

# NGO's in and around Hannover

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## *How does an NGO finance itself*

- Member fees
- Donations
- Sale of goods
- Revenues/fees from social services
- (Governmental funds)

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## *Who qualifies as a NGO*

- Publicity/Transparency
- focus on public welfare
- independence (from e.g. the government)
- Voluntary basis
- Goal stands above singular interests

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## *Critique on NGO's*

- NGO's aren't democratic
- They (for the most part) aren't structured democratically
- Ethical conflict because of financing
- Hindrance of actions in the fields of military and science due to their ethical position

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## *Why do we need NGO's*

NGO's contribute heavily to building a strong democracy, by checking e.g. the governmental household.

Because of that many states all over europe created several laws to protect and support the creation of NGO's and their doings.

NGO's also help by informing citizens about common grievances thus helping them to shape their own opinion.

Another useful thing carried out by NGO's is the conversation between citizens and government that otherwise wouldn't happen

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## *Ways to interact with NGO's*

- Raise awareness (e.g. via social media)
- contact them on their websites to ask for questions
- Donate money to their activities
- Become a part of the organization

This Link may help you finding NGO's close to you:

[www.staufenbiel.de/magazin/jobsuche/ngos-als-arbeitgeber/liste-bekannter-ngos.html](http://www.staufenbiel.de/magazin/jobsuche/ngos-als-arbeitgeber/liste-bekannter-ngos.html)

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