

Wald- und Naturkindergärten
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Forest and Outdoor Nurseries Association of the State of Baden Württemberg

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At the time of publication, the association represents 150 forest and outdoor nurseries consisting of one or more groups.

Policy Statement

Preamble:

The Forest and Outdoor Nurseries Association of the State of Baden Württemberg was founded in Stuttgart in 2001 and represents the interests of all of its purely or partially outdoor-oriented member nurseries. The Association aims to enable children at this particularly receptive age direct access to nature as part of their pre-school education in order to lay the foundations for a positive, responsible attitude to the natural world around us.

Main Guidelines

Basic principles

- To raise the public profile of forest and outdoor nursery schools and increase their prevalence by informing the public about our aims, our work and the educational concept of forest and outdoor nurseries.
- To advocate environmental awareness to preserve and save natural resources.

Representation

- Representation of our members locally and in relations with the state government, fellow associations from other German states and the federal German association of forest and outdoor nurseries.
- Membership in the *Paritätische*, one of Germany's leading non-governmental welfare associations.

Quality assurance via:

- professional qualifications of all member schools and their teaching staff
- creation of an ideal working framework thanks to information from political decision-makers and the possibility for us to influence political decision-making processes
- information from members about the findings of current academic studies and other relevant publications and discussions
- information exchange and academic cooperation with other organisations
- information exchange and cooperation with fellow associations who represent forest and outdoor nurseries in other federal states, the federal German association and forest and outdoor nurseries in other countries
- free legal advice
- evaluation
- certified status as a further education centre for all elements of Baden-Württemberg's orientation plan; we therefore offer the corresponding training courses