

NEW HEALTHCARE CENTERS IN GERMANY

Hohenstein in the Swabian Jura is home to one of the first PORT centers in Germany. PORT stands for “patient-oriented centers for primary and long-term care.” It is a program financed by the Robert Bosch Stiftung.


Since 2007, PORT has been supporting initiatives and local health care centers that provide basic medical care from a single source, thus enabling better care in a specific region, especially for the chronically ill.

A central component of the PORT concept is the establishment of guides for patients. Elisabeth Reyhing has taken on this job in Hohenstein. She sits in the

reception area of the center and is the central point of contact for patients and guests. “I answer their questions about health issues, translate letters by their doctors into layman’s terms, put people in touch with the right contact, and listen a lot,” says the trained nurse. “I have a sense for what people actually want to say, even if they don’t express

it verbally.” In doing all this, Reyhing can provide patients with appropriate information and let them know about specific offerings.

Guides are a part of a network of family doctors, pediatricians, physiotherapists, nursing staff, and social workers at Hohenstein’s PORT center. They coordinate the treatments for patients they support, combining modern medicine with offerings for prevention, health promotion, and consultation.

Four PORT centers are currently being established around Germany. The initiators of the concept drew inspiration for it from international fact-finding missions to exemplary institutions in Canada, Sweden, and Spain.  Alexandra Wolters



Elisabeth Reyhing



The UN turns 75 and initiates a global conversation about the world’s future.

The world was in shambles at the end of World War II. Violence and oppression had destroyed countless lives and families, and had defined relations between countries for decades. Cities lay in ruins. Many people packed up their remaining belongings and set out to look for a new beginning – accompanied by traumatic experiences and the hope for “No more war!”


Hope took on concrete form just a few months after the end of the war in 1945, when 50 states signed the Charter of the United Nations. Now comprising 193 countries, the international organization promotes peace and security in the world. It protects human rights, provides humanitarian aid, and has given the international community a common agenda through the sustainable development goals (SDGs).

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The UN turns 75 years old this year. “We want to listen to people’s aspirations and fears for the future, to listen to their ideas about how we can improve as the UN,” says Fabrizio Hochschild Drummond, UN Assistant-Secretary-General. There are plans to conduct thousands of surveys of people worldwide, which are to be made accessible to as many people as possible – including young people, critics, and members of marginalized groups. Challenges such as climate change, migration, increasing inequality, and digital technologies that affect everyone’s lives will be placed center stage during the anniversary celebrations. The proposals and ideas submitted will be evaluated and discussed with heads of state and government at the UN this September.

The Robert Bosch Stiftung is a partner of the celebrations for the UN’s 75th anniversary. The Stiftung promotes dialogue in Germany

and in its international work. Last year, the foundation supported a group of experts from the UN that drew up recommendations on how digital technologies can be used for the benefit of all, and how misuse and unintentional negative consequences can be avoided. Nanjira Sambuli, most recently working at the World Wide Web Foundation, is one of these experts. “Despite its known weaknesses, the UN has a unique role and the power to bring together the various players to create standards and frameworks and to help build the capacity we need to ensure a safe and equitable digital future for everyone.”

Hochschild Drummond is also counting on these strengths of the UN: “We want to use the anniversary to revive the spirit of global cooperation, a spirit that is fundamental to the implementation of sustainable development goals (SDGs) in the remaining ten years before 2030.”  Klaus Voßmeyer



“No country or community can solve the complex problems of our world alone.”

—António Guterres, UN Secretary-General

The invitation is open to everyone: The UN wants people from around the world to join in the conversation.

Join in!

Bosch associates are invited to take part in a short survey from the UN.

“We need to come together, not only to talk, but to listen.

It is absolutely essential that you all join the conversation,” says UN Secretary-General António Guterres.

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