

Three-year report 2021–2023



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HANS HERMANN VOSS-STIFTUNG

About us

Established in 1992 and named after its founder, the Hans Hermann Voss-Stiftung is a non-profit foundation under civil law with legal personality, based in the more than 800-year-old Hanseatic City of Wipperfürth in the Bergisches Land region.

With a regional focus, we support projects locally in the Oberberg district within the framework of our four foundation objectives natural sciences and research, education and training, youth and senior citizens as well as charitable causes. In selected regions around the world, we fund projects in the field of education.

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Foreword

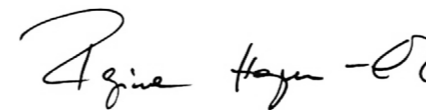
Dear Readers,

In the foundation's objective of education and training, the focus of this report, our funding world is becoming increasingly international: under "News" you can read which regions we are targeting in addition to the Bergisches Land region. In two other foundation objectives, however, we have strengthened our support specifically at the foundation's base in the Oberberg district: supporting young people and senior citizens has been very important to Hans Hermann Voss from the very beginning of the foundation. That is why we have extended our support in this area from Wipperfürth to the entire Oberberg district. In the area of science and research, we have been funding research projects with a regional focus since this reporting period, i.e. with the Oberberg district as a pilot region or on regionally relevant topics.

Looking back on the years 2021 to 2023, we are delighted that two of our long-standing projects to support young people on their way into (professional) life can now look back on our funding as a boost: The START project has been financed by the Jobcenter and the Oberberg district since summer 2021. And the Wipperfürth secondary school has expanded its in-house socio-educational support structures so successfully in eight years of funding that our subsidy for "Einsteigen-Aufsteigen!" was completed there in summer 2022.

In this report, you will find an overview of our funding projects from 2021 to 2023. As a funding foundation, we would not be able to carry out our work for the common good without numerous cooperation partners. We would like to thank them all for the trust they have placed in us and for their loyalty, some of which goes back many years.

Yours,



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Our funding in Wipperfürth

2021–2023



Neyerthal reservoir looking across to Wipperfürth

The origin and focus of our project funding is right here on our doorstep in Wipperfürth. Local associations undertaking work with young people and senior citizens, daycare centers and schools are among the regular applicants. Wipperfürth also benefits from regional educational initiatives focused on STEM and the transition from school to vocational training.

23 %

of the total funding was spent in the Wipperfürth municipal area. In total, 50% of our funding remained in the Oberberg district.

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Sports clubs in the Wipperfürth city area were able to expand their youth work with the help of funding from the foundation.

716 kEuro

funding approved for local projects in Wipperfürth.

83

of the 151 approved projects were funded in the Wipperfürth municipal area.

18

events for funded scholarship holders and pupils covered a variety of topics and were held both in person in Wipperfürth and the Oberberg district, as well as online.

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additional projects for the entire Oberberg district were also aimed at target groups in Wipperfürth.

News

Funding abroad and zis travel grants for young people from Oberberg

In addition to our local and regional support in the Oberberg district, the foundation is also increasingly supporting projects that offer educational opportunities to young people in Chennai, Legnica, Lovech, São Paulo and Coahuila de Zaragoza.



Photo: Valeska Kunisch/zis Reise-Stipendien

The initial attempts to support projects abroad began back in 2020, when two teacher training projects in Legnica, Poland, were funded through Goethe-Institut Krakow. The foundation's support abroad now includes language education projects for pupils in Mexico and Brazil interested in studying in Germany as part of the Goethe-Institut's Studienbrücke program, the promotion of STEM centers at schools in Lovech, Bulgaria, as well as start up funding for a Nook, an independent learning center for the entire village community in Katchipedu, near Chennai in India.

