

Who's Who in Students for One Health

One Health / Veterinarians Without Borders Volunteer Group - Berlin

1. Organization/ Group Name and website url, Facebook, Twitter:

ToG Freiwilligengruppe Berlin (*VSF - Germany Volunteers Berlin*) https://www.togev.de/ueber-uns/organisation/freiwillige.html https://www.facebook.com/ToGFreiwilligeBerlin

Instagram: @togberlin

2. SOH group unique email address for sustained communications: freiwillige.berlin@togev.de

3. Officers / Key Collaborators / Participants and contact information:

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4. Address of SOH Group:

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5. Sources of funding for Group:

N/A

6. Your One Health Activities/Initiatives:

- Representing Vétérinaires sans Frontières Germany at the Free University of Berlin and at conferences regarding One Health, veterinary medicine, tropical medicine etc.
- Organizing One Health-Day events, in cooperation with the Charité Berlin, the Akkon University for Human Sciences, IVSA and other partners
- Participating at workshops organized by VSF G regarding development cooperation, project development etc.



7. Brief History of Your Organization's One Health Involvement

Volunteering for "Vétérinaires Sans Frontières – Germany"? Count us in!

When we first heard of VSF in early 2015, we were just normal veterinary medicine students, studying in Berlin and living our best life. But we wanted to find the link between animal and human health, and on our quest, we found the NGO VSF Germany. Through a workshop organized by the Berlin office we got in touch with VSF – G and they were more than happy to help us build a volunteer group. For the past three years we have been active in the student life of our university, representing VSF on our campus and working together with the bvvd (association of vet med students in Germany) and IVSA. We are eager to inform people about the work of VSF and want to draw attention to their efforts in conflict areas such as South Sudan or Somalia.

We, the volunteers, are fascinated by the One Health approach and have made it our goal to spread its message. We believe that One Health will gain importance and become a well-known initiative, so that our studies will continue to interlink with human medicine and other sciences.

Since 2016 we've organised an annual One Health Day event, which in 2017 was a transdisciplinary workshop focusing on zoonoses like tuberculosis. It was funded by Engagement Global and the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, and for this project's implementation, students of human and veterinary medicine worked together. As 2016's event was taking place at the Free University Berlin, the university for future veterinarians, the latest workshop was held at the Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin, the medical students' university. We are drawing closer together! The 11th edition of the "Veterinary Public Health Journal" published an article about our event, if you're eager to find out more:

https://issuu.com/ivsaveterinarypublichealthjournal/docs/vphj 11/18 (p.18) 2018's event will take place in October and we are bringing health professionals, sociologists, agricultural scientists and other experts together to discuss "Neglected Tropical Diseases".

Our goal is to spread the word about VSF and One Health, we want to get in touch with other students in different specialities around the world and continue our diverse and exciting work. Come and visit us, we will show you around Berlin and are curious to hear about your projects and how we can connect!

8. Supporting Faculty

Free University of Berlin