

## European Youth Education and Meeting Centre in Weimar

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## CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

### Rooms for all types of events

The EJBW is an attractive event venue with rooms for overnight accommodation. Modern facilities and seminar rooms are ideal for holding private get-togethers and business meetings, conferences and events which can be supplemented with our educational programme.

If you are interested in staging an event for a large group, project or institution at a modern conference centre in Weimar, the EJBW is the right address.

The EJBW is centrally located in Classical Weimar with five guesthouses, two villas, a reception building, and the historic Reithaus. We pride ourselves on our hospitality, excellent service and cordial atmosphere.

The Reithaus is situated in the Park on the Ilm in close proximity to the Weimar City Castle and the Herzogin Anna Amalia Bibliothek. Its high-tech event technology makes it the perfect venue for modern conferences and meetings.



### Conference rooms, accommodation & dining facilities

Our educational centre has 20 fully-equipped meeting rooms at its disposal – from small lounges to the Reithaus Hall for larger events.

In five guesthouses surrounded by nature, we offer 59 guest rooms (single, double and triple rooms, with toilet and bathroom, two barrier-free rooms) with a total of 162 beds.

Our beautiful, expansive grounds, cosy lounge areas and close proximity to downtown Weimar offer numerous possibilities to enjoy your free time.

Our in-house kitchen will look after your physical well-being. Based on the principle of buying and serving »local, fresh and organic« food, our kitchen team comes up with creative dishes every day – from international cuisine to regional specialities.

Are you planning a class trip or group excursion for your organisation combined with an educational programme? Are you looking for a suitable venue with accommodation and dining? We would be happy to assist you!

## Our programmes



# EDUCATION & ACCOMMODATION

## Diverse educational programmes

The EJBW is an institution and meeting centre for non-formal civic youth education at the »place of learning Weimar«. Since 1999 it has served as a meeting place for young people and professionals from all around the world. The EJBW is also a modern accommodation centre.

We offer young people the chance to discuss key socio-political issues, learn with and from each other, and gain unique educational experiences.

The EJBW offers a multifaceted programme in Weimar as a »place of learning« with its cultural, philosophical, historical, political and international heritage. In our educational programmes for young people, we address the topics that have shaped Germany and Europe:

- ▶ German Classicism, Enlightenment and humanism
- ▶ The German National Assembly of 1919 and Weimar Republic
- ▶ Bauhaus and the advent of modernism
- ▶ Buchenwald concentration camp and National Socialism
- ▶ Soviet Special Camp No. 2
- ▶ SED dictatorship, German division and the Peaceful Revolution



### European Civic Education

With us young people can explore Europe's history, imagine Europe's future, discuss important European issues and gain knowledge about current topics of European politics. The goal is to enable young people and professionals to critically reflect upon the European unification process.

### Historical Civic Education

We confront the processes that are driving and threatening democracy so that we can draw conclusions and work to achieve a better future. The core topics include the democratic awakening of the Weimar Republic, the mechanism of the Nazi dictatorship and the history of the German Democratic Republic.

### Socio-Political Education

The focus of this part is on the fundamental questions of diversity, without which there can be no democracy. This involves learning what values are important for democracy as well as what dignity and equality mean to each of us. The goal is to promote tolerance, open-mindedness and social diversity.

### Human Rights Education

Weimar symbolises both humanism and barbarism – the Weimar Constitution vs. the Buchenwald concentration camp. In this area, young people and professionals discuss human rights safeguards and violations in Germany and reflect on our mutual responsibility to uphold human rights in Europe and the world.

### International Youth Work

Exchange programmes allow young people to experience diversity in its many forms and thereby learn to recognise different perspectives as well as commonalities. Furthermore, by hosting European Volunteers, the EJBW provides an opportunity to young people to get to know what civic education is like outside their home country.

## Our mission

At the heart of our pedagogical concept and all of our educational programmes is the question, »What strengthens democracy, and what endangers it?«

We accompany young people in their personal development and encourage them to become familiar with our social order, to critically analyse it and to shape it in a democratic spirit. We invite them to try new things and to develop a vision for themselves and for society.

We support young people as they critically and discursively engage with historical and current issues and provide space for them to freely share controversial opinions in open, democratic dialogue.

## Educational fields & programmes

Our activities focus on the themes of European Civic Education, Historical Civic Education, Socio-Political Education, Human Rights Education and International Youth Work.

The EJBW provides continuing education courses as part of the Federal State of Thuringia's »Programme for Democracy, Tolerance and Open-Mindedness«, including one-day training seminars for staff at day care centres, schools, police, public administrations, and civil society organisations. These seminars address the topics »Strengthening democracy in everyday life« and »Encouraging plurality, diversity and tolerance«.

The EJBW is the official coordinator of »School Without Racism – School With Courage« in the State of Thuringia and also acts as the coordination office for the »Weimar Local Action Plan«.

For more information on the EJBW educational programmes, please visit: [www.ejbweimar.de](http://www.ejbweimar.de)