However, promoting international exchanges between the Oberberg district and the rest of the world also remains one of our foundation's concerns. Since late 2022, we have been funding travel scholarships for young people from the Oberberg district under the umbrella of the zis Foundation for Study Trips. zis, a foundation based in southern Germany, has been providing travel scholarships for young people for over 60 years. Young people aged between 16 and 20, who would like to travel abroad as part of an independently planned project off the main tourist trail can apply for a grant of €700 for a research trip lasting at least four weeks. The zis Foundation for Study Trips supports young people in planning and implementing the travel project with the help of volunteer mentors.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Education and training
> Project sponsor	zis Foundation for Study Trips
> Funding amount	up to €4,200 per year
> Duration	since 2022



zis-reisen.de/start

We support youth exchange activities organized by clubs and communities across the Oberberg district. In the past, we have also provided start-up funding to establish school exchanges in new countries where public funding was unavailable.

Review

In the Oberberg district – the **START** project


Three years after the foundation's ten-year funding period ended, **START** offers young people even more services and support than before. Today, the foundation continues to provide selective support.



From 2011 to 2021, the Hans Hermann Voss Foundation funded the START project, which was developed by Wolfgang Naumann and has been further developed by Loredana Baur and her team since 2021. During the transitional phase to the scheme's current funding by the job center and the Oberberg district, the three municipalities of Wipperfürth, Hückeswagen and Radevormwald were also involved in the funding from 2019 to 2021. The original scheme for early school leavers and truants has evolved into a full-day comprehensive support initiative aimed at developing life prospects for young people who require special assistance in specific life situations.

Currently based in Hückeswagen, START supports young people who have not yet received assistance from the job center or social welfare office. START assists young people in accessing to one of these systems. The aim of START is for participants to recognize and enhance their skills, ultimately developing a personal perspective. General knowledge and practical everyday skills are taught within a supportive community. Participants also have the opportunity to prepare for a school-leaving certificate in accordance with Hauptschule or Realschule guidelines. Practical activities in handicrafts or gardening, as well as internships in craft or industrial companies, are always encouraged. Small-scale learning areas are developed and explored collaboratively with participants, considering their individual abilities.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Education and training
> Project sponsor	Ökumenische Initiative e. V. Wipperfürth-Radevormwald
> Funding amount	€432,569
> Duration	2011–2021
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The promoter is the Ökumenische Initiative e.V. Wipperfürth/Radevormwald, an ecumenical association which is certified as an educational institution. Any young people who are interested and who live in the catchment areas can contact the Ökumenische Initiative directly for advice.

Selected approved projects in line with the foundation's four objectives 2021–2023

With a total funding volume of €3.3 million, in the reporting period 13 projects were approved in the foundation's natural science and research area, 77 projects in education and training, 51 projects aimed at Youth and senior citizens, and 10 projects for charitable causes. You will find a selection of these funding projects on the following pages.



Photo: Mario Irmischer

peed Funds to support Master's theses in the specialization areas offered by RWTH Aachen University

RWTH Aachen University bundles its interdisciplinary research efforts in nine profile areas addressing the major social and technological challenges of our time. A specially established project fund for promoting material resources enables Master's students to build prototypes to implement the innovative and interdisciplinary concepts developed in their final theses.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Natural science and research
> Project sponsor	RWTH Aachen University
> Funding amount	up to €200,000 per year
> Duration	since 2020



[rwth-aachen.de/cms/root/Forschung/Strukturen/Profilbereiche/~slrcb/Nachwuchsfoerderung/](https://www.rwth-aachen.de/cms/root/Forschung/Strukturen/Profilbereiche/~slrcb/Nachwuchsfoerderung/)



Photo: Christian Lietzmann/sdw

Hans Hermann Voss Scholarship within the Stiftung der Deutschen Wirtschaft (sdw)

The cross-university scholarship scheme for students in scientific and technical disciplines focuses on promoting inventiveness and innovation, establishing regional connections to the foundation's location in the Oberberg district, and considering social criteria in the selection process. Currently, 30 students are receiving financial support along with access to a wide range of events aimed at their professional and personal development.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Natural science and research
> Project sponsor	up to €246,160 per year
> Funding amount	bis zu 246.160 Euro pro Hochschuljahr
> Duration	since 2020



[sdw.org/das-bieten-wir/fuer-studierenden/hans-hermann-voss-stipendium/ueberblick.html](https://www.sdw.org/das-bieten-wir/fuer-studierenden/hans-hermann-voss-stipendium/ueberblick.html)

Photo: ParLeA Foto_TH Köln Campus Gummersbach



Participatory learning arena (ParLeA)

The former library above the cafeteria on the Gummersbach campus will be transformed into the “ParLeA” experimental space (working title) aimed at enabling new and versatile teaching and learning formats. The renovation is based on students’ ideas and is intended to emphasize the participation and creativity of various stakeholders in its use, supporting both regular teaching and learning activities at the university and public events. The funding includes pro rata financing of the equipment.

