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# 1 Structures and actors that play a role in gaining a greater understanding and knowledge of young people

Youth research in Germany is characterised by a net of different research institutions with a great diversity of research subjects. Apart from the research at universities there are not only public and publicly funded bodies but also private institutions that deal with issues of youth and social research. The number of actors that play a role in gaining greater understanding of youth amounts to 4000 to 5000 youth researchers (number as of 2004) in a broader sense and to 1000 youth researchers in a stricter sense. There is a minimum of about 70 institutions dealing with youth research.

One of the central socio-scientific research institutes is the German Youth Institute [*Deutsches Jugendinstitut e.V.* (DJI), [www.dji.de](http://www.dji.de)] that has about 140 scientific employees. It aims at collecting, enlarging and disseminating knowledge about the situation of young people and the results of its research in the fields of youth, family, social affairs and education.

Gaining a greater understanding and knowledge of young people is not limited to institutional and academic research. In fact, the youth associations have a large network with offers and information for young people. In addition to field reports and analyses, this is an opportunity to get further information on youth work, opinions of young people and current developments in the youth field. These findings are disseminated by means of publications and services on the internet.

<http://new.jugendforschung.de/6.html> - Data base with institutions dealing with youth research in general or with specific topics, e.g. migration, work, leisure, family, media, violence, in relation to youth

## 1.1 Departments in universities dealing with youth issues

Only some universities have specific youth research departments, as e.g.:

**University Bielefeld**, Centre for Child and Youth Research (<http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/zkif/>). Finished in 2008: Motive structures of young anti-globalisation activists – a quantitative-statistical typology.

General topics: [www.uni-bielefeld.de/zkif/forschung.html](http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/zkif/forschung.html)

**University Potsdam**, Institute for Applied Family, Childhood and Youth Research (IFK, [www.ifk-vehlefan.de](http://www.ifk-vehlefan.de)). No youth-related research finished in 2008. General youth-related research topics: situation of families, children and youth with special focus on school-, socially and early childhood-related issues as well as accident prevention and traffic safety

**University Duisburg-Essen**, Dept. Educational Sciences (<http://biwi.uni-duisburg-essen.de>).

Research: Socio-historical education and pedagogical youth research

At many universities youth research is part of research in education, psychology and sociology, but also political sciences and ethnology. Examples:

**University Düsseldorf**, Abteilung für Bildungsforschung und Bildungsmanagement ([www.phil-fak.uni-duesseldorf.de/ew/bf/veroeffentlichungen\\_barz.html#jugendforschung](http://www.phil-fak.uni-duesseldorf.de/ew/bf/veroeffentlichungen_barz.html#jugendforschung)).

Research: Young and change of values, youth & religion)

**University Mannheim**, Chair for Educational Sciences II, Focus Pedagogical Psychology ([www.ew2.uni-mannheim.de](http://www.ew2.uni-mannheim.de)). Research: value & motivation among German pupils, friendship in interethnic networks, norms of development in adolescence, election of schools & school quality in local systems, European identity & young people's participation, learning to live democracy.

**Technical University Chemnitz**, Philosophical Faculty, Institute for Sociology, General Sociology I ([www.tu-chemnitz.de/phil/soziologie/nauck/index.php](http://www.tu-chemnitz.de/phil/soziologie/nauck/index.php)). Research: German Family Panel Analysis ([www.pairfam.uni-bremen.de](http://www.pairfam.uni-bremen.de)), acculturation processes in second migrant generation in Germany & Israel (2006-2009, [www.tu-chemnitz.de/phil/soziologie/nauck/bmbf/index.php](http://www.tu-chemnitz.de/phil/soziologie/nauck/bmbf/index.php)), migration processes, intimate relationships & family dynamics

**Free University of Berlin**, Dept. Educational Sciences ([www.ewi-psy.fu-berlin.de/einrichtungen/arbeitsbereiche/allg\\_paedagogik/projekte/index.html](http://www.ewi-psy.fu-berlin.de/einrichtungen/arbeitsbereiche/allg_paedagogik/projekte/index.html)). Research: evaluation of the educational initiative Wrangelkiez (2008), school, evaluation, migration, culture of organisation, youth.

**University Munich**. Chair for Practical Theology II, Research centre Youth and Church ([www.pt2.evtheol.uni-muenchen.de/forschung](http://www.pt2.evtheol.uni-muenchen.de/forschung)). Research: relation youth, church and religion

**University of Applied Sciences Koblenz**, Dept. Social Studies ([www.fh-koblenz.de/index.php?id=187](http://www.fh-koblenz.de/index.php?id=187)). Research: international youth work

**University Halle-Wittenberg**, Centre for school and educational research ([www.zsb.uni-halle.de](http://www.zsb.uni-halle.de)). Research: child and youth research, early childhood education, care and education, cultural studies.

