



WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT AT THE HIMMELSFELS

- An intercultural community that share an apartment and life together.
- Integration into the intercultural and intergenerational Himmelsfels Team.
- Accommodation in a single or double room, board, and a stipend.
- General working hours per week is 40h. During some programs the working hours are longer, but then there compensation days. 4 weeks off per year.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR THIS PROGRAM?

Everybody, who ...

- ... has an immigrant background/and or wants to gain intercultural experiences
- ... is part of a local congregation, who supports you in your endeavor and is interested in intercultural networking
- ... is willing to contribute his/her gifts and further develop them
- ... is at least 18 years old and registered in Germany
- ... knows German or is willing to study German, as German is the working language

If you are interested in being part of the Intercultural Social Service Year at the Himmelsfels and for all open questions please contact the person in charge for the program, Bianca Dümling:
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**THE INTERNATIONAL TEAM
AT THE
HIMMELSFELS
COME AND JOIN US!**

HIMMELSFELS

A TRANSFORMED PIECE OF LAND

The Himmelsfels is a large and unique compound in the medieval town of Spangenberg in Northern Hessen, which according to Wikipedia is the population-based central point of Germany. Something unique has been developed at this special place over the course of the past 40 years.

A local couple from Spangenberg built a mountain out of construction rubble on the ruins of a limestone quarry and made it into a beautiful park. In the beginning of 2007, this compound became a nonprofit and ecumenical foundation. Since then many people from all over the world have been attracted to this small town.

Today, a community of people from different denominations and nationalities are gathered at the Himmelsfels to share their life and a common purpose:

They shape the Himmelsfels as a place of international hospitality. Moreover, they help in particular young people, through camps and other activities, to discover their own potential and to become bridge builders between nations, cultures and denominations. The ecumenical Christian community is intentionally open for people beyond the Christian tradition and invites them to share experiences of reconciliation and to gain unstrained insight into Christian spirituality at the Himmelsfels in a relaxed atmosphere.



FROM AMBASSADORS TO BRIDGE BUILDERS

Your Intercultural Social Service Year at the Himmelsfels

- * Do you feel rooted in your culture of origin & at the same time at home in Germany?
- * Do you want to shape a society that transcends cultures and barriers?
- * Do you have ideas for cross-cultural projects but lack experience to implement them?
- * Do you have a year to your disposal and want to refocus, go beyond your own nose?

If that is the case, the Himmelsfels is the right place for you!!!

In the context of an intercultural social service year the Himmelsfels gives you the opportunity to be **an ambassador of your country** of origin or the cultural roots of your family. It offers you to explore, develop and unfold your strengths, faith traditions and experiences. While you will be living in an intercultural community for a year, you will be equipped for intercultural ministry and be working as part of the Himmelsfels team.

What to expect:

- * You are part of the team that does the program on the mountain for the guests.
- * You organize youth camps with an international team and as part of an intercultural community. At the same time you will work with Germans who have different tasks within the foundation Himmelsfels.
- * You will welcome guests from all over Germany within the different programs on the mountain and be their guide.
- * You serve guests within the program, the service, the kitchen and other daily tasks. You keep things clean and in order on your own.
- * You support the German churches who come with their youth groups, ecumenical groups, choirs, school classes or family groups.
- * You share your international spirituality with the groups and create a special welcoming culture

WE GUIDE YOU ...

... to become a bridge builder between cultures and denominations. The goal of this year is to develop your own cross-cultural project within your church or ministry in your city in Germany. In order to be successfully able to be a bridge builder within the context of church and society, intercultural and ecumenical competence, ability to work in a team, experience in cross-cultural team development as well as knowledge in project development and management. These are the areas in which you will be equipped at the Himmelsfels.

... to find your own idea of your next step in life, your future in job and vocation and we help you to find the right connections and the necessary support.

SCHEDULE OF THE INTERCULTURAL SOCIAL YEAR

It always starts September, 1st and ends August, 31st of the following year.

September – November: Communitarian life and learning at the Himmelsfels in Spangenberg, team development, involvement in cross-cultural programs, brainstorming and preparation of the project.

December – February: project development in your city of with support of a local mentor and the Himmelsfels team. If you cannot establish a project in your home city, you can work on your own Himmelsfels-Project, too.

March – August: Communitarian life and learning at the Himmelsfels in Spangenberg, involvement in cross-cultural programs as ambassadors, expansion of personal gifts and continue the development of the project in your city. Connection Himmelsfels and your local project.