

Hendryk: "Through the VHS I found joy in learning again"



"To the VHS Bochum I came through my father. I knew he caught up on a degree there. That is why I have taken the initiative to do the same. Through the VHS I found joy in learning again. Here, you can be just the way you are and the teachers are supportive and motivated, to help you reach your goals."

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Katharina: "I learned a lot about

# myself and about life in general"



"Hello, my name is Katharina. I came to VHS Bochum through my grandmother. She encouraged me that I would have good opportunities there to catch up on my degrees. And she was right!

Only if it doesn't work out somewhere else, that doesn't mean I can't do it at all. Meanwhile, I am in the third course and I work my way up continuously.

All in all, I learned a lot about myself and about life in general. Also, the world can only exist if we all work together and everyone takes responsibility. The VHS Bochum teaches all of us sustainability. And this is important for all our future."

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Zainab: "I wanted to take a chance on something everyone around me advised me not to do"



"Hello my name is Zainab. I visit the VHS Bochum, because I wanted to catch up on my degree. I wanted to take a chance on something everyone around me advised me not to do. Everyone told me it was going to be too difficult and fast for me, but this was more of an incentive for me.

Then one teacher told me about the VHS Bochum, a school for adults which was nearby.

My ambition to learn has made me have good grades. Meanwhile, I have my first graduation and I already started in the summer with my next course. My time here at the VHS was an eye-opener for me, that I can be here and can achieve more than what other people thought.

Through the support of my teachers at the VHS and especially through a big project we worked on together, I now see the world with different, more open, eyes."

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Eirini: "The VHS helped me to realise what I can do with my life"



"Hello, my name is Eirini and I have been now for over a year at VHS Bochum. I originally came from Greece and have lived in Germany since 2015. In the past, I never had good experiences with schools and that is why I dropped out of school. But since I am at the VHS, my viewpoint changed.

From the beginning, I felt challenged and taught well. Even my experiences with the other participants were almost exclusively positive.

I got to know the VHS Bochum through my contact with the Agentur für Arbeit (employment agency). At first, I was scared to go back to school, also because my German was not perfect. But my teachers at the VHS supported me well and now my German language skills are much better. The VHS helped me to realise what I can do with my life and how I want to develop.

I am really happy that I started to come to VHS and would recommend it to anyone who has problems in his life and who wants to catch up on a degree."

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