



**Good Practice 1:
Bildhausen Monastery, Germany**

SKIVRE Training Scheme



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Bildhausen Monastery



Description

The monastery emerged from an endowment that enabled the foundation of a Cistercian monastery in 1158. After 645 years under 44 abbots, the abbey, the real estate and the property were nationalised in 1803. The buildings, the fields and the forests fell into private hands. In 1897, Dominikus Ringeisen acquired the building as a granary for his disabled facility in Ursberg, west of Augsburg. The first people with disabilities were admitted to Bildhausen in 1929. Nuns from Ursberg were employed in Bildhausen to look after and care for these people. From 1976, the facility was completely renovated. Today, around 300 people with disabilities live there, accompanied by around 250 members of support staff. They care for and support children, adolescents, adults and seniors with assistance needs.

The monastery is run by the Dominikus-Ringeisen-Werk, a church foundation under public law. It accommodates people with mental disabilities and people with multiple disabilities who are also physically and/or sensory disabled, as well as people with mental illnesses, autistic disorders and acquired brain damage.

■ Why is this a good practice for monastic products?

Since 1983, a recognised workshop for disabled people has supplemented the existing housing offer with a multitude of job opportunities. Many of the handcrafted products manufactured in the workshops are offered and sold in the monastery shop as well as online. There you will find

- Organic products from the monastery nursery,
- In-house productions from the monastery factory, such as candles, arts and crafts and wood products,
- Products from over 100 workshops for disabled people such as toys, home accessories, household aids, stationery, ceramics and much more.

In addition to the nursery with an orchard and beekeeping, there is also a coffee roasting plant, which is operated in co-operation with a local supplier. A monastery guesthouse with overnight accommodation completes the offer. The affiliated further education institution offers courses on the subjects of art, spirituality and nature.

Pictures



Picture 1: Gardening shop at Bildhausen monastery © <https://www.bildhausen.de/>



Picture 2: The monastery shop © <https://www.bildhausen.de/>



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