Faculty of Philosophy III – Educational sciences ([www.philfak3.uni-halle.de](http://www.philfak3.uni-halle.de)). Research: Child and youth research, early childhood education and care

## 1.2 Statistic offices that collect statistics on youth

- **Federal Office for Statistics** (destatis, [www.destatis.de](http://www.destatis.de)), statistics on population including youth, age groups 6-15, 15-25, 25-45, migrant youth age groups 6-14, 14-15, 15-18, 18-21, 21-40; periodical surveys on population including youth population, employment including youth unemployment

- **Regional Offices for Statistics**, periodical surveys on population including youth population, employment including youth unemployment, age groups vary depending on the kind of survey that is conducted. Links to the regional offices for statistics:

[http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Statistisches\\_Landesamt](http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Statistisches_Landesamt)

- **Federal Institute for Population Research** (BiB, [www.bib-demographie.de](http://www.bib-demographie.de)), statistics on population including youth & life attitudes

- **Office for Children & Youth Services Statistics at the University of Dortmund** (akj, [www.akjstat.uni-dortmund.de/](http://www.akjstat.uni-dortmund.de/)), reviews child & youth service statistics
- **Institute for Labour Market and Career Research** (IAB, [www.iab.de](http://www.iab.de)), statistics and surveys on youth (un)employment and transition from school to work

### **1.3 Major public and semi-public bodies dealing with youth issues (including public companies).**

#### **German Youth Institute** (DJI, [www.dji.de](http://www.dji.de))

Ongoing research 2008: Strategies and Concepts of External Evaluation in Child and Youth Services (2007-2010); Centre for the Prevention of Right-Wing Extremism and Xenophobia (2000-2011); Centre for the Prevention of Youth Crime (1997-2012); German Youth Welfare and Social Change - Services and Structures (2006-2010); Gender Mainstreaming in Child and Youth Welfare Services 2002-2008); Scientific supervision of the pilot programme 'We take care by ourselves' (2004-2009); Study on the Development of Full-Time Schools (2007-2010); Local Educational Landscapes in Collaboration between All-Day Schools and Youth-Welfare Services (2008-2010); Children and the Internet (1999-2009); Digital Divide - Digital Competence in Childhood (2007-2009); The social construction of the homework situation (2008-2009); School-to-Work Transition Longitudinal Study ("DJI Transition Panel", 2003- 2009); Longitudinal Studies on School-to-Work Transitions for Local Transition Management (2007-2009); Transitions to Work among Young People with an Immigrant Background (2006 – 2009); Scientific supervision of the implementation of the National Action Plan "For a child-friendly Germany 2005-2010" (2007 - 2010); Supporting School-to-Work Transition of Young Immigrants from the CIS States (2007-2010); Evaluation Action programme for more youth participation (2007-2009); Programme evaluation " Diversity does a world of good" und „Competent. For Democracy" (2007-2011); Youth, Consumption and Sustainability (2008-2011); Management 13. Child and Youth Report (2007-2009); Processes of education between family and full-time school (2008-2010); LOS - Local capital for social purposes (2008-2009); Scientific supervision of the funding initiative 1 Regional transition management within the BMBF programme "Perspective Training Qualification" (2008-2012)

All projects:

[www.dji.de/cgi-bin/projekte/allprojekt.php?sprache=D&sortorder=\\*&timeorder=1&jahre\\_vergangen=4](http://www.dji.de/cgi-bin/projekte/allprojekt.php?sprache=D&sortorder=*&timeorder=1&jahre_vergangen=4)

#### **Research Group Youth and Europe** ([www.fgje.de](http://www.fgje.de))

General and ongoing research: youth and (civic) education, youth and (European) elections, evaluations in the youth field

#### **Institute for Media Pedagogy in Research and Practice** ([www.iff.de](http://www.iff.de))

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Present research: evaluation and scientific supervision of the youth portal [netzcheckers.de](http://netzcheckers.de) (December 2006 - June 2008), Manners of obtaining media knowledge of less educated adolescents (July 2007 - October 2008), scientific supervision of the media literacy courses "Ways through the media jungle – take children and young people safely through the media world" (April 2008 - April 2009), Educationally disadvantaged adolescents and multifunctional media (July 2006 - October 2008)

**German Institute of International Educational Research ([www.dipf.de](http://www.dipf.de))**

Present research: Persönlichkeits- und Lernentwicklung in sächsischen Grundschulen (2005-2009), Furtherance of democratic decision-making and responsibility in the multicultural school (ongoing, until August 2010)

**Regional Institute on Social Research ([www.sfs-dortmund.de](http://www.sfs-dortmund.de))**

Present research: Evaluation of the competition "Local initiatives for the integration of young German resettlers from Eastern and Southern Europe (*Spätaussiedler*) into training and work – LISA" (April 2006 - September 2009), Local co-ordination and local responsibility in the transition from school to work (July 2007 - January 2008), Impact of work in gastronomy on young employees and their settings (May 2008 - April 2010), General research: employment and work, youth as cross-sectoral topic.

**Research Group Elections e.V. ([www.forschungsgruppe.de](http://www.forschungsgruppe.de))**

Present research: Structural dates with regard to use of Internet (ongoing); different policy barometers in 2008; Analysis of regional elections 2008 in Bavaria, Hamburg, Hesse and Lower Saxony; Rhein-Neckar-Bus I 2008 (Survey on leisure behaviours in the region), Rhein-Neckar-Bus Ia 2008 (Survey on publicity of the regional union Rhein-Neckar)

**Institute for Child and Youth Services ([www.ikj-mainz.de](http://www.ikj-mainz.de))**

Present research: scientific supervision of the project „Kindergarden as Family Centre“ (2007-2010), Computer-based Case Management in Child and Youth Services – Project CM4JU” (2005-2008), Evaluation of efficiency of support in upbringing/education (*Hilfen zur Erziehung*), e.g. in the field of residential care and other forms of assisted living, Evaluation of the socio-pedagogical diagnostic tables – Project EST! (2003-2008), Evaluation of the Otmar-Alt-Group – a model project on the evaluation and quality development of an in-patient concept of educational help for pedagogical-therapeutical support of adolescents with sexually abnormal behaviour.

