## International Green Week – The German allotment federation (BDG) was a sought after conversation partner

Amidst a sea of flowers with tulips, daffodils and primroses, on the edge of an imitation of the Berlin metropolis made of wooden pallets, the allotment movement of Berlin, the German Schreberjugend and the federation of German allotment gardeners (BDG) presented themselves in the flower hall during this year's international Green Week 2019 with a concentrated horticultural knowledge.

The BDG cooperated with the German Schreberjugend. The visitors received useful information concerning raised beds, natural gardening and the stimulation of insect and plant diversity. And as it should be, knowledge transfer works best with a practical demonstration – hundreds of small insect hotels were built with drill, hammer and logs and they could be directly taken home by the builders.

Also high ranking visitors such as the federal minister of family affairs Franziska Giffey, State secretary Gunther Adler (BMI), and Parliamentary State secretary Marco Wanderwitz (BMI) did not miss a tour through the flower hall and thus received a foretaste of the coming spring. They were interested in the allotment gardener's exhibition stand. Finally, the BDG had the opportunity to address important issues such as the property tax reform during these discussions.

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Viola Kleinau (Board member of the BDG), Stefan Grundei (managing director of the BDG), Franziska Giffey (federal minister for family affairs), Guido Beneke (federal director of the German Schreberjugend)



In conversation: Guido Beneke (federal director of the German Schreberjugend), Stefan Grundei (managing director of the BDG), Viola Kleinau (BDG board member), Gunther Adler (State secretary BMI)



From left to right: Guido Beneke (managing director of the German Schreberjugend), Oliver Gellert (Branch manager Schreberjugend Landesverband Berlin), Stefan Grundei (BDG managing director), Marco Wanderwitz (Parliamentary State secretary in the BMI), Hardy Reckziegel (federal chairman of the German Schreberjugend), Jürgen Maßalsky (BDG board member)

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