



Hilfsverein e.V.

Dortmund since 1950

[Aid Association Dortmund since 1950]

FAGA

(Specialist agency for community service)

Social Consultation

Money management

Addiction counselling

Debt counselling

Employment services

(General life counselling)

About us

The "Verein für Straftatlassenenbetreuung und Förderung der Bewährungshilfe" (Association for support of ex-convicts and probation service) was founded by the lawyer Joachim Ellger in the year 1950 as an institution of all welfare associations in Dortmund. In 1975, the counselling center "Hilfsverein e.V." has been established to deal with the complex tasks.

Because of that, we changed our constitution in June 1999. According to BGB (German civil code of law) the association consists of "proper" members, which the board was voted from. The association units are now formed from members' assembly & executive director.

Due to the membership in the "Paritätische Wohlfahrtsverband" on May 31 2000 the change was completed. As a first result of this new orientation is the project "KOGA", [***Koordinationsstelle für gemeinnützige Arbeit***], which was a two year lasting project in order to help the probation service.

In 2004, the aid association was expanded to include the area of "judicially ordered care".

Since May 2007 the charity has been offering professional group work for young cannabis consumers. In September 2013, the *Hilfsverein e.V.*, became one of the ten specialist agencies for charity work, that is approved and supported by the Ministry of Justice. The support office was closed in November 2015. As a result, a restructuring of the association was initiated, with the main focus: *FAGA*, social counselling and support, debt counselling, certified job placement and support [*Mediation & accompaniment*]. In December 2018 the aid association was certified as a carrier under labor promotion law and was thus able to conclude the restructuring.

Legal advice

Due to the increasing number of inquiries, the association has set up a free, monthly, legal consultation hour in cooperation with various law firms. The dates will be announced on the association's homepage. An individual appointment can also be arranged in case of emergency. Please note that the employees of our association (the Hilfsverein e.V.) do not give or exercise any legal information or legal advice.

Social and personal advice to improve living conditions

Our extensive range of advice and support is aimed at all sections of the population, but also at employers and institutions of churches and public law. The close network ensures that your concern receives quick and professional help.

We inform and help with:

- Financial issues;
- Application to the *JobCenter*, the social welfare office and others;
- Difficulties with authorities;
- Regulation of penalties with or without assignment;
- Avoidance of detention;
- Postal address;
- Debt problems;
- Money management;
- Personal crises and everyday problems;
- Communication of further help;
- Counselling for relatives;

In the interests of those seeking advice, we cooperate with the Office for Social Services (Sozialamt), *JobCenter* Dortmund, Public Prosecutor Dortmund and other authorities and institutions for quick and unbureaucratic help. All of the advice and assistance mentioned are free of charge.

Contact

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Office hours

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
In urgent cases, you can also make individual appointments outside of office hours.

Donations

Our association is partly financed by allocations from the Ministry of Justice and fines from courts and public prosecutors. We depend on your donations for our project work. Since we are also recognized as a non-profit organisation by the responsible tax office, we can issue a donation receipt for every donation over € 20. Our bank connection:

Dortmunder Volksbank eG

IBAN: DE 46 4416 0014 6563 6544 00

Many thanks for your help!

Contact point for offenders
Aid Association [*Hilfsverein*] e.V. Dortmund

Advice and support

There are numerous problems to deal with in everyday life. Our help offers support for all population groups and classes. No discrimination! Equal opportunities and treatment, regardless of ethnic origin, skin color, age, gender, religion, nationality, sexual orientation, social origin, or political attitude, as long as it is based on democratic principles and tolerance towards those who think differently, is guaranteed by our employees. We advise and support you in:

- Application for and implementation of entitlements to social benefits
- Help with financial matters and money management
- Help with debt settlement
- Advice on personal problems, addiction problems, relationship conflicts
- Advice and support when looking for a job or with existing problems at your workplace
- Resolving other conflicts

Important foundations of our work are:

- The cooperation is voluntarily;
- The conversations are confidential;
- The advice is not limited in time and is free of charge.

You can find out more in a personal conversation. The primary contact is **Mr. Marius Gniesdzia** / **Phone: 0231- 5313827**; Mail: info@hilfsverein-dortmund.de / **Fax: 0231- 531 3748**.

Arriving by car

By choosing the *Kuckelke* car park; The exit is on *Kuckelke* Street; immediately right towards *Schwanenwall*. Cross the *Schwanenwall* and walk right along the *Schwanenwall*. After approx. 700 m. left into *Schwanenstrasse*. Turn in and walk to the end. Then cross *Weißbürger Str.* Then the *Rosa-Buchthal-Str.* is almost to the end on the right house number 79 (glass door).

How to reach us without a car?

Take the underground to the *Ostentor* station, then cross *Hamburger Str.* And go to *Saarbrücker Str.* Then right into *Rosa-Buchthal-Str.* until almost the end. No. 79 (glass door)
