

# YOUR FUTURE STARTS NOW!

Info for boys

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New Paths for Boys

1,000+ opportunities

You are 12 to 16 years old and dream of becoming a vehicle-mechatronics technician or an engineer, or do something with computers? The occupational-training and career market has become highly diverse, and it is very difficult to keep all these angles in perspective. Did you know that there are approx. 350 occupations with their own training programmes, and on top of that, many various courses of college and university study? Have you ever thought about other career options: to become, for instance, an early-childhood educator, primary-school teacher or male nurse?

Many of these careers offer positive opportunities for the future – and men are in high demand within these sectors. Frequently, such careers are hardly considered by boys looking for an internship slot or occupational-training slot; this is logical, since many pupils go for well-known careers, in which mostly men are employed – and forget in the process that there are 1,001 possibilities to develop **new ideas for the future**.

Open to new perspectives

So now, break down the barriers in your head – you need more information and practical experience. Here, the project „**New Paths for Boys**“ will support you, because we want to make it possible for you to become familiar with such careers – in the course of a „Try it Out Day“ in a day-care centre, a hospital or in your family doctor’s office. We offer teachers, parents and other adults **tips** and insights into how to organise an event for „Boys Only“.

For all who later seek to study at college or university, it pays off to take advantage of offerings by colleges or universities to find out how social workers or teachers are trained. Many of these careers are also fun and offer you favourable career opportunities.

Tell your teachers about this project, and talk to them about such ideas!

For instance, on **Girls’ Day – Mädchen-Zukunftstag**: if girls can also get to know „atypical“ careers, you can suggest that the boys can also organise a day to gain some practical awareness of careers in the nursing-care, early-childhood-education and health-care sectors – to see and experience them »live«.

Ask your parents, friends, teachers or relatives if they can help you look for a suitable slot!

And above all: don’t let yourself be intimidated that in the past, only a few boys and men travel „new paths“ in choosing a career!

See for yourself what it's like to travel new paths!



## Planning your future is more than just choosing an occupation

What do your other visions for the future look like? What's going to happen in **10** years, in 20 years – what kind of lifestyle do you want to live? For instance, what will your household be like? Will you live alone, share a flat with one or more roommates, in a long-term relationship or with your family? How can you co-ordinate work with life at home with your children? Who will take care of the household when you spend more time at work? Might a part-time job be right for you so that you can spend more time at home? Or maybe you would like to be a full-time house-husband and father, and play the primary role in raising your children?

All these options could work for you, and the more you envision each alternative, weigh each against the other and broaden your perspective to consider handling new challenges in your work like and personal life – the more open-minded you are, the easier it is to find out what is right for you.

**New Paths for Boys** is a **project** which focus on dealing with issues like these which are relevant to your future as a young man, so that there are also special events and group offerings open exclusively to boys – at school or also in the youth centre – where boys can, among themselves and without any distractions, deal with personal questions like these without the presence of girls.



## Boys among themselves

In groups, in games and conversations, you can work together to find answers to your questions. As „Boys Only“, you have the opportunity to discuss important topics in a serious and yet laid-back tone – openly and without boasting.

Here, work together with other boys in finding **answers** and maybe trying out something that you weren't aware of before can help you come up with new ideas for planning your future. The opportunity to meet and „interview“ men who pursue e interesting and atypical careers or lead an otherwise atypical life can help you come up with new ideas to apply to your own life. Think about it on your own or talk to classmates to find out if one of you knows someone whom you could invite. Your parents or teachers will certainly help you in organising your **special event for „Boys Only“**.



## New Paths for Boys

**New Paths for Boys** is a service office which itself does not organise such projects for boys. However, we make adults aware of these issues and encourage them to play a pro-active role in helping you handle these challenges – these are teachers at your school, parents, companies and businesses, agencies and organisations (i.e., hospitals, day-care centres, gathering places for recreation), people from the Occupational Information Centres and many more. Such projects can include special projects for boys on Girls' Day – Mädchen-Zukunftstag (every fourth Thursday in April), because there, girls are also among themselves, or also on other „project days“ and „project weeks“ at school. It can also take place on week-ends, or during school holidays in the youth centre just around the country. Here, though, it is important that you, yourself, play an **active role** in learning new things and are prepared to thank about your life from a new perspective and travel new paths.

More informationen at: [www.neue-wege-fuer-jungs.de](http://www.neue-wege-fuer-jungs.de)

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