

R E P O R T
ON THE SECOND WORKPROJECT IN WESTERLAND (ISLE OF SYLT)

On the weekend 26/27 June we went for the second time to the proposed Youth Hostel in Westerland to continue our constructive dismantling. 22 of us went this time, and we had the pleasure of welcoming a Swiss friend for the first time to one of our weekend camps. Apart from her there were 15 German and 6 British friends present.

For the first time also the camp was not led by a member of IVSP. The leader was Jens Petersen, the Chairman of our group in Kiel. Although he has never led a Workcamp before, he was an admirable leader.

Other groups of voluntary workers having finished stripping the remaining planks of the building, we worked for about 11 hours removing nails from planks, hammering the nails straight, and sorting and stacking the planks according the size. Also, on the main framework, we started to remove the heavy nuts and bolts which held together the logs from which this framework is constructed.

We had an interesting discussion, quite impromptu, on the subject of crowd fear and its influence on world politics. This discussion was continued on Monday and Tuesday respectively, when the Schleswig and Eckernförder groups met.

The remainder of our free time was filled with swimming, singing, eating, folkdancing, and even a little sleeping. Another Youthgroup, which is also working on the hostel invited us to share its Campfire and the two groups sung with each other, and to each other.

It is with real regret that we decided not to continue working there, but the distance is so great, and the transport so difficult that a weekend camp there is hardly worth the trouble. We are however vaguely contemplating going there for a whole week, later during the summer. If this proves impracticable, we are glad to have been able to make in these two camps a gesture of goodwill and friendship towards the German Youth Hostel Association.

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