

# Volunteer Service for Young People from Israel at ConAct – Coordination Center German-Israeli Youth Exchange

**ConAct – Coordination Center German-Israeli Youth Exchange is the German federal organization working in the field of youth contacts between Germany and Israel. Its main task is to fund German-Israeli youth- and professionals- exchange programs and to consult organizations operating German-Israeli exchange programs.**

## About ConAct

ConAct supports the creation of new German-Israeli partnerships and provides educational tools for the implementation of successful and meaningful youth exchange programs. These programs offer a valuable experience for young people in both countries and allow social learning processes on an individual and a collective level. Furthermore, ConAct administers the federal funds for German-Israeli youth exchange projects.

Commemoration and remembrance, identity, diversity and the climate crisis are only some of the topics which young people in Germany and Israel deal with, also as part of their exchange programs. The Guidebook “Plan Together – Experience Exchange” ([www.ConAct.org.de/guidebook](http://www.ConAct.org.de/guidebook)) covers these topics and dynamics in the context of German-Israeli youth exchange.

ConAct works on behalf of the German Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women & Youth, and is connected to the Protestant Academy in the city of Lutherstadt Wittenberg. ConAct’s official partner in Israel is the Israel Youth Exchange Authority.

ConAct’s office is located in the old town hall of the historic city **Lutherstadt Wittenberg**, famous for its close connection with Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation. The city has approx. 50.000 inhabitants and is 40 minutes away by train from Berlin and 30 minutes to Leipzig.



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### **A volunteer service at ConAct**

ConAct hosts each year since 2013, one volunteer from Germany and one volunteer from Israel. We are currently looking for a volunteer from Israel to start as soon as possible!

A volunteer service with ConAct offers engagement in the exciting field of international youth work between Germany and Israel as well as the participation and potential involvement in running projects for professionals and young people (seminars, events, exchange programs etc.). Each volunteer creates an own project within the scope of our activities and implements it throughout the volunteer year. The work of the volunteer takes place mostly in the ConAct office, therefore the volunteer lives in Lutherstadt Wittenberg.

### **Fields of activity for a ConAct volunteer**

- Assistance in the organization of public events and seminars
- Assistance in the project-development work and research tasks
- Developing means and materials to communicate the life of young people in Israel to young people in Germany
- Take an active part in preparing youth groups from Germany for their encounter with youth groups in Israel

Further tasks will be decided according to preference and experience of the volunteer. Primarily office work; full time job (40 hours a week).

### **Requirements**

- Ability to work in a small team as well as independently, to self-organize and construct an own schedule
- Strong communication and collaboration skills
- Openness to tasks, ideas and work structures beyond the familiar scope
- Strong interest in topics, dynamics and development of German-Israeli relations and youth exchange
- Readiness to work in an office on a federal level, cooperating with many different partners nation-wide
- Capability to connect with people through daily life in Wittenberg and being pro-active in developing connections, interests and an engaged daily routine
- The work language in the ConAct office is German. German skills are of advantage, but not a requirement; a high motivation to learn German is necessary

The volunteer is entitled to accommodation, boarding (expenses for food) and pocket money. ConAct supports the volunteer in finding a language course, if required.

The volunteer service is in the framework of the German Federal Volunteer Program (BFD), in association with the hosting organization "International Youth Community Services" (IJGD: [further information](#)).

### **To learn more about the program and for applications, please contact:**

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