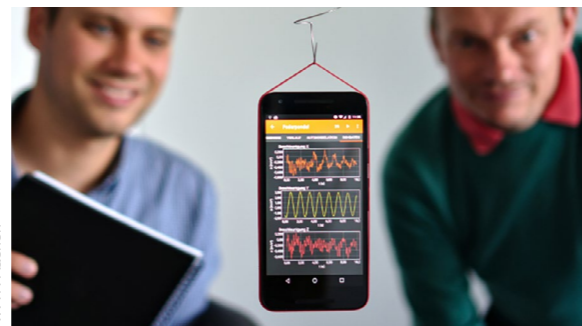
Project data

> Foundation objective	Natural science and research
> Project sponsor	Cologne University of Applied Sciences (TH)
> Funding amount	€45,000
> Duration	2023



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Photo: II. Physikalisches Institut der RWTH Aachen



phyphox – follow-on funding for digital teaching instruments

Using the phyphox (“physical phone experiments”) app, every smartphone can function as a mobile physics laboratory, utilizing its numerous sensors, such as for measuring acceleration. After funding the conversion of the app developed at RWTH Aachen University into freely accessible software, the second funding phase will focus on transitioning to a sustainable system aimed at enhancing knowledge transfer in the field of physics, particularly in schools, both at home and abroad.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Natural science and research
> Project sponsor	RWTH Aachen University, II. Institute of Physics
> Funding amount	€91,500
> Duration	2023–2025



phyphox.org

Photo: Monika Probst, TH Köln



BOS measuring systems for Education and training purposes in the field of ventilation technology

The TH Köln has purchased a BOS measuring system for its Gummersbach campus with the foundation’s support. The background-oriented Schlieren technique is regarded as a central element for a wide range of knowledge transfer formats on the subject of ventilation technology. Free workshops are offered for various target groups: Students at TH Köln, participants in events such as children’s universities, and pupils from secondary schools in the Oberberg district are the main target groups.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Natural science and research
> Project sponsor	Cologne University of Applied Sciences (TH)
> Funding amount	€57,600
> Duration	2023–2025



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Coding Culture in Oberberg

Through its Coding Culture project, TH Köln aims to foster interest in STEM subjects, particularly computer science, among pupils in the Oberberg district. Existing teaching materials are evaluated, and if necessary, new, more suitable materials and workshop concepts for schools are developed based on this evaluation. These are to be published as a freely accessible educational resource. Workshops are held at schools in the Oberberg district and on the Gummersbach campus.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Natural science and research
> Project sponsor	Cologne University of Applied Sciences (TH)
> Funding amount	€122,700
> Duration	2023–2026



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DataScience@school

The aim of the TH Cologne project is to teach young people from Year 9 and prospective teachers basic skills and specialist knowledge about software-supported data analysis. This is intended to counteract the fact that the relevant skills are lacking in society, but are inadequately covered in the STEM curricula. Training materials and educational videos are developed and workshops are held at schools in the Oberbergischer Kreis district.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Natural science and research
> Project sponsor	Cologne University of Applied Sciences (TH)
> Funding amount	€166,600
> Duration	2024–2025



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Photo: TuWaS! Rheinland

TuWaS!

