UNA-Germany, Baden-Württemberg Branch

The United Nations Association of Germany has its roots in Baden-Württemberg where its predecessor – the “Association for the Protection of Fundamental Rights” – had already been founded in 1949. Three years later, in 1952, the United Nations Association of Germany emerged from this group in Heidelberg.

The Baden-Württemberg branch of the United Nations Association of Germany keeps the memory alive of this history and the protection of fundamental human rights has remained a core value of the DGVN’s Baden-Württemberg branch in all of its campaigns and events. A main emphasis is on “Refugees, Migration and United Nations”. In 2019, along with the State Ministry for Social Affairs and Integration in Baden-Württemberg and the State Agency for Civic Education, the DGVN branch has established the “Baden-Württemberg Forum for Migration and Integration”. It aims to build a state network of experts on migration and integration and to add increased accessibility to this topic through an extensive range of public debates and discussions on migration and integration issues.

Additional activities of the DGVN’s Baden-Württemberg branch is its series of “UNO-Forums” on relevant UN topics, regular study visits to UN institutions and programs to support the cooperation between UN groups at universities in Baden-Württemberg.

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UNA-Germany (Deutsche Gesellschaft für die Vereinten Nationen – DGVN) is a registered, non-profit organization which promotes the United Nations and the vision of a peaceful and just world.

UNA-Germany was founded in 1952 as a non-governmental, non-partisan and independent membership-based organization. In 1966 it became a full member of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA).

UNA-Germany strives to inform the German public in an impartial and critical manner about the work and values of the United Nations as the universal forum to address global challenges.

It intends to stimulate debate on developments in foreign and development policy, cultural and world economic policy and climate change.

UNA-Germany promotes multilateralism by explaining how the UN works, connecting people as well as advocating for action on making the UN more effective and inclusive.

UNA-Germany advocates for Germany to set a positive example and to give strong political and financial support to the UN.

UNA-Germany hosts a number of events and projects including study trips, panel discussions and youth seminars with participants from the field of politics, academia and civil society.

Information and Analysis on the UN
UNA-Germany provides in-depth knowledge about the United Nations. Our publications provide up-to-date information and debate contributions. In addition, we provide a wide range of materials for political education work.

The review is the only independent, German-language journal focusing on United Nations, its specialized agencies, funds and programmes. VEREINTE NATIONEN provides critical analysis and debate on UN-related issues such as peacekeeping, human rights, development, environment, disarmament and humanitarian law. Renowned German and international experts from academia, politics, media and non-governmental organizations report on the work of the organization and its bodies. Moreover, it regularly publishes book reviews, Security Council resolutions and other relevant facts and figures.

Volunteerism
UNA-Germany provides a network of people and organizations committed to a stronger UN. It offers a wide range of opportunities to commit oneself to the work and values of the UN – within the association and beyond.

Dag-Hammarskjöld Medal of Honour
Since 1977, UNA-Germany awards the "Dag-Hammarskjöld Medal of Honour" to committed and deserving personalities who are active in the cultural, scientific and social fields as well as journalistic or political field to solve global challenges and conflicts through the United Nations system.

It’s up to YOUth
DGVN strengthens youth participation, for example by regularly sending young delegates to UN conferences. Since 2005, two youth delegates have accompanied the German delegation to the UN General Assembly in New York every year.

UN in the classroom
The project offers the opportunity to experience international politics in schools and uses a peer-to-peer approach with young volunteers.

On site
Seven independent regional associations and a regional group carry out projects and events on site:

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