

Mission Statement:

A Strong Workers' Voice

The German Trade Union Confederation (DGB) is an umbrella organisation representing around six million members from eight trade unions. We are experts on labour issues and support workers from all sectors. With boldness, vigour and optimism, we push for fairness and solidarity in the world of work and in society.

We are the voice of the German trade unions in politics, business and society. The DGB stands outside party politics, but is not politically neutral. We exert pressure on politics and industry in the interests of workers. Our aim is to ensure that work and income are distributed fairly and that everyone has the same opportunities.

Only united can we achieve great goals – this is why we count on the strength of our trade union network. Along with our eight affiliated trade unions we ensure a local presence throughout Germany. With our services, we help to achieve fairer conditions in the workplace. We support workers in asserting their rights, articulating grievances and mobilizing others to fight for better working conditions – also out loud, on the streets. Putting workers at the front and centre is our mission.

The DGB has a democratic structure and advocates a further democratisation of the economy, the state and society. We actively oppose all forms of discrimination. We are committed to a united, democratic Europe and strive for controlled disarmament worldwide. The DGB stands up internationally for the right to decent work and co-operates with trade unions all over the world.

Day by day, we are actively contributing to the next page in the history of solidarity, emancipation and workers' participation.