“Technology and natural science in schools” is a project to promote research-based learning in (elementary) schools, which is run by the Chamber of Industry and Commerce in the Rhineland. TuWaS! offers schools tried and tested materials for prepared teaching units on various scientific topics on the curriculum. The foundation supports schools in the Oberberg district with start-up funding in three-year blocks. The aim is for the schools to then find sponsors in the business world.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Education and training
> Project sponsor	GBFW e. V.
> Funding amount	€2,000 per school per year
> Duration	since 2008



tuwas-deutschland.de/kennenlernen/standorte/rheinland



Photo: Sebastian Weimar/sdw

Study Compass in the Oberberg district

The Study Compass scheme supports pupils from families with no academic experience throughout Germany in discovering their potential. It aims to help them independently design a suitable educational path after obtaining their Fachabitur (technical high school diploma) or Abitur (school leaving examination) and make future-oriented career decisions. The foundation’s funding covers the Oberberg district and begins in the penultimate school year. The young people are supported until they have completed their first year of study or training.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Education and training
> Project sponsor	Stiftung der Deutschen Wirtschaft (sdw)
> Funding amount	up to €55,000 per year
> Duration	2011–2016 and since 2020



sdw.org/das-bieten-wir/fuer-schuelerinnen-schueler/studienkompass/ueberblick.html



Photo: Patrick Fouad

Climb aboard – and advance!

The goal of the “Climb aboard – and advance!” project is to support young people with school-related and social problems in earning their high school diploma and finding a training position. In Wipperfürth, the foundation supports the local Hermann Voss Realschule. Up to 30 pupils from Year 7 onwards are accompanied by a social education worker who is a fixed point of contact for problems in school, at home and in the social sphere.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Education and training
> Project sponsor	Kölner Gymnasial- und Stiftungsfonds
> Funding amount	up to €65,000 per year
> Duration	Realschule secondary school since 2016



stiftungsfonds.org/bildungsprojekte/einsteigen-aufsteigen/



Photo: START-Stiftung gGmbH

START student scholarship program

The START Foundation’s nationwide scholarship scheme targets pupils from Year 9 onwards, either themselves immigrants to Germany or children of immigrants. The focus is on developing young people’s potential and encouraging their active involvement. With the help of the foundation’s funding, five young people from the Bergisches Land region receive material support, a wide range of educational opportunities and personalized support every year.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Education and training
> Project sponsor	START-Stiftung gGmbH
> Funding amount	5 scholarships of €5,000 per year
> Duration	since 2016



start-stiftung.de



Providing digital devices on loan to participants on VHS courses

The aim of this pilot project was to lend laptops to disadvantaged participants in integration courses and school-leaving qualifications at Volkshochschule (VHS) Oberberg. This initiative ment to enable these participants to continue their learning in mandatory online lessons and complete their courses successfully during the pandemic. After returning to the classroom, the devices were loaned to other students for accessing the VHS learning portal.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Education and training
> Project sponsor	VHS Oberberg
> Funding amount	€30,000
> Duration	2021–2022



vhs-oberberg.de



Barrier-free youth art school “Kunstbahnhof”-equipment

“Kunstbahnhof”, Wipperfürth’s art school for young people, sponsored by the “Wir Wipperfürther” community foundation, moved to new premises at Lüdenscheider Straße 21 in autumn 2021. New equipment was added to make rooms and services as inclusive as possible. In addition to the studio, dance and theater spaces, a workshop area has been set up to expand the range of activities, e.g. woodworking and metalworking.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Education and training
> Project sponsor	Kunstbahnhof Wipperfürth/ Bürgerstiftung
> Funding amount	€56,676
> Duration	2021–2023



kunstbahnhof-wipperfuerth.de

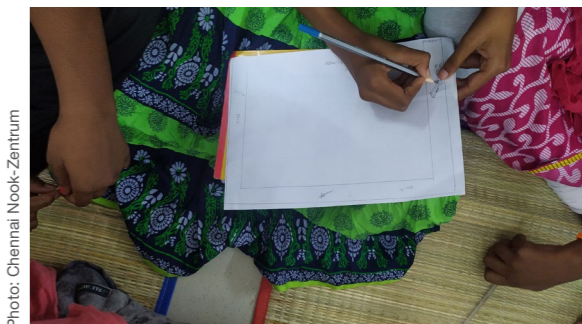


Photo: Chennai Nook-Zentrum

Chennai Nook for self-determined learning

With the support of start-up funding from our foundation, a “Nook”, an independent learning center, has been established in Katchipedu, near Chennai, India. Nooks are safe spaces where people affected by poverty or social exclusion can find a place to learn. The Chennai Nook works closely with the Indo-German Center for Sustainability in Chennai, a German-Indian research institute. This Nook significantly improves the development prospects of young people locally.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Education and training
> Project sponsor	Initiative für Neue Bildung e. V. (IFNB)
> Funding amount	€95,034
> Duration	2021–2024



