



International Youth Service of the
Federal Republic of Germany

Fit in Contemporary German History

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About us

- **IJAB** = International Youth Service of the Federal Republic of Germany, Non-Profit-Organization, founded in 1967
- **Working on behalf of:**
 - Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ)
 - Federal institutions and NGO`s
- **Working areas:**
International youth work,
International youth education and policy,
International youth information.
- EU funded Nat. Agency „**Youth in Action**“



>> Project „Fit in Contemporary German History“

- Start in 2009
- 3 Phases of work:
 - I. **2009: Conference** „International youth exchange projects in rural areas in Germany“ (-> Disadvantages in East or West?)
 - II. **2010: Publication** „International youth work in the former GDR and Federal Republic of Germany – A methodological overview“ (-> Interviews with witnesses, research etc.)
 - III. **2010 ff.: Steering group** with representatives from transfer e.V., IJAB e.V., AdB, BpB, EJBW & German expert on history (-> Concept work, fundings etc.)



Philosophy behind:

- Lack of witnesses for important phases of German history (World War I & II, Unification of Germany ...)
- German teamer/participant in international youth exchange project = an ambassador of German culture/ history

Aims of project:

- To develop training methods (tools) on historical and political education with youngsters, proofed by seminar leaders and teamers in international youth exchange
- To raise awareness on German past between youngsters and adults (German, migrants and foreign ones as well)



Approaches:



>> Formats and products:

Timescale (80-100 years incl. immigration to Germany)

Intercultural learning by
visiting memorial places
(for school classes)

Concept for and running
a **training** with
seminar leaders and teamers

Peer-to-Peer-Approach
(cooperation between
Migrant-NGO`s in Germany)

Reader:
a. Theory / historical knowledge
b. Practical approaches

Webbased methodology

Already
existing tools

New tools



**Let`s invest in Youth.
They are our future!**

