



Permacultural park Steyerberg / PALS

Description:

- European Solidarity Corps at PALS Steyerberg in Germany is for young adults, who are interested in permaculture, sustainable food production in agriculture and nature conservation
- Young adults can build on their personal skills as well as develop new green skills and practice-oriented knowledge in bio-dynamic agriculture
- The Permaculture Park and the community in Steyerberg focuses on sustainable living and health concepts, community building and antidiscrimination
- PALS is the oldest permaculture garden in Germany – founders of the garden are the internationally renowned researchers Professors Margrit and Declan Kennedy
- Steyerberg was the smallest municipality in Germany to be included in the national Climate Protection Plan 2050 and has received several awards as a sustainable municipality
- The PALS area was once home to a former weapons factory and a forced labour camp during the Second World War – now the place has transformed into a green oasis through innovation, remembrance work and gardening

Tasks:

- Practice in ecologically sustainable cultivation: sowing vegetables, planting seedlings, watering and harvesting vegetable plants in the greenhouses and beds accompanied by experienced gardeners
- Educational lessons in the basics of biodynamic and permaculture methods once a week, honored with a permacultural certificate
- Taking part in theatre projects for volunteers as part of a Peace and Remembrance Work Project guided by an experienced director
- Optional tasks: build a permaculture nature trail, food rescue, running a community kitchen, organize cultural events, participating in other organizations within Steyerberg community

Location:

Steyerberg, Germany (Niedersachsen)

Living conditions:

The volunteers are accommodated in a tiny houses complex of five buildings, one for 1-2 volunteers and one for a communal kitchen as well as a bathroom. The tiny houses are powered by modern district heating.

Support:

Volunteers receive monthly tickets for free public transportation in the area and to larger cities nearby like Nienburg or Hannover. Volunteers are also supported with german language lessons from the beginning of their service and they are supervised by expert ecological gardeners and experienced pedagogues.

Requirements:

basic interest in working outdoors and in gardens, basic german or english skills

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