

Latest News from Homework Club

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Homework Club meets every Friday afternoon to have lunch together and then to do homework from school with support from some wonderful adults who give their time and help.

Currently fifteen kids visit us on Fridays and on Wednesdays it's usually five, most of them with migrant background. From 6th class at Hauptschule to 10th class of Gymnasium, almost every level of the Bavarian school system is somehow represented.

The team consists of university students who study math, law, psychology, social work and theatre studies, a student in his final year at Gymnasium, a photographer, a mathematician, a retired engineer, Peace Church's intern and, of course, Pastor Christine Erb-Kanzleiter.

In addition, an organisation sends young adults to Peace Church who are sentenced to work in a community service program and some others with various qualifications sporadically come by to help. About half of the team has migrant background themselves.

Our goal is to help the children achieve their goals, whether it means continuing as well as possible after elementary school, changing from one school to a higher one, or just finishing the current year.

We're trying to support the kids as well as possible with what they need, which means working 'one on one', as far as possible, or, at least not in very small groups.

After everyone's finished there is the possibility to hang around and play kicker or table tennis and for a short socialising time before heading home.