



# European Solidarity Corps (ESC) from 01-10-2023 to 30-09-2024 in Heidelberg / Germany

## *WERKstattSCHULE e. V. - who we are*

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**WERKstattSCHULE e. V.** was founded in 1983 as a charitable, **non-profit youth educational provider** in Heidelberg in the Rhein-Neckar region. The association was initially created in order to compensate the lack of link between formal and practical education for the youngsters.

### **Our main goals and projects**

The association intervenes mostly **in schools in order to give the pupils entering occupational life a general idea of what handcraft and artistic jobs can be like.** We always try to create something useful for the schools and the pupils such as benches, tables, playgrounds and any sort of common area that can be used in a school. We also like to bring a personal and unique touch to our work. Most projects at schools are rather short (1 week on bloc or one day per week).

Although it is not the only goal, it is very important for us to promote cultural and inter-cultural education and provide a social experience for the youngsters with fewer opportunities. Therefore, we decided to create an **educational program** based on social, psychological and pedagogical teaching trying to reprocess the consequences of youngsters' unemployment and school dropout (**long term**). This program is called LÄUFT and basically offers a daily structure – that means we work, learn, eat and have fun together!

### **Our team**

There are more than 30 professionals employed by the association, only youth workers with practical and pedagogical experience and different skills in various areas such as wood craft, metal craft, sculpting and carving, artistic design and drawing.





## *What will be your tasks?*

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**No special skills are required although we are looking for volunteers who have the desire to develop or enhance their handcraft or/and media-design skills. Furthermore, you should like to be creative and to get in touch with people from other countries and cultures.**

Our volunteers will be part of our WERKstattSCHULE team and assist a group of 3-4 people during the practical educational projects in the different schools of the region as we explained above.

You will have the opportunity to find out more about your talents, to learn new craft skills and to activate your social and intercultural competences.

Depending on your talents and interests, you will be able to choose between multiple activities among handcrafts, media and arts.

But you can also join the LÄUFT Team and take part of their activities or give tutoring for example in English.

And you will also help to promote European Solidarity Corps activities in our region.

In general, the project portfolio is guided by the idea of a complementary-to-school education and serving as preparation for the occupational choice. These programs are designed to discover and promote talents, to extend skills and competencies and to provide targeted occupational orientation to the pupils.

Check our website pages for illustration of our work or to get to know our team:

[www.werkstattschule-heidelberg.de/](http://www.werkstattschule-heidelberg.de/) or our ESC Website [www.werkstattschule-international.eu](http://www.werkstattschule-international.eu)





## Where will you live?



<https://www.heidelberg.edu/sites/default/files/images/basic-pages/EuropeMap.jpg>

### The city

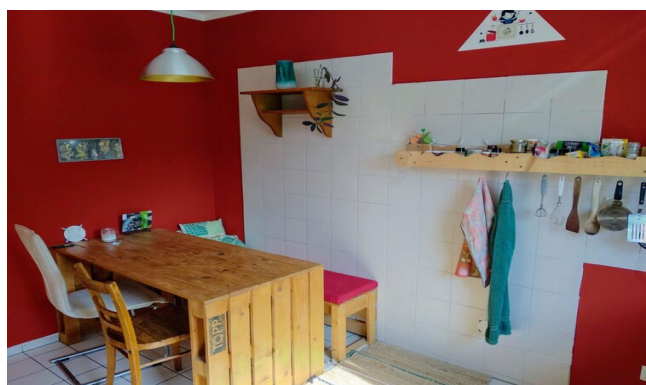
Heidelberg is a city of 160 000 inhabitants. It is well known for its castle surrounded by the forest and its very old university.

You will have the opportunity to discover the city through multiple activities such as sightseeing, hiking in the woods, joining Erasmus student events, etc.

### Your accommodation

You will live in a shared apartment in a housing project named **Hagebutze**, 15 minutes by bicycle from the city center.

You will have **your own room** but share the common areas (living room, bathroom and kitchen) with two other volunteers. We have towels, bedsheets and all the kitchen stuff. We also have free internet access.





## What is Hagebutze?

**Hagebutze** is a "housing project" founded by young people in order to enable people to live in affordable rented apartments since Heidelberg rents are quite expensive.

It is a place made of sharing and exchange through different common areas:

**Rabatz** – for concerts, parties, meetings, dance workshops, etc.,



There is also a common living room, a common workshop with tools and machines, garden, washing machines and dryer in free access.

Living in the *Hagebutze* is generally pleasant and is a great opportunity to get to know the nice neighbours and to fit in a German living area.

The address: **Rheinstraße 6, 69 126 Heidelberg**

Website: <http://hagebutze.de/>



## *Practical information*

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The volunteer will receive her/his food allowance and pocket money at the beginning of each month which represents ca. 410,50 €. You will have access to an online language course and language support during the first months but we can't offer a full German language course for beginners.

The volunteers mainly use bicycles to move around in Heidelberg. In special cases you also get tickets for the local transport.

Travel costs from your home country are covered!

If you have further questions don't hesitate to contact **Flora** at:  
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And for more impressions check the ESC website [www.werkstattschule-international.eu](http://www.werkstattschule-international.eu)