



# Peace & Future's Thinking Workcamp

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**Bridgend, Wales**  
**12th - 20th August 2023**  
**& Lohra Castle, Germany**  
**3rd - 16th September 2023**

**Project information for  
Welsh Participants**



# About us

**We are the Welsh Centre for International Affairs (WCIA), where we ignite passion and empower individuals to make a tangible impact on global challenges. Our mission is to cultivate a sense of responsibility within the people of Wales, enabling them to contribute to a world that is more equitable and harmonious. As a non-profit organization rooted in Wales, we have been fostering international understanding since 1973.**

**At WCIA, we actively support community development through dynamic initiatives such as volunteering and cultural exchange. Through our memberships in the Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations and the UNESCO-affiliated Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service, we collaborate with partners around the globe.**

**We proudly manage a diverse range of programs that facilitate international volunteering experiences, both in Wales and abroad. These transformative opportunities can last anywhere from two weeks to a full year, uniting young people from diverse countries in a unique endeavor. By generously donating their time and energy, these individuals make a profound difference for both themselves and the communities they serve.**

# About the project

**This project is divided into two parts:**

## **Part 1 | 12th August 2022 – 20th August 2023 in Wales**

**Join us for an engaging workcamp from 12th to 20th August in Bridgend. This exciting adventure brings together 8 Welsh participants and 10 international participants, creating a vibrant and diverse community.**

**Workcamp Objectives: Prepare to delve into the fascinating connection between peace and futures thinking, and discover how these concepts can be harnessed to tackle global challenges head-on. Together, we will forge a platform where young minds from different countries can unite, exchange groundbreaking ideas, and cultivate practical skills that will transform participants into proactive global citizens, working towards a more harmonious world.**

**Workcamp Accommodation and Food: Immerse yourself in the heart of the action at The Lodge, an inviting residential site in Bridgend, Wales. (Check out their amazing space at <https://www.bgc.wales/the-lodge>). During your stay, you'll share cozy rooms equipped with bunk beds. While there's no washing machine available, rest assured that shower and toilet facilities are at your disposal. The Lodge boasts a spacious communal kitchen where volunteers will take turns cooking in small groups. Plus, we've also got some catered food days planned to add a pinch of convenience to our schedule.**

## **Part 2 | 3rd September 2023 – 16th September 2023 in Germany**

**The Welsh participants will join us for the second part of our journey at Lohra Castle in Germany.**

**Work: At Lohra Castle, the project is built upon sustainable principles, encompassing the preservation of both cultural and natural heritage. Participants in the workcamp engage in various activities, including work in the castle's green areas and forests, restoration efforts, and collaborative renovation projects.**

**Accommodation: Volunteers reside in the same location where they work, creating an immersive experience. Please note that this means living in a setting that resembles a building site to some extent. The accommodation consists of charming 18th-century houses, once occupied by the castle's workers. While the interior has been updated to meet modern standards, expect simple shared rooms with comfortable beds or mattresses. Showers with hot water are available, and a common kitchen equipped with a wooden stove provides a gathering place for meals. The facilities are basic but adequate. Please be aware that there may be a limit to the availability of hot water, especially during peak shower times after work.**

**Food: As an integral part of our community life, meals are prepared collectively, fostering a sense of togetherness. Each participant will have the responsibility of preparing a meal at least once during their stay. We encourage you to bring typical recipes from your home region, allowing us to explore the culinary delights from around the world.**

# Volunteer profile

## Volunteers must fit the following criteria:

- **Aged between 18-25**
- **Studying or living in Wales**
- **Passionate about global citizenship and international volunteering.**

## Extra Funding

**Accommodation and food are provided during both projects and travel for the Germany project is covered up to £230.**

**Certain participants may be eligible for extra funding/support for this project. We will discuss this with individuals once we have received enrolment forms.**

# Ready to apply?

**Apply here:**

**<https://forms.office.com/e/mSACbeWINZ>**

**Please state "Peace Project in Wales and Germany" as we host several projects.**

# Got some questions?

**Feel free to get in contact with us if you have any questions about the project, or your eligibility to take part!**

**Specific question about the project?**

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