(May 2006 - April 2009)

**Institut für Sozialpädagogische Forschung Mainz e.V. ([www.ism-mainz.de](http://www.ism-mainz.de))**

General research: child and youth services / family / migration. Present youth relevant research: Scientific counselling and supervision of the research and practice development

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project "live.learn.use chances."; Migration sensitive child protection. Finished in 2008: Conflict management in intercultural contexts in the field of youth services and school; Scientific counselling and supervision of the model project "Multigenerational Houses - Houses of Families"; Children of mentally disordered parents - Prevention and Cooperation of youth services and adults psychiatry

#### **1.4 NGOs dealing with youth issues**

**Child and Youth Welfare Association (AGJ)**, amalgamation of central federal youth organisations & regional youth councils, leading voluntary social welfare organisations, central specialist organisations, the main youth authorities of the federal states (ministries) & the youth offices of the federal states which work across regions. [www.agj.de](http://www.agj.de)

**German Federal Youth Council (DBJR)**, umbrella organisation of youth organisations, regional youth councils & affiliated organisations, having different objectives & being of different orientations.

[www.dbjr.de](http://www.dbjr.de)

**German Federation of Associations for Cultural Child and Youth Education (BKJ)**, amalgamation of nationwide organisations specialising in the cultural education of children & young people.

[www.bkj.de](http://www.bkj.de)

**Federation of Protestant Youth in the Federal Republic of Germany (aej)**. [www.aej.de](http://www.aej.de)

#### **1.5 Youth researchers or experts**

See:

- list of researchers who are members of the Federal Youth Board (*Bundesjugendkuratorium*, [www.bundesjugendkuratorium.de](http://www.bundesjugendkuratorium.de))

- list of staff of German Youth Institute > Dep. Youth and Youth Services ([www.dji.de/cgi-bin/projekte/output.php?projekt=5&Jump1=mitlist](http://www.dji.de/cgi-bin/projekte/output.php?projekt=5&Jump1=mitlist))

- list of project officers of the Research Group Youth and Europe (Forschungsgruppe Jugend und Europa, [www.fgje.de](http://www.fgje.de))

- Institutions with German experts in youth research can be found at [www.kinder-jugendhilfe.info/db](http://www.kinder-jugendhilfe.info/db) > English version > Key-word or Full-text > youth research

#### **1.6 Private companies dealing with youth issues**

**Youth Service of German Shell Company**, commissions leading research institutes with youth surveys & studies, primarily limits its role in the implementation of these youth surveys to the provision of the required funding & the dissemination of the findings: Survey on Youth in Germany

([www.shell.de/jugendstudie](http://www.shell.de/jugendstudie))

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**Foundation for Future Questions** (an initiative of the British American Tobacco, [www.stiftungfuerzukunftsfragen.de](http://www.stiftungfuerzukunftsfragen.de)), supports scientific & qualitative research in leisure time activities & tourism. Recent research (persons from the age of 14): educational aims/value orientation, travel habits

**Bauer Media KG** ([www.bauermedia.de/s\\_zielgruppen.html](http://www.bauermedia.de/s_zielgruppen.html)), market research on youth as a target group for consumer products (BRAVO.de-Trendbarometer), media use of youth.

**Synovate Kids+Teens** ([www.synovate.com/germany/expertise/kids\\_teens.php](http://www.synovate.com/germany/expertise/kids_teens.php)), market & opinion research on children (6 to 12 years) & youth (13 to 22 years). 2008: *Null Bock auf Schule* (Not up for school), Young Adults Revealed

**Youngcom! Agency for Integrated Youth Communication Ltd.** ([www.youngcom.de](http://www.youngcom.de)), research on preferences, habits & attitudes of young people. 2008: Youngcom Youth Study (13 to 20 years), Youth: Food & Softdrinks (13 to 20 years), Young Adults: Food & Softdrinks (21 to 29 years), Youth & Finances (13 to 20 years), Young Adults & Finances (21 to 29 years)

**iconkids & youth** ([www.iconkids.com](http://www.iconkids.com)), research on attitudes, behaviour & motivation of young people. 2008: Trend Tracking Kids® 2008 - Topics of high interest for kids and young people (6 to 19 years)

**ProKids PROSOZ Herten** ([www.prosoz.de/produktbereiche/prokids-institut.html](http://www.prosoz.de/produktbereiche/prokids-institut.html)), applied research on childhood, youth & education, regional & local studies & surveys (children's barometer, 9 to 14 years). 2008: LBS-Kinderbarometer Deutschland

**Tfactory** ([www.tfactory.com](http://www.tfactory.com)), youth market research, youth trends. 2008: 14<sup>th</sup> Wave Timescout Germany [Survey on youth relevant trends in leisure, music, sports, fashion, labels, media, 11 to 39 (29) years]

**Federal Union of German Banks** ([www.bdb.de](http://www.bdb.de)), youth & education (not regularly)

## **2 Legal basis or guidelines for activities leading to a better understanding of youth**

The legal basis for promoting structures & activities leading to a better understanding of youth is the Social Code, Eight Volume (SGB VIII) Child & Youth Services. Chapter 6, § 84 specifies that the Federal Government must submit a report on the situation of young people & the efforts & achievements of youth services to the German *Bundestag* (Parliament) & the *Bundesrat* (Federal Council) in every legislative period.

