The "Haus der kleinen Forscher" Programme

The Foundation's communication activities are centrally coordinated.

The Board of Trustees advises the Foundation on questions concerning content and strategy. The Scientific Advisory Board guides the scientific analysis of the Foundation's work.

Companies and private citizens support the local network partners or the Foundation with their active commitment, contributions in kind, and financial assistance.

The offerings of the Foundation are made available at regional level through the local network partners. They recruit and support the education and care centres, after-school centres, and primary schools, organise the workshops, handle regional public relations, and certify institutions as "Häuser der kleinen Forscher" (Little Scientists' Houses).

The Helmholtz Association, the Siemens Stiftung, the Dietmar Hopp Stiftung, the Deutsche Telekom Stiftung are partners of the "Haus der kleinen Forscher" programme and make up the Foundation Board that steers the course of the Foundation. The Federal Ministry of Education and Research supports the programme.

Inquiry topics are developed; inquiry activities are compiled and tested ...

... and pedagogic resources are produced, for example on the topic of wind energy.

The resources undergo continuous development in collaboration with experts.

Local network partners are recruited and supported in their work.

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Local trainers are continually accompanied in their work.

After completing their training, local trainers are continually accompanied in their work.

After receiving training from the Foundation, the local trainers deliver workshops for teachers and educators in the local networks.

When early childhood education and care centres, after-school centres, or primary schools decide to participate in the "Haus der kleinen Forscher" programme they can then send their teachers and educators to professional development workshops in their local networks.

Back at their institutions, the teachers and educators make science, mathematics, and technology part of their everyday work and accompany the children on their journey of discovery through life.

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All over Germany, many people actively support the "Haus der kleinen Forscher" programme on a daily basis: from the Foundation in Berlin, through the local network partners and their trainers in every federal state, to the teachers, educators, mentors, and parents.

The collaboration between all these stakeholders enables the creation of early childhood education offerings in science, technology, and mathematics.

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How early childhood education and care centres, after-school centres, and primary schools become "Häuser der kleinen Forscher" (Little Scientists' Houses)

*The target group consists of children between the ages of three and ten in early childhood education and care centres, half- and all-day primary schools, and after-school centres.