a summer and experiencing history in a special way, this work camp is just right for you.

COST

Participants from Lithuania must pay a 50 € fee.

Partners of the Project:

- Volksbund Deutsche Kriegsgräberfürsorge e. V. (German War Graves Commission)
- German-Baltic Youth Office (Latvia)
- Brāļu kapu komiteja (The Brothers' Cemeteries Committee, Latvia)



Federal Foreign Office

IMPORTANT

The German youth protection law and the rules of Volksbund, the organizer, apply to our youth exchange. We refer to our [terms and conditions](#).

Drinking alcohol is prohibited for youths under 16 years of age. Drinking hard alcohol (spirits, liquors) and consuming drugs (incl. Marihuana) is prohibited for everyone in our exchange. Participants breaking these rules will be sent home on their own cost. Smoking and vaping is not allowed in Germany for youths under the age of 18.

It is not allowed to bring alcoholic beverages to the exchange. Group leaders are allowed to confiscate them.

Our [child protection policy](#) applies to all the participants of an exchange, both minors and adults, participants and group leaders. Everyone is asked to help create a safe and respectful environment for the underaged by following the code of conduct. Rooms are separated by sex and age. They are for sleeping only. Visits in other sleeping rooms than you own are not allowed.

GROUP LIFE

Please follow the code of conduct that will be set up by the group in the first day. During your stay, there might be tasks that have to be taken over by the participants. Please be open to help if requested, e. g. to prepare the seminar room or to carry something, and offer your help.

When you're leaving the group independently, please make sure you're always at least three persons together for safety reasons. Inform the group leaders before you leave the group and tell where you'll go and when you'll return.

In order to make a successful project for everyone, you're required to take part actively in the programme activities. Please be on time for the activities. Please ensure you're in a physical condition to take part actively.

To prevent infections, please take care of hygiene and make use of offered disinfectants. In case of illnesses, please address one of the group leaders, especially if you need to see a doctor or need medicine. The next doctor and pharmacy is in the neighbouring village. **Volksbund is not providing travel health insurance for participants from outside Germany to cover the cost of medical treatment or prescription medicine.** You will need to pay for over-the-counter medicines yourself.

Contact Us!

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