### **3 Funding for carrying out activities aimed at acquiring a better knowledge and understanding of youth**

#### **3.1 International funding for carrying out activities aimed at acquiring a better Knowledge and understanding of youth**

Programmes funding research but no specific funding on youth research (see [www.eurodesk.org](http://www.eurodesk.org) > Search for funding > Theme search > Research)

<http://www.forschungsfoerderung.uni-frankfurt.de/fit/index.php> - information service for research

#### **3.2 EU funding for carrying out activities aimed at acquiring a better Knowledge and understanding of youth**

- 7th European Framework Programme for Research & Technology Development (2007-2013) as major tool to support the creation of the European Research Area, including civil society, social sciences & youth research; open to researchers of all ages & levels of experience regardless of nationality

- Action programme YOUTH IN ACTION of the European Commission

- other EU programmes funding research but no specific funding on youth research (see [www.eurodesk.org](http://www.eurodesk.org) > Search for funding > Theme search > Research)

<http://www.forschungsfoerderung.uni-frankfurt.de/fit/index.php> - information service for research

#### **3.3 National funding for carrying out activities aimed at acquiring a better Knowledge and understanding of youth (public and private)**

public funds provided by:

- Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth through the Federal Budget, including Federal Child and Youth Plan (see:

[www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/bundeshaushalt2008/pdf/epl17/s1702101.pdf](http://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/bundeshaushalt2008/pdf/epl17/s1702101.pdf))

- Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF, [www.bmbf.de](http://www.bmbf.de))

- German Research Foundation (DFG, [www.dfg.de](http://www.dfg.de))

Other sources:

- funds from the federal states (regional child & youth plans) & municipalities

- German Youth Stamp Foundation e.V. (Stiftung Deutsche Jugendmarke e.V., [www.jugendmarke.de](http://www.jugendmarke.de)), supports activities for the welfare of the young, can act in all fields of youth services

Examples of private funds, provided by:

- Alfred Toepfer Foundation, provides funding on application for exceptional cases ([www.toepfer-evs.de](http://www.toepfer-evs.de))

- Hertie Foundation ([www.ghst.de](http://www.ghst.de)), core themes include European Integration & Learning Democracy
- Volkswagen Foundation ([www.volkswagen-stiftung.de](http://www.volkswagen-stiftung.de)), furtherance of the humanities & social sciences as well as science & technology in higher education & research, support for aspiring young academics, promotes international exchange & enhances structural conditions for research & higher education
- Foundation „Aktion Mensch“ ([www.aktion-mensch.de](http://www.aktion-mensch.de))
- Bertelsmann Foundation ([www.bertelsmann-stiftung.de](http://www.bertelsmann-stiftung.de)), focus on participation of young people, migration, education
- Foundation for the Rights of Future Generations ([www.srzg.de](http://www.srzg.de)), focus on demographic change and intergenerational justice
- companies & churches

<http://www.forschungsfoerderung.uni-frankfurt.de/fit/index.php> - information service for research

### 3.4 Actor(s)/structure(s) mainly receiving funding

Special allocation for German Youth Institute (DJI, [www.dji.de](http://www.dji.de)) within the federal budget

## 4 Paper dissemination of knowledge in the youth field

### 4.1 Statistics of paper dissemination (books) of Knowledge in the youth field

Year book Youth Research (*Jahrbuch Jugendforschung*, [www.jahrbuch-jugendforschung.de](http://www.jahrbuch-jugendforschung.de)), Ed.: Hans Merkens, Jürgen Zinnecker. Usually once a year. Core topic: Recent research within the field. There is a great variety of publications in the youth field in Germany. More detailed Information can be found at 4.3.

### 4.2 Regular Youth reports

**Child & Youth Report** ([www.bmfsfj.de/bmfsfj/generator/BMFSFJ/kinder-und-jugend,did=100770.html](http://www.bmfsfj.de/bmfsfj/generator/BMFSFJ/kinder-und-jugend,did=100770.html)), by Federal Government in every legislative period. Specific form of social reporting, positioned at the point of intersection between scientific research, politics & the grassroots level. Next report expected in 2008/2009, topic: Health prevention and promotion in the field of child and youth services" (working title)

**Child & youth reports by the federal states (Länder) & the municipalities**, on irregular basis

**Report on Education** ([www.bildungsbericht.de](http://www.bildungsbericht.de)), by Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education of the Federal States of Germany & Ministry for Education and Research. Report 2008: At the Crossroads: School – Vocational Education – University – Labour Market

**Study on Youth Sexuality** (<http://forschung.sexualaufklaerung.de>), by Federal Centre for Health Education, on irregular basis (mainly every 3 to 4 years, last one in 2006)

**Saxonian Longitudinal Study** (Young East Germans on their way from former GDR citizens to citizens of the FRG), 22<sup>nd</sup> wave in 2008 ([www.wiedervereinigung.de/sls/](http://www.wiedervereinigung.de/sls/)), by Prof. Dr. Peter Förster and Dr. Hendrik Berth