igcs-chennai.org/
the-chennai-nook-project



Photo: zis Archiv

zis scholarship for young people in the Oberberg district

The zis Foundation for Study Trips awards scholarships for study trips of at least four weeks to young people aged between 16 and 20. The support provided by the Hans Hermann Voss Foundation is aimed specifically at school pupils and trainees from Wipperfürth and the Bergisches Land region. Mentors are on hand to advise the young people on how to organize their trips. The focus of the trips is on the students' self-awareness and personal maturing process.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Education and training
> Project sponsor	zis Foundation for Study Trips
> Funding amount	up to €4,200 per year
> Duration	since 2022



zis-reisen.de/start



MusiKAHlisch

By purchasing a pool of instruments and expanding the technical equipment, the Friends of the Konrad-Adenauer-Hauptschule (KAH) in Wipperfürth want to promote the musical education of the pupils. Among other things, this is intended to increase the pupils' self-awareness and skills in compulsory elective lessons and in voluntary working groups. With the financial support of the foundation, the necessary purchases could be made.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Education and training
> Project sponsor	Friends of the Konrad-Adenauer-Hauptschule e. V.
> Funding amount	€12,127
> Duration	2022



hauptschule.net



Studienbrücke program – Mexico and Brazil

Studienbrücke is a global preparatory education program managed by the Goethe-Institut. It prepares pupils with exceptional academic achievements and an interest in pursuing a Bachelor's degree in STEM subjects or economics at a German university, focusing on language proficiency, technical language skills and intercultural awareness. Twelve scholarships are being funded in Mexico and five in Brazil.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Education and training
> Project sponsor	Goethe-Institut Munich
> Funding amount	up to €21,920 per year
> Duration	since 2022



goethe.de/de/spr/eng/stb.html



Photo: Oberbergischer Kreis, Bildungsbüro

Book prizes on the issue of “Diversity” in Oberberg

The significance of reading aloud for children's language development and reading skills is always being emphasized. The foundation has previously promoted reading aloud through a range of projects including book boxes for daycare centers. During the nationwide reading aloud day, with the slogan “Gemeinsam einzigartig” (Unique together), 50 book prizes relating to this topic were distributed among Oberberg schools.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Education and training
> Project sponsor	Oberberg district, Education Agency (Bildungsbüro)
> Funding amount	€5,000
> Duration	2022–2023



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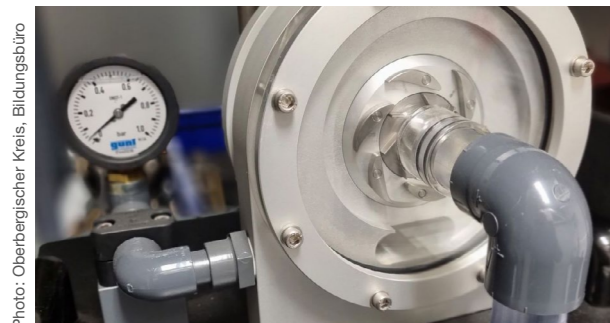


Photo: Oberbergischer Kreis, Bildungsbüro

Workshop: Understanding applied phenomena of thermo/fluid dynamics

In workshops, pupils in Years 8–11 who had fled from Ukraine enjoyed a fun introduction to thermo/fluid dynamics by two lecturers from TH Köln. The communication and teaching materials were provided in their native language to facilitate understanding. The aim of the project, under the administrative management of the zdi-Zentrum investMINT Oberberg, was to cultivate interest in STEM professions among young people and boost their self-confidence. The workshops were subsequently opened to all pupils, regardless of their background.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Education and training
> Project sponsor	Oberberg district, Education Agency (Bildungsbüro)
> Funding amount	€8,340
> Duration	2022–2023



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Mentoring-Program

The mentoring program uses volunteer mentors from various professions to support young people as they transition from their final year of school to successfully completing their first year of vocational training. The network was successfully established in the Oberberg district with start-up funding from the foundation. The project was taken on and continued by the Cologne Chamber of Industry and Commerce before the end of the funding period.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Education and training
> Project sponsor	GBFW e. V.
> Funding amount	€36,649
> Duration	2022–2023



