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Ortsverein Nürnberg
(Bavarian Association for International Youth
Work) www.vij-nuernberg.de

EJW - Evangelisches Jugendwerk in
Württemberg (Protestant Youth Work
Association in Wuerttemberg) www.ejwue.de

FIZ - Fraueninformationszentrum Stuttgart
(Stuttgart Women's Information Center)
www.vij-stuttgart.de/fraueninformationszentrum

EFW - Evangelische Frauen in Württemberg
(Protestant Women in Wuerttemberg)
www.frauen-efw.de

GAW - Gustav-Adolf-Werk e.V.
www.gustav-adolf-werk.de

German YWCA e.V.

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Welcome to the German YWCA inc.!

Young Women's Christian Association in Germany

The German YWCA is part of a worldwide ecumenical network for women and girls. It is a member of the World YWCA headquartered in Geneva.

The World YWCA

- is based on the principles of ecumenism and is open to women of all faiths
- unites and links up 25 million women and girls in more than 120 countries
- is committed to women's full participation and leadership at all social, economic and political levels
- supports and promotes programmes for achieving social and economic justice
- provides education and information about women's and human rights, sexual and reproductive health rights (HIV and AIDS), peace, and care for the environment.

The German YWCA is a member of the European YWCAs consisting of 26 national associations which

- address European issues and topics
- coordinate European regional and representatives meetings (ERM)
- work together in European committees and advisory boards.

Aims and objectives of the German YWCA inc.

- to strengthen intercultural, ecumenical and inter-religious competences
- to promote international and ecumenical meetings
- to fight against trafficking in human beings and women in particular, as well as violence against women, forced prostitution and HIV/AIDS
- to organize meetings on women's issues and development policy
- to give advice and support to women in migration.

History

- Founded in 1893 by Pastor Johannes Burckhardt, Chair of the Protestant Female Youth Association in Germany
- Dissolved during the Nazi regime
- Re-established in Frankfurt in 2005 as a national association. Founding members included the National Association for International Youth Work (vij), Women's Study and Training Center within the Protestant Church, Women for Justice in Southern Africa, Protestant Youth Work Association in Wuerttemberg, Women's section of Gustav-Adolf-Werk, Leipzig
- First President Hanne Braun, Stuttgart.
- National Office in Stuttgart, located in the offices of Verein für Internationale Jugendarbeit - vij (Association for International Youth Work)

Activities

The German YWCA supports the following projects:

- The Esther Women's shelter in Brasov, Romania
- Mama's Club and Mama's Garden in Uganda (help for young mothers with HIV/AIDS)
- Sewing machine project and financing the training of a kindergarten teacher for YWCA Namibia
- Solar jars for Namibia and Kenya
- Participation in World YWCA Summits (Nairobi 2007; Zürich 2011, with organization of the "76 Rose Street" interactive exhibition and workshop)
- Invitations to YWCA World Board members from Kenya and Namibia to visit the German YWCA
- Round-the-World Breakfasts on:
 - Chicken exports to Africa
 - China – the country and its people
 - Forced marriage
 - Shopping behaviour and Globalisation
 - Female genital mutilation (FGM)
 - Domestic workers from Eastern Europe
 - Widows, witches and hoodoos in Africa
 - Solar lamps and solar cooking for African women
- After-work meeting on "ways out of the rat race"
- Participation in ERM (European Representatives Meetings)
- Organisation of the YWCA European Representatives Meeting (ERM), October 14-19, 2014, at the Bernhaeuser Forst near Stuttgart