### 4.3 Other publications that publish youth research

#### Journals

*a) results of youth research/experts discussion*

- Blätter der Wohlfahrtspflege, Ed.: Nomos-Verlag, 6 times/year
- deutsche jugend, Ed.: Juventa Verlag GmbH, monthly
- Forum Jugendhilfe. Ed.: Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Kinder- und Jugendhilfe - AGJ, quarterly
- Jugendhilfe. Ed.: Wolters Kluwer Deutschland GmbH, 6 times/year
- neue praxis - Zeitschrift für Sozialarbeit, Sozialpädagogik und Sozialpolitik. Ed.: Group of editors, Verlag neue praxis, quarterly
- Soziale Arbeit. Ed.: Deutsches Zentralinstitut für soziale Fragen, monthly
- Zeitschrift für Sozialpädagogik. Ed.: Juventa Verlag GmbH, quarterly
- Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie. Ed.: VS Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften, quarterly + special edition once a year
- TUP - THEORIE und PRAXIS der sozialen Arbeit. Ed. Juventa Verlag GmbH, 6 times/year

*b) youth policy/youth organisations, discussion about youth services:*

- aej information. Ed.: Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Evangelischen Jugend in Deutschland e. V. (aej), quarterly
- BDkJ-Journal. Ed.: Bund der Deutschen Katholischen Jugend, monthly
- Betreff. Ed.: Deutsche Beamtenbund-Jugend, 6 times/year
- Dreizehn. Zeitschrift für Jugendsozialarbeit. Ed.: Kooperationsverbund Jugendsozialarbeit, 2 times/year
- Hessische Jugend. Ed.: Hessischer Jugendring, quarterly
- IJAB journal. Ed.: IJAB - International Youth Service of the Federal Republic of Germany, twice a year
- Jugend Nachrichten. Ed.: Bayerischer Jugendring, monthly
- Jugendpolitik. Ed.: Deutscher Bundesjugendring, quarterly
- jugendpolitischer dienst-jpd. Ed.: Marion Moesta Verlag Politische Dienste, weekly

## Reviews

### *a) results of youth research & experts discussion*

- Diskurs Kindheits- und Jugendforschung, Ed.: Group of authors, Verlag Barbara Budrich, quarterly
- Forum Erziehungshilfen. Ed.: Internationale Gesellschaft für erzieherische Hilfen (IGfH) e.V./ Juventa Verlag GmbH, 5 times/year
- Kinder- und Jugendschutz in Wissenschaft und Praxis. Ed.: Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft Kinder- und Jugendschutz e.V./Ernst Reinhardt GmbH & Co KG, quarterly
- Migration und Soziale Arbeit. Ed.: Institut für Sozialarbeit und Sozialpädagogik e.V./Juventa Verlag GmbH, quarterly
- Praxis Politische Bildung. Ed.: Juventa Verlag GmbH, quarterly
- Recht der Jugend und des Bildungswesens. Zeitschrift für Schule, Berufsbildung und Jugenderziehung. Ed.: Berliner Wissenschaftsverlag, quarterly
- ZSE. Zeitschrift für Soziologie der Erziehung und Sozialisation. Ed.: Juventa Verlag GmbH, quarterly

### *b) youth policy/youth organisations, discussion about youth services:*

- bildung für europa. Ed.: Nationale Agentur Bildung für Europa beim Bundesinstitut für Berufsbildung, twice a year
- Forum Jugendarbeit International, Ed.: IJAB, since 1996, once a year/biyearly. Next edition 2009, topic: Migration (Working title)
- Jugendhilfe Report. Ed. LVR-Landesjugendamt Rheinland, quarterly
- Jugendhilfe aktuell. Ed. Landschaftsverband Westfalen-Lippe, quarterly
- Sozialmagazin – Die Zeitschrift für soziale Arbeit. Ed.: Juventa Verlag GmbH, monthly
- Überblick. Ed.: Informations- und Dokumentationsstelle gegen Gewalt, Rechtsextremismus, twice a year

## 5 IT dissemination of knowledge in the youth field

### 5.1 Databases

**Child & Youth Services in Germany:** structured explanations (in German; partly in English, French, Spanish, Russian, Turkish, Japanese, Chinese); permanently updated; freely accessible; run by IJAB ([www.ijab.de](http://www.ijab.de)); [www.kinder-jugendhilfe.info](http://www.kinder-jugendhilfe.info); including short description & addresses (with links) of all nationwide working institutions & organisations in the field of child/youth policy & child/youth services via link - [www.kinder-jugendhilfe.info/db](http://www.kinder-jugendhilfe.info/db) (in German & English)

## 5.2 Portals

- [www.bmfsfj.de/Politikbereiche/kinder-und-jugend.html](http://www.bmfsfj.de/Politikbereiche/kinder-und-jugend.html): portal of the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth; section with all relevant information on child & youth policy / child & youth services in Germany; permanent update; freely accessible
- [www.akjstat.uni-dortmund.de](http://www.akjstat.uni-dortmund.de): statistics on child and youth service; permanent update; freely accessible; run by Office of Child & Youth Service Statistics
- [www.destatis.de](http://www.destatis.de): statistics on population including youth; permanent update; freely accessible; run by Federal Office for Statistics (destatis)
- [www.bib-demographie.de](http://www.bib-demographie.de): statistics on population including youth & life attitudes; permanent update; freely accessible; run by Federal Institute for Population Research (BiB)
- [www.dji.de](http://www.dji.de): portal of the German Youth Institute covering information on child, youth, family and gender research; permanent update; freely accessible
- [www.jugendhilfeportal.de](http://www.jugendhilfeportal.de): portal for specialists in child and youth services in Germany; permanent update; freely accessible; run by IJAB & AGJ
- [www.dija.de](http://www.dija.de): Database on International Youth Work: complex database on youth policy & work in approx. 40 countries; in German, information on Germany available in Dutch, Czech, Chinese, English, French, Japanese, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Turkish; permanent update ; freely accessible; run by IJAB
- [www.jugendschutz.net](http://www.jugendschutz.net): information on child/youth protection; main focus: new media/internet; permanent update; freely accessible; run by Friedemann Schindler
- [www.familienhandbuch.de](http://www.familienhandbuch.de): professional information on family, child-upbringing, adolescence, youth, growing up process in modern society; permanent update; freely accessible; run by State Institute for Early Child Pedagogy
- [www.jugendforschung.de](http://www.jugendforschung.de): database with information on youth research institutes/organisations/sources; permanent update; freely accessible; run by Chair in Empirical Education Research at the Julius Maximilians University Würzburg
- [www.jugendzenen.com](http://www.jugendzenen.com): research in youth scenes; permanent update; freely accessible; run by Chair in General Sociology at the University Dortmund, Dept. 12

