GO-Project:
“2023 GO Wald”

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Education for global citizenship involves awareness-raising, and knowledge and activities which aim to equip all participants with the skills and understanding to take responsibility, to value diversity and to play an active part in European democratic life today.

To this end, the Scotland HUB at Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz (JGU) is organising a Global Outreach – Global Citizenship Project called “2023 GO Wald”.

**What is “2023 GO Wald”?**
✓ A collaborative, multidisciplinary and international GO project of JGU Mainz.
✓ An invitation for Scottish and Irish students/staff to come to Rheinland-Pfalz to work on projects on climate change.
✓ An opportunity to gain a multifaceted view on the topic by attending interdisciplinary academic courses at JGU.
✓ An offer to enhance your employability and professional skills while providing you with opportunities for personal growth.

And **a chance to learn German**: You can also attend an optional two-week German language course in Mainz before the start of the project (10 June – 24 June 2023).

**Why “2023 GO Wald”?**
Forests cover about 30 per cent of the Earth’s land surface and they are essential for our fight against climate change. Since 2000, each year forests are estimated to have removed an average of 2 billion metric tons of carbon from the atmosphere. However, forests are also heavily affected by climate change. Extreme storms, droughts and wildfires are going from bad to worse, breaking records with ever alarming frequency. This is leading to deforestation, loss of wild-life and the destruction of CO2 reservoirs.

A forest is not only a natural space, but also part of our identity, culture and literature. We are going to examine this with experts from many different disciplines at JGU Mainz in our first week and will then provide an opportunity to explore the biosphere of the Pfälzerwald and see the effects of climate change in our National Park.

**Participation in “2023 GO Wald”**
✓ Gives you the opportunity to engage with other students in a new and different educational, social and cultural environment.
✓ Enables you to gain a deep insight into a different culture and its traditions, strengthening your social and cultural awareness.
✓ Opportunity to develop and demonstrate transferable skills and competences that are considered desirable by most employers.
✓ Lets you consider, debate and experience climate change and develop ideas and solutions for a sustainable future.
✓ Helps you to understand and communicate the challenges the global community is facing.
✓ Credits: Global Citizen Award (JGU Scotland Hub).