

## **The mission statement of the DLRG-Youth**

This mission statement is to help develop and strengthen the common identity of the association. It is binding for entire staff at all levels of the association. It is to provide clarity and transparency, simplify decisions, foster motivation and enhance the identification with the association.

The youth within the Deutschen Lebens-Rettungs-Gesellschaft, referred to as DLRG-Youth in the following, comprises all members of the Deutschen Lebens-Rettungs-Gesellschaft up to and including the age of 26 and their elected representatives.

As the DLRG-Youth, we are at the same time integrated part of the overall association and independently an accredited children's and youth league. We provide our own organisation, elect our bodies independently and have own financial means at our disposal.

In our work for the association, society and international activities, we feel committed to the principles of democracy, humanitarianism, tolerance, solidarity, plurality, interculturalism and holism.

These principles imply that we lobby for the physical inviolability and mental integrity of all humans beings and that we speak out against social exclusion, discrimination and intolerance. We advocate that every human has the right to free, comprehensive and all-round development of the individual. For this, we want to help create the required preconditions.

We think of our association, the DLRG-Youth, as a form of self-organisation of children, juveniles and young adults. The primary, equal goals of the DLRG-Youth:

- to save life;
- to help young people develop a self-determined, self-confident and responsible personality;
- to actively and effectively represent the interests of children, juveniles and young adults within the association and beyond it;
- to call attention to problems of society and to actively contribute to their solution;
- to let children, juveniles and young adults participate equally in their respective lifestyles.

### **To reach these goals**

- we promote – by children- and juvenile-specific activities – all measures that save people from drowning;
- we deal with all questions of water rescue;
- we want to realise – in our work and that of the entire association – the principles and working methods that correspond to the interests, needs and the attitude towards life of children, juveniles and young adults;



- we create the preconditions for self-organised recreational activities;
- we pursue action-oriented and creative youth education;
- we make suggestions and offers in youth-political, ecological, health-promoting, social, cultural and sports areas;
- we focus on swimming as our main sport activities;
- we orientate ourselves by the current technical standards of the youth work and commit ourselves to conceptually carry on the associative youth work;
- we motivate and qualify children, juveniles and young adults, to take over honorary tasks and responsibility within the DLRG-Youth, and create the necessary premises;
- we improve the conditions for the voluntary commitment and advocate its appreciation by society;
- we support the assignment of employees working on regular basis;
- we have employees on regular basis as well as volunteers working together equally and partner-like among all levels of the DLRG-Youth association;
- we protect the continuous continuing education of honorary and full-time employees and female employees;
- we promote local activities, regional cooperation's and national collaboration;
- we enhance the existing structures of our youth league;
- we know that an equal and partner-like collaboration between the DLRG-Youth and the head association is absolutely essential;
- we commit ourselves transparent decision-making processes within the everyday association work;
- we create an environment in which men and women, girls and boys can get equally involved according to her needs, regardless of existing type casting.
- we promote the integration of underprivileged children, juveniles and young adults;
- we pursue the principle of peaceful agreement in everyday life;
- we advocate the preservation of our natural basis of life and develop action-oriented environmental activities;
- we measure and improve all activities of the DLRG-Youth as to their environmental impact;
- we sensitise and enable children, juveniles and young adults to treat their health responsibly;
- we seek collaboration with other associations, organisations and initiatives.