## 5.3 Statistics, reports, journals, reviews or other publications available on the internet

- Publications on children and youth, by the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth. Link:

<http://www.bmfsfj.de/bmfsfj/generator/BMFSFJ/Service/Publikationen/publikationsliste.html?suchbereich=kinderjugend&suchtext=&suchvon=&suchbis=&suchsprache=&x=5&y=6>

- AWO magazin. Ed.: AWO Workers' Welfare - Federal Association, bimonthly. Download: [www.awo.org/awo-magazin.html](http://www.awo.org/awo-magazin.html)
- Der Paritätische. Ed.: The Paritätische Gesamtverband, bimonthly. Download: [www.der-paritaetische.de/magazin/](http://www.der-paritaetische.de/magazin/)
- DJI-Bulletin. Ed.: German Youth Institute, 4 times/year in German, one issue/year in English. Download: [www.dji.de/bulletin](http://www.dji.de/bulletin)
- INFO. Ed.: German-Polish Youth Office, twice a year. Download: [www.dpjw.org/html/modules.php?name=Downloads&d\\_op=viewdownload&cid=6](http://www.dpjw.org/html/modules.php?name=Downloads&d_op=viewdownload&cid=6)
- OFAJ – INFO – DFJW. Ed.: Franco-German Youth Office, 3-4 times a year. Download: [www.ofaj.org/page.php?nav=commun/scripts/pages\\_dyn.php?page=infos&lng=de](http://www.ofaj.org/page.php?nav=commun/scripts/pages_dyn.php?page=infos&lng=de)
- Unsere Jugend. Ed.: Ernst Reinhardt Verlag, 10 times a year. Download: [www.reinhardt-verlag.de/deutsch/zeitschriften/unserejugend\\_komplett.htm](http://www.reinhardt-verlag.de/deutsch/zeitschriften/unserejugend_komplett.htm)

## **6 Methods and approaches for gaining a greater understanding and knowledge of youth and for keeping it up to date**

- European tools (Eurostat, Eurobarometer): used, since 1974. Topics: youth, population, political participation of youth, attitudes towards EU
- Youth Opinion polls: used irregularly. Topics: voting behaviour, consumer behaviour, youth participation
- Comparative studies: used irregularly. Topics: East & West Germany covering several themes, health care
- Longitudinal studies: used. Topics: children and youth, family, unemployment and health. Regular study: Saxon longitudinal study since 1987: [www.wiedervereinigung.de/sls/](http://www.wiedervereinigung.de/sls/)
- Questionnaires: used, different topics
- Interviewing: e.g. CATI (Computer-Assisted-Telephone-Interviewing)
- Evaluation research: used

## **7 Methods and tools for keeping knowledge updated and coherent (to avoid gaps, overlaps, waste of resources).**

- Ongoing in 2008: Development of an integrated survey on child, youth, and family issues by the German Youth Institute, Department Social Monitoring (*Zentrum für Dauerbeobachtung und Methoden*, [www.dji.de/cgi-bin/projekte/output.php?projekt=8](http://www.dji.de/cgi-bin/projekte/output.php?projekt=8))

## **8 Methods and tools for ensuring and assessing quality of knowledge in the youth field (quality assurance strategies in youth research)**

Youth surveys and studies in Germany are subject to public professional and scientific discussion and other common methods of quality assessment. A general and standardised quality check of surveys and studies does not take place.

The **Centre for Survey Research and Methodology** (ZUMA, [www.gesis.org/en/zuma/index.htm](http://www.gesis.org/en/zuma/index.htm)) in Mannheim advises on setting up, conducting and analysing social science studies.

The Scientific Advisory Boards of the **German Youth Institute** ensure quality of knowledge in projects in the youth field by offering independent expertise. Within in the project „Strategies and Concepts of External Evaluation in Child and Youth Services“ the Advisory Boards ensures quality of knowledge by re-examining, systematising and developing approaches for external evaluation in the field of child and youth services and policies.

## **9. Methods and tools to exploit and compare results of activities carried out for a better knowledge and understanding of youth**

Critical dialogue and systematic debate on research results in the fields of educational, child and youth research are constitutive elements of scholarly standard. This exchange about results might happen in scientific articles and publications, conferences, congresses, seminars and in meetings of advisory boards und bodies for practice and policy. As a rule, experts are involved in research projects in order to support the research projects, to be consulted in evaluation workshops and to advise policymakers. The Federal Youth Board and the German Youth Institute are platforms to exchange knowledge on youth issues (see also 12).

