

Dear Colleagues,

my name is Manuela Hees and I am working since 01 March 2021 with 50% as the project coordinator in the project "i-konf- feedback-supported quality development in confirmation work". Together with Prof. Dr. Henrik Simojoki (HU Berlin) and Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Ilg (EH Ludwigsburg), I am responsible for the third study on confirmation work and the development of the online tool i-konf until summer 2023. As with my predecessor Jannika Alber, the duty station is the Protestant University of Applied Sciences Ludwigsburg.



I have a personal biographical connection to confirmation work and Protestant youth work. Already in my youth I was active in youth work and was involved in children's and youth services, youth groups and camps. Giving people, especially young people, the opportunity to experience encounters with the Christian faith in order to be able to clarify their own faith has been a central concern of mine ever since.

In my studies of religious and parish education at the Protestant University of Applied Sciences, which I successfully completed in February 2021, I was able to further consolidate and pursue this desire. My first bachelor's degree will now be followed by a bachelor's degree in social work, which I will finish next year.

As part of my studies, I have already worked in a research project called "LIFE" during an internship semester. This project is carried out by the international university Nehemías in El Salvador (nehemiahiu.net) at hotspot schools in San Salvador. These experiences awakened in me an enthusiasm for research and evaluation of programs.

In addition, I was involved in a variety of ways in university political committees and my two project studies. Thereby I acquired knowledges in different areas of youth work and global learning as well as in project management, which I now gladly bring into the "i-konf" project.

I am looking forward to working with you and getting to know you personally.

Best regards
Manuela

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