

# Foodsharing Giessen

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**Brief description:** helps to rescue food from being thrown away because of reached expiry date



## 1. History

- Project started 2014 in Giessen
- Firstly, they organized life-sharing in a café, since a few years they have been allowed to do this in the DBG house<sup>1</sup> in the inner city
- In the year 2020 the corona pandemic made the concept of life-sharing impossible
- owners installed public shelves (called fair-teiler) at different places in the city, where the foods could be picked up every day at every time
- current *fairteiler*: ESG, CfC, HeuKi, Eddi, Wetzi, Kiwi
- number of volunteer helpers: 400
- approximately 35 supermarkets are part of the initiative, where groceries are picked up from the food sharers and spread across the *fairteiler*
- since the establishment over 618 tons of eatable food have been saved



Pic. 1: food sharing-meeting in Café Amelie

## 2. Goals of the organization

- It gives a **stimulus to rethink** the current unsustainable situation in the world and helps to consume less and create a sustainable consumption
- It builds **local societies**, especially for people with social anxieties, disabled persons, people without work and the elderly  
→ provide integration and contact at eye level
- Delivers **educational work** of different subjects, for instance sustainability, healthy nutrition and food waste in workshops for schools, discussions and cooking events
- Working on **public relations** to prevent waste in supermarkets and be committed to minimizing packaging waste
- support **networking** through organizing events with other sustainable initiatives → examples of such events are cooking events, urban gardening, repair café, lead booths on festivals and street parties, demonstration by bikes, swapping parties and neighborhood groups



Pic. 2: new introduced fairtailer "Kiwi" in Wieseck

<sup>1</sup> Haus des Deutschen Gewerkschaftsbundes Mittelhessens, Walltorstraße 17 in 35390 Giessen