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Virtual STEM lab

With assistance from the foundation, the vocational college for transport engineering and electronics in Lovech expanded its existing equipment with stereoscopic 3D laptops and corresponding software. This initiative also led to the creation of a virtual STEM laboratory, enabling multiple groups of students to engage with the technology simultaneously. This enhancement has made experiments with electrical circuits more realistic and illustrative than ever before.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Education and training
> Project sponsor	City of Lovech, Bulgaria
> Funding amount	€30,930
> Duration	2023



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Expansion of STEM center with focus on virtual and augmented reality

The foundation has helped to provide additional equipment at the secondary school in Lovech which specializes in science. ZSPACE devices, cameras and corresponding software can be used to conduct tests and experiments using 3D images in augmented reality during mathematics, computer science, natural sciences and technology (STEM) lessons. This facilitates a new kind of interactive learning experience that can make science and technology lessons more engaging.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Education and training
> Project sponsor	City of Lovech, Bulgaria
> Funding amount	€31,220
> Duration	2023



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Photo: Solawi Hofkolllektiv

Planting for the future

The aim of the Solawi (solidarity agriculture) farm collective project at Hermann-Voss-Realschule in Wipperfürth is to teach practical and theoretical knowledge in nutrition, local direct marketing, organic farming, vegetable cultivation and natural recycling processes to students through the school gardening club. The school garden, which had been unused for an extended period, is also being revitalized as part of this project.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Education and training
> Project sponsor	Solidarische Landwirtschaft Hofkolllektiv gG
> Funding amount	€2,939
> Duration	2023–2024



hofkolllektiv.bio



Zukunftsschmiede in Hückeswagen/Oberberg

The “Zukunftsschmiede” (Future Forge) is a small workshop at the vocational college in Hückeswagen, where additional courses can be held in the afternoon alongside normal lessons. The aim is to get young people interested in technology and the associated professions in a fun and experimental way. Thanks to funding from the foundation, the college has purchased additional equipment, allowing for an enhanced range of courses in digitalization, robotics, virtual reality and 3D technologies.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Education and training
> Project sponsor	Berufskolleg Hückeswagen Privatschule Bergischer Unternehmen gGmbH
> Funding amount	€50,000
> Duration	2023–2026



berufskolleg-hueckeswagen.de



Behind the scenes

The Bergische Agentur für Kulturlandschaft (BAK) acts as a link between agriculture and forestry, nature conservation, local authorities and specialist organisations. It has set itself the task of overhauling the subject of agriculture as taught in schools. An interactive brochure on the topics of milk and eggs explains the situation in Bergisch agriculture and its dairy industry.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Education and training
> Project sponsor	Bergische Agentur für Kulturlandschaft BAK gGmbH
> Funding amount	€33,720
> Duration	2024



agentur-kulturlandschaft.de



Photo: G. Kuba, Special school for language of Oberberg district

Expansion of the listening club project to other special and elementary school in the Oberberg district

In response to the observed decline in language skills among school starters in Oberberg, a pilot project was initiated at the special school for language in Oberwiehl in 2020 with support from the Hans Hermann Voss Foundation. The “Listening Clubs” is a nationwide project run by the German listening foundation, Stiftung Zuhören, to promote listening and listening skills. Following the successful launch of the pilot project, more schools can now get involved.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Education and training
> Project sponsor	Oberberg district, Education Agency (Bildungsbüro)
> Funding amount	€71,500
> Duration	2024–2025



hoerclubs.de



Resumption of work with children and young people after flooding

Following flooding in 2021, the facilities for young people in the protestant parish of Wipperfürth were severely damaged, necessitating the disposal of all materials used for groups and special socio-educational projects. The foundation provided funding for replacing and modernizing equipment for children and youth activities, which were not covered by flood aid from the state of North Rhine-Westphalia.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Youth and seniors
> Project sponsor	Evangelische Kirchengemeinde Wipperfürth
> Funding amount	€38,265
> Duration	2021–2024



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Photo: LEBENSFARBEN – Hilfen für Kinder und Jugendliche e. V.