The Child and Youth Welfare Association (*Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Kinder- und Jugendhilfe - AGJ*) is an institutionalised network to foster the exchange of all people interested in youth policy and youth research.

Furthermore, there are many unofficial permanent contacts between institutions in the field of youth research.

## **10 Promotion of youth researchers and their generational renewal and other actors who work towards a better knowledge of youth**

### **10.1 Facilitating the exchange of experience and practice**

See also 9.

The German youth research landscape is organised more topically than systematically. Apart from the Federal Youth Board there are institutions that pool knowledge. Some examples:

**German Youth Institute** ([www.dji.de](http://www.dji.de)): periodical conferences for educational & social administration experts as well as for politicians, journalists, scientists; DJI carries out international research projects, participates in international conferences, maintains contact to national as well as to foreign researchers & politicians

**Section Youth Sociology of the German Society of Sociology** ([www.jugendsoziologie.de](http://www.jugendsoziologie.de)): periodical meetings, conferences (2008: The relation of youth sociology and pedagogy)

**German Society of Educational Research** (DGfE, [www.dgfe.de](http://www.dgfe.de)): periodical meetings, conferences (e.g. 2008: Global Learning and Education for Sustainable Development at school, Intercultural and international aspects of media pedagogy)

**German Psychological Society** (DGPs, [www.dgps.de](http://www.dgps.de)): annual/biannual conferences according to section

**German Society of Behaviour Therapy** (DGVT, [www.dgvt.de/47.html](http://www.dgvt.de/47.html)): biannual congresses

**Researcher-Practitioner-Dialogue on International Youth Work** (*Forscher-Praktiker-Dialog Internationale Jugendarbeit*, [www.forscher-praktiker-dialog.de](http://www.forscher-praktiker-dialog.de)): periodical meetings, conferences, expert hearings, co-operation projects between youth organisations/associations & researchers/research groups

## 10.2 By supporting their mobility ?

- mobility funding within the framework of EU programmes YOUTH IN ACTION, LEONARDO & SOCRATES
- 7th Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development by the EU (2007-2013) "People Programme" ([www.forschungsrahmenprogramm.de](http://www.forschungsrahmenprogramm.de))
- international funding provided by German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD, [www.daad.de](http://www.daad.de)), no specific funding for youth researchers

## 10.3 Improving their Skill (language, cultural...)

International funding provided by German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD, [www.daad.de](http://www.daad.de)), no specific funding for youth researchers

## 10.4 Funding for PhDs and support of students in this field

- funding of PhDs by funds from German Research Foundation (DFG, [www.dfg.de](http://www.dfg.de))
- Alexander von Humboldt Foundation ([www.humboldt-foundation.de/de/programme/programmueberblick.htm#forschungsaus](http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/de/programme/programmueberblick.htm#forschungsaus))

- international funding for students provided by German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD, [www.daad.de](http://www.daad.de))

In November 2008, the German Ministry for Education and Research launched the portal KISSWIN ([www.kisswin.de](http://www.kisswin.de)), a communication and information platform for young researchers, with information on options to receive support.

## **11 Methods and tools to ensure exchanges and dialogue between all actors in the youth field**

### **11.1 Seminars, working groups for a better knowledge and understanding of youth**

**Researcher-Practitioner-Dialogue International Youth Work** (through panel meetings, expert hearings, co-operation projects), several times a year, see: [www.forscher-praktiker-dialog.de](http://www.forscher-praktiker-dialog.de), contact: transfer e.V., Grethenstr. 30, D - 50739 Köln, Fon: + 49 221 9592190, Fax: +49 221 9592193, E-Mail: [service@transfer-ev.de](mailto:service@transfer-ev.de)

**Spring & autumn meetings of the Department Youth Sociology of the German Society for Sociology** (DGS), once/twice a year, 2008: The relation of youth sociology and pedagogy, next: 16 - 18 July 2009 on "Multidisciplinary Youth Research – Methodological Perspectives", see: [www.jugendsoziologie.de](http://www.jugendsoziologie.de), contact: Karsten Speck, Universität Potsdam, Institut für Erziehungswissenschaft, Karl-Liebknecht-Str. 24 - 25, D - 14476 Potsdam, Fon: +49 331 9772697, Fax: +49 331 9772067, E-Mail: [speck@rz.uni-potsdam.de](mailto:speck@rz.uni-potsdam.de),

**Deutscher Kinder- und Jugendhilfetag**, every four years, 2008: 18 - 20 June in Essen, next: exceptionally in 2011 (Venue still to be defined), see: [www.jugendhilfetag.de](http://www.jugendhilfetag.de), contact: AGJ, Mühlendamm 3, D - 10178 Berlin, Fon: +49 30 40040-230, Fax: +49 30 40040-232, E-Mail: [djht@agj.de](mailto:djht@agj.de)

**Working Group on Expert Conferences on Youth Services** of the Scientific Association for Urban Studies (AGJF), several times a year, see: [www.fachtagungen-jugendhilfe.de/veranstaltungen/veranstaltungen.phtml](http://www.fachtagungen-jugendhilfe.de/veranstaltungen/veranstaltungen.phtml), contact: Verein für Kommunalwissenschaften e.V. (VfK), Ernst-Reuter-Haus, Straße des 17. Juni 112, D - 10623 Berlin, Fon: +49 30 39001-135/136, Fax: +49 30 39001-146, E-Mail: [landua@vfk.de](mailto:landua@vfk.de)

