

PRINCIPLES OF THE GERMAN RED CROSS YOUTH

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1. The GRCY acts in compliance with the Red Cross Principles.
2. We work in four equally important areas:
 - promotion of social commitment
 - commitment to public health and environment
 - activities for peace and international understanding
 - acceptance of political responsibilities
3. We take qualified decisions in a democratic and responsible way and controllable for everyone.
4. The GRCY is the autonomous youth association of the GRC representing the interests of children and young people within the organization and to the outside.
5. As a Red Cross association, the GRCY is part of the German Red Cross and contributes in its own way to safeguarding the future in the name of humanity.
6. The GRCY contributes to the promotion of the new GRC generation and is one of the sources of innovation for Red Cross life.
7. The GRCY is committed to a cooperation in partnership with the other associations of the German Red Cross.
8. We enable children and young people to give their full contribution to the Red Cross and Red Crescent movement in an appropriate way as to their age and on the basis of modern youth work principles.
9. The different forms of RCY activities take into account specific approaches as to typical interests of both sexes.
10. Voluntariness is the fundamental principle of RCY work. In the fields of coordination and practical work, voluntary and professional staff cooperate in a constructive way.
11. Our work is based on social and educational competence. A broad offer of training courses aims at improving its quality.
12. The variety of GRCY work extends from regular group meetings to first aid activities at schools and open activities where everybody may join.
13. Besides a permanent membership, young people are invited to participate in temporary and open activities.
14. Openness in communication and work, together with a well targeted information policy within the organization and to the outside are also essentials of our work.
15. The GRCY sees itself as an organisation engaged in a process of permanent development.