

Workcamp 2026

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Participating in this workcamp in Hönow, Germany, was easily one of the most incredible experiences of my life. Going into my last year of high school, I really wanted to step out of my comfort zone, and getting to do hands-on community work in a new country while living alongside people from totally different backgrounds was way more meaningful than I ever expected.

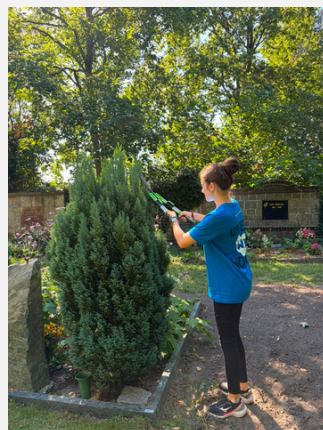
Our days in Hönow were filled with hard work—doing everything from cleaning up spaces to painting and overall maintenance. Honestly, seeing a place completely transform right in front of us was so rewarding. It really showed me how much we can achieve when everyone rolls up their sleeves and works as a team for a bigger purpose.

More than the physical work itself, what impacted me the most were the connections I made during my time in Germany. Sharing our routines, talking about our lives, and exchanging ideas with people from different cultures taught me so much about empathy, open-mindedness, and listening to others. It's the kind of learning you just can't get inside a classroom.

I'm super grateful to **EYS** for organizing everything so well and keeping us guided throughout the whole trip. A huge thank you to **GPEN (Global Protestant Education Network)** for *funding my travel expenses to Germany*. Without their support, this opportunity wouldn't have been accessible to me. GPEN made it possible to have a truly global, ecumenical, and diverse experience in Hönow that genuinely changed my perspective on the world. Reports like this show just how life-changing these trips are, and I really hope GPEN continues to support future students so they can experience this too.



Picture with Andreas, our work instructor



Working at cemetery



Me and Isadora Comper working in our backyard.