Lebensfarben – bridging support

The sponsorship scheme run by the association Lebensfarben – Hilfen für Kinder und Jugendliche e. V. supports children and young people in the Oberberg district whose parents are affected by mental illness, addiction or other significantly stressful situations. The aim is to prevent developmental disorders and behavioral problems in the children and young people concerned. The association trains volunteer mentors who provide support to children and young people, thereby easing the burden on their families in everyday life.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Youth and seniors
> Project sponsor	LEBENSFARBEN – Hilfen für Kinder und Jugendliche e. V.
> Funding amount	€51,502
> Duration	2022



lebensfarben-oberberg.de



Photo: Bettina Schicha

Establishment of comfortable spaces inside and outside the HANS HERMANN VOSS HOUSE

At the German Red Cross senior citizens' center on Sonnenweg in Wipperfürth, comfortable areas have been created to promote social interactions and enhance living conditions for residents with dementia who are cared for at the center. There are new seating areas and retreats outside. Indoors, the dementia workshop and hairdressing area have been relocated, and a former corridor and the chapel have been transformed into rooms for celebrating special occasions and spending time with relatives.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Youth and seniors
> Project sponsor	Eugen-Wolfrich-Kersting Foundation (EWK Foundation)
> Funding amount	€49,000
> Duration	2022–2023



drk-ah-wipperfuerth.de/leben-am-sonnenweg/hans-hermann-voss-haus.html



Soundproofing in the charity soup kitchen

The dining room at lunchtime was always unpleasantly noisy when full, especially for older people. It was hard to have a conversation. On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the charity soup kitchen, the foundation provided support to improve the acoustics by funding a soundproofing installation.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Youth and seniors
> Project sponsor	Ökumenische Initiative e. V. Wipperfürth/Radevormwald
> Funding amount	€3,729
> Duration	2023



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Photo: Kölner Klinik-Clowns e. V.

Performance by the Cologne Hospital Clowns at the Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine Clinic at District hospital in Gummersbach

Since 2005, a duo from the Cologne Clinic Clowns has been visiting young patients at the children’s hospital in Gummersbach once a week. The hospital clowns’ performances help to ease pain and anxiety and distract the children from everyday hospital life. The performances are particularly beneficial for traumatized children from war and crisis zones. The foundation supported with a one-off donation at a time when there was a reduction in small private donations.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Youth and seniors
> Project sponsor	Kölner Klinik-Clowns e. V.
> Funding amount	€12,000
> Duration	2023–2024



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Photo: Psychologische Beratungsstelle Herbestmühle

Culturally sensitive counseling service for migrant families

The psychological counseling center in Wipperfürth offers culturally sensitive counseling tailored to families with a migration background. Migration processes can be associated with stress, which can also cause developmental disorders and mental illness in children and young people. Specialist interpreters are called in if the advisors themselves do not have an appropriate linguistic and cultural background.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Charitable causes
> Project sponsor	Verband der Kath. Kirchengemeinden (Association of Catholic Parishes) in the Oberberg district
> Funding amount	up to €60,000 per year
> Duration	2015–2022



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Digitalization of residential groups

The period of homeschooling during the pandemic posed a significant challenge for residents of the residential groups at the Gotteshütte youth and social work center, as the absence of digital devices became problematic for online learning. By funding the purchase of 96 new tablets, the foundation ensured that all children and young people were able to take part in lessons.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Charitable causes
> Project sponsor	Jugend- und Sozialwerk Gotteshütte e. V.
> Funding amount	€20,000
> Duration	2021



gotteshuette.de



Flood aid

The flood disaster in summer 2021 also resulted in severe flooding in Wipperfürth. Together with the city, the foundation set up an emergency fund for those affected.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Charitable causes
> Project sponsor	Hansestadt Wipperfürth
> Funding amount	€50,000
> Duration	2021



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Photo: Sara Krieger

Funding for Bergisches Hospiz

An inpatient hospice for the towns of Remscheid, Wermelskirchen, Radevormwald and Hückeswagen was set up in Bergisch Born. Wipperfürth is also within easy reach, just 13 km away. The foundation helped to fund the purchase of the interior furnishings for the new hospice building.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Charitable causes
> Project sponsor	Förderverein Christliches Hospiz (Christian Hospice Support Association) Bergisches Land e. V.
> Funding amount	€88,000
> Duration	2021–2023



bergisches-hospiz.de



Integrative weekend excursion with refugees and volunteers

For several years now, the Ecumenical Initiative has made it possible for refugee families and volunteers to join an integrative weekend trip. The destination in 2023 was Radevormwald. In particular to newly arrived families, such a weekend trip offers the opportunity to socialize with each other and use their newly acquired German language skills.

