



Get involved in Ehrentag!

**Volunteers' Day – Ehrentag – will be held on 23 May.
For you. For us. For everyone.**

**Activity period
16 to 31 May 2026**

Volunteers' Day – Ehrentag – is a new way for people to get involved all over Germany. Launched by Federal President Frank-Walter Steinmeier, it marks the anniversary of our Basic Law.

The German word Ehrentag is another term for someone's birthday or name day. Our Ehrentag refers both to the birthday of the Basic Law and to the concept of honour (*Ehre* in German), in that it is a point of honour to get involved in society.

What is the idea behind Ehrentag?

Democracy depends on people getting involved, so the idea is that everyone in Germany does something with others for a couple of hours to mark the anniversary of our constitution and make our country a bit better. The focus is on fun and community.

Ehrentag brings people together – regardless of their age, place of residence or origin. Working for the common good makes us feel more capable of shaping our own world. It consolidates trust in society, thus keeping democracy vibrant.

Everyone is welcome

Please join us! There are various ways to participate.

You can get involved in activities being organised near you or online by someone else. Most of the activities are listed on the Engagement Finder on www.ehrentag.de/en. New activities are being added every day.

You can also organise your own activity and add it to the Engagement Finder. This is free of charge and can be done at any time.

Talk to people you know, be it at work, in your sports club or in your neighbourhood. What have you always wanted to improve? Would you like to meet new people? Are you interested in talking about language, music or culture? You can also organise a sports tournament, a litter collection



campaign, a reading or a street party. Or maybe you were already planning an event that would work well on Ehrentag?

No matter how small, all ideas that foster social interaction are welcome.

And then you can invite other people to join you. You will find useful planning information and plenty of good examples in both English and German at www.ehrentag.de/en. You can also enter information about your activity in more than one language. The only requirement is that activities take place between 16 and 31 May 2026.



**The main thing is that getting involved
is voluntary and enjoyable!**



Der Bundespräsident



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www.ehrentag.de – Ehrentag is a joint initiative of the Federal President and the German Foundation for Civic Engagement and Volunteer Work