



*We are the*  
**Falken**



# *...we take our interest in our own hands*

**The "Sozialistische Jugend Deutschlands – Die Falken"** (Socialist Youth of Germany – The Falcons) is a voluntary organization of children and young people. We arrange teamwork in the suburbs, camps and spare time activities, get-togethers and rock festivals, political seminars and other activities. Children and young people spend their spare time with us and conceive their own political ideas with one another .

Politics are an important aspect of the "Falcons" and strongly influence our interests and demands. We oppose others trying to make up our mind for us, we detest intolerance as a policy which maltreats human rights. We are in favour of more democracy, social justice, equality and a substantial change in existing society. As an organization with a history of over 90 years, we have learned to take our interests in our own hands. We try to realize our thoughts, dreams and hopes for the future in our everyday lives today.

*Defend basic rights,  
protect refugees,  
fight racism*





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And we believe in what we mould, paint, film, photograph, sing and say. Our theater group doesn't lose ground because of its firm position.

We readily pick up arguments but disregard prejudices. Only a detailed background knowledge paves the way for successful arguing.

We don't believe in impressive speeches – we prefer the advancement of democracy. And that may also include moulding plaster figures for some public event against poverty and unfair cuts in social investing. We release our ideas, and among us every one is as just as free as a falcon.

**W** „We always say: the first brewing of tea is bitter like life, the second one gentle like death and the third one sweet like love“

This is the way Jamal of the Frente Polisario in the Democratic Republic of West Africa describes the tea ceremony according to the Saharan tradition as we are sitting together in a circle on a meadow: 15 representatives of the Frente Polisario and 10 members of the SJD – Die Falken from Germany.

Our view of international solidarity has many faces: getting together with other people, living together, understanding each other and supporting other similar organizations around the globe. Together we fight for a better world of justice, peace and liberty without exploitation of man by man. We raise funds for solidarity projects, inform about the conditions in other countries and meet our friends from all over the world during international festivals and camps.



## Short history of the german falcon-movement

- in October 1904 the "Association of Young Workers of Mannheim" and the "Union of Apprentice and Young Workers of Berlin" were founded; the German Falcon-movement was born
- on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 1907 the "International Union of Socialist Youth Organisations" (chairman Karl Liebknecht) was established
- November 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>, 1919; foundation of the "Sozialistische Proletarierjugend" SPJ (Socialist Proletarian Youth)
- August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1922; establishment of the "Association of International Socialistic Organisations of Education"; after World-War II. The IFM-SEI was later founded out of this organisation
- Oktober 29<sup>th</sup>, 1922; the SPJ and the "Union of Young Workers Assotiations" unite to form the "Sozialistische Arbeiterjugend" SAJ (Socialist Workers Youth)
- November 13<sup>th</sup>, 1923; foundation of the german "Kinderfreunde" (Childrens' Friends)
- July 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>, 1946; "Die Falken – Sozialistische Jugendbewegung" (The Falcons – Socialist Youth-Movement) is founded as the follow-up-organisation of SAJ and "Kinderfreunde"
- From September 30<sup>th</sup> to October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1946 the foundation-congress of IUSY is held in Paris
- On October 10<sup>th</sup>, 1947 the IFM-SEI is founded in Amsterdam
- April 9<sup>th</sup>, 1990; foundation of "SJD – Die Falken" in the GDR September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 1990; unification of the German Falcon movement



*We follow the idea  
of a democratical  
socialism.*

As socialists, we want to employ peaceful measures to create conditions in which everybody can enjoy a happy and self-determined life on the basis of the free development of their individual talents and the satisfaction of their demands. This coincides with equality of the sexes, the establishment of everlasting peace, environmental protection and the enhancement of an independent and self-determined development of nations and their relations as equal partners. Everyone must be allowed to participate in the process of adapting society to the demands of the people. We believe in a way of life in which democracy can truly be practiced. For us, Man is the target of all social development. Accordingly, Man per se is the center of attention, not any interest in his objective utilization. We are led by the experience of the workers' -movement in our work.

**If you want to contact us ...just do it !!!**

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**O**lé!! Real life enters when we open the door. We like to discuss in our "Falken" - Café. Our round table fits into every corner. We don't cover up hot issues, we call them by name. We protest when youth centers are missing, when right wingers yell their slogans, when jobs for apprentices are cut, when the environment is being destroyed or girls disadvantaged.

Our principle is solidarity – and it is at stake just about everywhere: in refugee asylums where we protect people, for example, or on the streets where we demonstrate against xenophobia.

The Falken have various facilities: youth centers, tearooms, vacation homes, even studios for citizen radio. There is always a roof over your head. Make yourself at home among us so that we can conceive a common goal.

## **We have principles:**

- **We fight against increased racial discrimination and right-wing propaganda.**
- **We fight against the destruction of the environment and of the foundations of life.**
- **We favour total equality of girls and women and the elimination of the 218th clause of German criminal law concerning abortion rights for women.**
- **We demand more democracy and participation in all branches of society.**
- **We demand a democratic curriculum, the abolition of grades, smaller classes and the introduction of the comprehensive school as the general German school type.**
- **We support labour unions in their struggle against mass unemployment and for the reduction of working hours at constant wages, for more incorporation in industrial employers' plans and for future-oriented job training.**
- **We fight for a self-determined life. We are against a commercialization of our spare time, any authoritarian rule and the suppression of sexuality.**
- **We declare our solidarity with the international socialist liberation movements and the socialist organizations in other countries.**



Our adventure has a name: vacation in tents. There's always something exciting going on at our meetings. We don't need any animators, we act on our own ideas. We're responsible for our own discos and cafés – and we only drink our cappuccino in real cups, we prefer them to the plastic ones. We are active in many areas: workshops on drugs or sexuality, xenophobia, ecology or the cutback of social contributions, for example. But hair dying, swimming, T-shirt painting, canoe-riding, making music and whatever else you like to do as well. Come and experience the solidarity we live and the fun we have in our camps. Be our guest and let us create our own world for the summer. **Come and get your own idea of a Falcon-Camp!**