Project data

> Foundation objective	Charitable causes
> Project sponsor	Ökumenische Initiative e. V. Wipperfürth/Radevormwald
> Funding amount	€3,173
> Duration	2023



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Our funding – facts and figures

€22.3 million

approved financial support for funding projects since the establishment of the foundation, including €3.3 million from 2021 to 2023.

Around 1,300

different projects were funded between 1992 and 2023.

More than 800

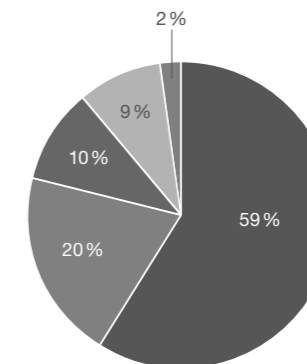
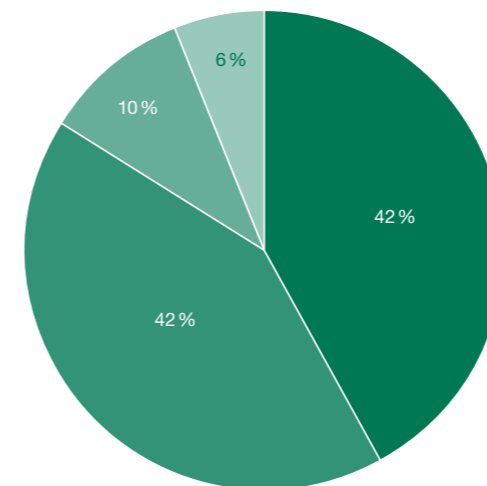
scholarships for students at various universities were awarded between 2008 and 2023.

Over 215

non profit organizations and educational institutions have benefited from funding since 1992 and have worked closely with the foundation – primarily at a local and regional level.

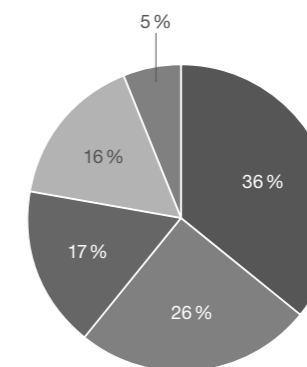
Distribution of funding by foundation objectives 2021–2023

- Natural science and research
- Education and training
- Youth and Seniors
- Charitable causes



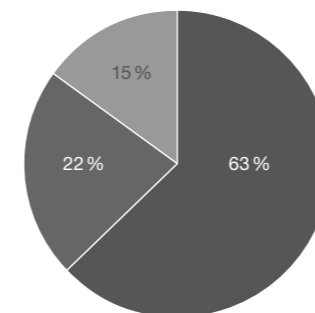
Education and training

- Transition from school to training
- STEM funding
- Schools/daycare centers as living spaces
- Hands-on projects in schools
- Physical activity in schools and daycare centers



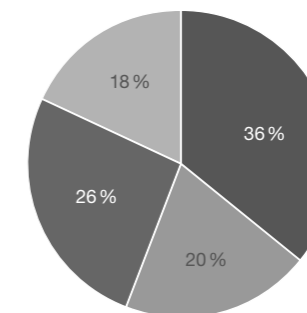
Youth and seniors

- Youth work by local clubs
- Youth work in Oberberg
- Local senior citizen facilities
- Youth work by regional church institutions
- Activities for senior citizens in Oberberg



Natural science and research

- Research
- Scholarships
- Workshop formats for schools and students



Charitable causes

- Hospice work
- Startup funding for facilities for people in need in Wipperfürth
- Emergency aid
- Inclusion

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