**German Prevention Day**, once a year, 2008: 2 - 3 June in Leipzig on "Committed Citizens – Safer Society", next: 8 - 9 June 2009 in Hanover on „Live Solidarity – Ensure Diversity“, see: [www.praeventionstag.de](http://www.praeventionstag.de), contact: Deutscher Präventionstag, Am Waterlooplatz 5 A, D - 30169 Hannover, Fon: +49 511 2354949, Fax: +49 511 2354950, E-Mail: [dpt@praeventionstag.de](mailto:dpt@praeventionstag.de)

## **11.2 Give names and contacts for permanent national networks for developing a greater knowledge of youth that link all actors in the field**

**Federal Youth Board** (*Bundesjugendkuratorium*, [bundesjugendkuratorium@dji.de](mailto:bundesjugendkuratorium@dji.de), [www.bundesjugendkuratorium.de](http://www.bundesjugendkuratorium.de))

**Advisory Council of the Working Group on Expert Conferences on Youth Services** of the Scientific Association for Urban Studies (AGJF, [www.vfk.de/agfi/](http://www.vfk.de/agfi/)): networks of experts & professionals in the field of youth services

### **11.2.1 Give details on how it works (i.e. are they based on local networks) and how do you support such a network**

The Federal Youth Board advises the Federal Government in basic questions of child and youth services (§ 83 paragr. 2 of Social Code, Volume Eight (SGB VIII) and in cross-sectoral questions of child and youth policy (§ 1 sentence 1 General administrative fiat). The Federal Advisory Committee can also decide to transfer further recommendations to the Federal Government on other topics. It involves young people in an adequate way into its counselling processes. The Committee consist of 15 experts from different areas: politics, administration, associations, science. Its members are appointed by the Federal Minister for Youth for a fixed period, according of the present legislative period, maximum until the next quarter after parliamentary elections (for the Bundestag).

Since 1995 the Scientific Association for Urban Studies has carried out expert conferences on current issues in the field of child and youth services, funded by the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ). Counselling is provided by an advisory council with representatives from *Deutscher Städtetag* (German Association of Cities and Towns), *Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Kinder- und Jugendhilfe* (Child and Youth Welfare Association), *Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Freien Wohlfahrtspflege* (Association of Voluntary Social Welfare Services), *Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Obersten Landesjugend- und Familienbehörden* (Working Party of the Highest Youth and Family Authorities of the Federal States), BMFSFJ and youth workers from the regional and local levels.

## **11.3 Other networks in the youth field**

### **11.3.1 Transnational networks**

**German National Committee for International Youth Work** (*Deutsches Nationalkomitee für internationale Jugendarbeit*, DNK, [dnk@dbjr.de](mailto:dnk@dbjr.de), c/o German Federal Youth Council, responsible for making agreements on the joint international activities in order to ensure that German youth organisations are represented on a multi-national level.

**IJAB - International Youth Service of the Federal Republic of Germany** (*IJAB – Fachstelle für Internationale Jugendarbeit der Bundesrepublik Deutschland e. V.*, [www.ijab.de](http://www.ijab.de)). Central specialist agency for international youth policy, international youth work & youth information, promotes international youth work/co-operation in the field of international youth policy

**Child and Youth Welfare Association** (*Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Kinder- und Jugendhilfe - AGJ*, [www.agj.de](http://www.agj.de)), co-ordinates network of youth field actors (policy makers, administration, researchers)

**German Youth Institute** (*Deutsches Jugendinstitut, DJI*, [www.dji.de](http://www.dji.de)), acts in the triangle of science, policy and practice, provides information, services, counselling

**German Federal Youth Council** (*Deutscher Bundesjugendring, DBJR*, [www.dbjr.de](http://www.dbjr.de)), works in commissions/working groups, comments on laws/related youth reports, discusses latest questions concerning youth work/policy

### **11.3.2 Networks specific to certain actors (University networks on youth issues, researcher's networks on youth issues, policy makers/governments networks on youth issues, NGO's networks on youth issues, other networks in the youth field)**

**Department Youth Sociology of the German Society for Sociology** ([www.jugendsoziologie.de](http://www.jugendsoziologie.de)): university network

**Researcher-Practitioner-Dialogue International Youth Work** ([www.forscher-praktiker-dialog.de](http://www.forscher-praktiker-dialog.de)): network of experts and professionals in the field of international youth work

**Project Educational Institutions and Sustainable Consumption BINK** (*Bildungsinstitutionen und Nachhaltiger Konsum*): team of researchers and practitioners exploring the issue of development of consumer awareness and skills plus consumer oriented attitudes of young people and young adults in educational institutions ( see: [www.konsumkultur.de](http://www.konsumkultur.de))

## **12 Organisation and promotion of transsectoral dialogue for example between university departments and governmental departments**

The German Youth Institute ([www.dji.de](http://www.dji.de)) cooperates as a counselling agency with the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth.

The **Federal Youth Board** (*Bundesjugendkuratorium*, [www.bundesjugendkuratorium.de](http://www.bundesjugendkuratorium.de)) organises a well developed dialogue between practitioners, policy makers & researchers. It advises the Federal government in basic questions of youth services & in cross-sectional tasks of child & youth policy. 15 youth service experts are called into the Committee for one parliamentary session. In its activity the Committee takes position with & gives recommendations with regard to present priorities in the child & youth policy of the Federal government.