

"The Bavarian Youth Exchange Foundation builds bridges between Bavaria, Europe and the rest of the world. We make it possible for young people to experience other cultures, learn languages and understand a variety of perspectives. International youth exchange promotes open-mindedness and an understanding of other cultures."



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# From Bavaria into the World!

Looking to help pave the way  
for young people to experience  
life abroad?  
We're here to help!



It's the dream of so many young people – to spend a few days, weeks, or even months abroad. Often, however, this dream never becomes a reality. In particular, students in Germany's lower secondary schools, special needs schools and vocational schools rarely participate in international youth exchange programmes.\*

We want to change this! We're here to help pave the way for young people to go abroad.



\*Source: Study: 'Why not? Study of International Youth Exchange Programs: Access and Barriers'; zugangsstudie.de

### Who are we?

The Foundation International Youth Exchange Bavaria was established by the Free State of Bavaria in Summer 2021. Its goal is to provide all Bavaria's youth with the

opportunity to spend time abroad during their education or vocational training. The foundation has been granted 30 million euros in funding for ten years.

### How can we help?

We are your initial point of contact for questions on exchange programmes and opportunities within Bavaria for funding. We'll put you in touch with the right partner for your particular needs. Through our programmes, we also support youth exchanges involving

specific target countries or groups. We collaborate with our partners to create new, innovative exchange formats that enable young people to go abroad. To accomplish this, we network with all entities throughout Bavaria who are involved in youth exchanges.

### What is our focus?

We promote exchanges for underrepresented target groups, especially students in lower secondary schools, special needs schools and vocational schools.

Geographically, our focus is on Israel, the Czech Republic, the United Kingdom and the African continent.



### A Look at Our Programmes

#### Vocational Training: Exchange Trip to Jerusalem



Thanks to financial support from the Foundation, 17 carpentry students from Nuremberg's B11 vocational school were able to spend ten days travelling within Israel. In Jerusalem, they taught Israeli students how to build an "Ulm stool" out of wood. They also visited the "Yad Vashem" Holocaust memorial and the "Roots" meeting site in the West Bank.

#### Global Castle: Language Camps for Students in Lower Secondary and Vocational Schools

There's no cramming for tests at the Global Castle Language Camps held by the YMCA (CVJM) of Bavaria: instead, English is learned through living it. Students from lower secondary and vocational schools attend these camps to prepare themselves for international youth exchanges. The camps are open to individuals or entire school classes.



#### Music Exchange Programme: Bringing Together Tanzanian and Bavarian Music Students



The 'Music Exchange Programme', sponsored by the non-profit 'Musicians for a Better Life', provides Bavarian music students with the opportunity to travel to Tanzania and collaborate with local students in creating new musical projects. In return, the Tanzanian students visit Germany.