

Ecological boom in Germany's allotment gardens

The Bundesverband Deutscher Gartenfreunde (central federation for allotment gardens) is training 5,000 advisors specialising in environmentally-friendly gardening.

The Bundesverband Deutscher Gartenfreunde e.V. (BDG) is fully committed to gardening that respects nature within its allotment gardens: more than 5,000 allotment gardeners will be trained over the coming years to become specialist advisors in environmentally-friendly gardening. This decision was one of the topics of the 26th day of the federation on the 3rd of September in Heidelberg.

These advisors have a particularly important mission in allotment gardens: they will bring their know-how into the gardens and make sure that the principles of gardening in harmony with nature are respected. They will also be valuable contact points, particularly for new allotment gardeners who are often inexperienced.

These voluntary advisors will reinforce the pioneering role of allotment gardens as ecological green spaces in towns. These green oases promote the diversity of species far beyond the confines of the garden: bees, birds and butterflies fly from the gardens onto railings and flowerbeds. The fresh air from the ground of these allotment gardens is also beneficial to the entire population. Therefore, an environmentally-friendly approach in allotment gardens is not just a word, but a veritable way of life.

This training of 5,000 new advisors is being organised by the BDG and its members through numerous seminars across the federal state, with the goal of having an official advisor for each allotment garden association.