



## **o.camp – Fit for the next grade**

School is a struggle, maths deficiencies continue to increase, and promotion to the next grade could be a problem? Since 2007 the German Children and Youth Foundation and the Hessian Ministry of Education and Cultural Affairs have been offering support in the form of the so-called *o.camp* programme to students wishing to improve their performance. Eligible are 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in danger of failing the year from all kinds of secondary schools in the cities or greater areas of Frankfurt/Main, Offenbach, Kassel or Wiesbaden.

The *o.camp* offers 240 adolescents the opportunity to spend the Easter holiday together at one of four locations in the state of Hesse. The programme combines learning workshops with practical projects and students work together in small groups on a specific project to make good their specific deficits in the core subjects German, Mathematics or English. The learning workshop is a platform for investigating the project's technical issues and integrating them in the general curriculum. A wide choice of leisure time activities rounds off the educational curriculum.

Students receive individual coaching from an interdisciplinary team of teachers, social education workers and youth leaders. On average, more than 80 percent of participants improve to the extent that they are able to go on to 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

After the camps, students also benefit from continued support in their schools. The time up to the summer holiday is used for regular development sessions with their teachers and the camp's social education workers.

### **Partners**

The *o.camp* programme is run by the Hessian Ministry of Education and Cultural Affairs and the German Children and Youth Foundation; it is sponsored by the Bank of America Merrill Lynch and Cornelsen.

### **Contact and further information:**

Jana Krug

German Children and Youth Foundation

Email: [jana.krug\[at\]dkjs.de](mailto:jana.krug[at]dkjs.de)

Phone: +49 (0)30 – 25 76 76 – 74

Fax: +49 (0)30 - 25 76 76 – 10

Internet: [www.ostercamps.de](http://www.ostercamps.de)

### **Informational material:**

- [o.camp flyer](#)
- [o.camp video for students](#)
- [o.camp video for schools](#)
- [Poster for schools](#)
- [Flyer for students](#)