

// INTERNATIONAL YOUTH WORK AND YOUTH POLICY COOPERATION

International youth work and youth policy cooperation give young people greater opportunities for education, personal development and participation in a globalised world, contribute towards securing peace and tolerance, and help to combat racism and violence. IJAB – International Youth Service of the Federal Republic of Germany works to promote mutual understanding between young people from different countries and cultural backgrounds, assists them in acquiring intercultural skills, and gives them access to non-formal and informal education.

It also functions as an international knowledge platform for the child and youth services community, thus delivering a valuable contribution towards developing this field of work. IJAB brings together stakeholders from Germany and abroad and encourages an international dialogue between them. It provides advisory services, creates a

space for discourse, and offers experts an opportunity to gain further training in the shape of European and international exchanges that focus on current youth policy issues.

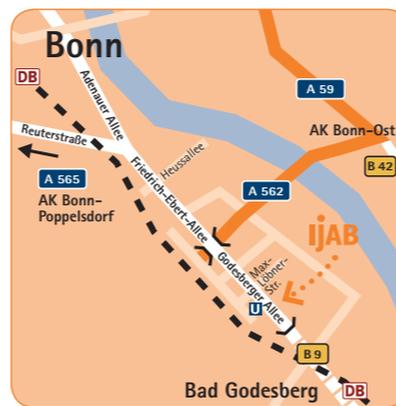
IJAB informs and advises young people on going abroad and gaining access to national and European sources of funding. Through its membership of national and European youth information networks, IJAB functions as an interface between these two levels and promotes dialogue and cooperation between them.

JUGEND für Europa, Germany's National Agency for the EU programme Youth in Action, has been affiliated with IJAB since 1988. Its task is to implement the European Union's youth programme in Germany on behalf of Germany's Ministry of Youth and the European Commission.

DIRECTIONS

By car:
IJAB's offices are along the B9 (Godesberger Allee) in Bonn's Bad Godesberg district. Limited parking is available in front of the building.

By public transport:
Take the 16 or 63 tram from Bonn Hauptbahnhof (Central Station) towards Bad Godesberg. Get off at the eighth stop (Max-Löbner-Str.). The trip takes approximately 10 minutes from Hauptbahnhof.



IJAB // Partner for International Youth Work and Youth Policy in Europe and around the World

IJAB – International Youth Service of the Federal Republic of Germany works on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, its own member organisations and other youth work associations and bodies. IJAB's mission is to strengthen and further develop international youth work and youth policy cooperation with European countries as well as worldwide.



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AREAS OF WORK:

// INTERNATIONAL YOUTH POLICY COOPERATION

Youth policy cooperation at the European and international level makes a valuable contribution to promoting a dialogue and an understanding between different countries, to intercultural learning, and to greater tolerance. European and international youth policy, in this context, encompasses the bilateral and multilateral dialogue on youth issues and youth policy cooperation. Within the framework of Germany's youth policy relations, IJAB offers programmes for experts on current youth policy issues. Multilateral cooperation projects bring together stakeholders from Germany and its partner countries, enable them to share and deepen their expertise and, by offering a platform through which they can learn from each other, contribute towards the further development of child and youth services.

// FRESH INPUT FOR CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICES

IJAB organises international conferences, engages in European and international networks and runs expert programmes, all of which contribute towards promoting a transnational exchange of knowledge within the child and youth services community. This exchange delivers fresh input for new methods, approaches and concepts in child and youth services as well as new perspectives for German and European youth policy. IJAB monitors current youth policy developments in Germany and abroad, summarises the relevant information and disseminates it via its own online portals and specialist publications for policymakers, practitioners and researchers.



// CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL YOUTH WORK

The social and political environment is changing, so international youth work, too, has to respond to these changes by developing corresponding approaches of its own. In this context, IJAB provides new impulses to promote the continued development of the international youth work field. Specialist forums and training measures offer experts working in the field an opportunity to reflect on new challenges and draw up innovative concepts and approaches to address them, aided by a range of suitable quality instruments. One major concern in this context is strengthening the field of non-formal learning through international youth work and giving it greater visibility by means of suitable recognition systems.



Social media, too, play a major role in the continued development of international youth work and virtual mobility. IJAB's website www.watchyourweb.de offers young people suitably presented information on many different issues relating to media education in the digital world.

// PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY

In a globalised society, international learning opportunities are becoming increasingly important for young people and experts working in child and youth services. IJAB is an excellent source of information on relevant opportunities for experts and on the many different mobility options open to young people who are interested in spending a period abroad. To give all young people access to international exchanges, youth meetings and volunteering



schemes, IJAB assists experts and multipliers in strengthening the role of international youth work at the federal, *Länder* and local level across the whole of Germany.

// PUBLICATIONS

The six-monthly publication *IJAB journal* is a compilation of relevant information and updates on current youth policy developments at the national, European and international levels. Other regular publications include *Forum Jugendarbeit International* and the magazine *Perspectives on Youth: European Youth Partnership Series*, which is published in cooperation with European partners. Finally, IJAB issues materials and tools on selected aspects of international youth work.

Information on all of IJAB's services and publications is available online at www.ijab.de