

Interested in historical research? Wintershall invites school students to participate in History Competition

- **Company will celebrate its 125th anniversary in 2019**
- **Wintershall sponsors research project for school students in Kassel and supports the application to participate in the German President's History Competition**

Kassel. Wintershall is celebrating its 125th birthday and inviting school students from the Kassel regions to take part in historical research: School classes, history courses and student teams can take part in the German President's History Competition with the company's support. The topic for this year's competition is "Enough Is Enough - Crisis, Change, a New Beginning". The Wintershall research project aims to encourage school students to conduct research, and interview contemporary witnesses and experts on the topic "Energy 2.0: 45 years after the 1973 oil crisis. Are we once again facing upheaval in energy supply?" Where needed, the company will offer support by giving access to archives and providing contacts. The results of the young researchers will then be presented in fall 2019 as part of the Wintershall anniversary celebrations.

Teachers and school groups interested in taking part can contact Ute Orgir (ute.orgir@wintershall.com , Tel.: + 49 561 301-1805).

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Background:

Since 1973, the German President and the Körber Foundation have been inviting children and young people to take part in tracing history. Based on the principle of learning through research, the participants spend several months exploring their local or family history. The President's History Competition is the biggest historical research competition for young people in Germany. It aims to arouse interest among children and young people in their own history, promote their independence, and strengthen their sense of responsibility. The history competition is run every two years on different topics.

The closing date for the current competition is 28 February 2019.

More information on the competition can be found at:

<https://www.koerber-stiftung.de/geschichtswettbewerb>

Wintershall Holding GmbH, based in Kassel, Germany, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BASF in Ludwigshafen. The company has been active in the extraction of natural resources for 120 years, and in the exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas for over 85 years. Wintershall focuses on selected core regions where the company has built up a high level of regional and technological expertise. These are Europe, Russia, North Africa, South America, and increasingly the Middle East region. The company wants to expand its business further with exploration and production, selected partnerships, innovation and technological competence. Wintershall employs some 2,000 staff worldwide from 50 nations and is now Germany's largest, internationally active crude oil and natural gas producer.

BASF and LetterOne signed a binding agreement at the end of September 2018 to merge their oil and gas businesses Wintershall and DEA (Deutsche Erdöl AG). Closure of the transaction is anticipated in the first half of 2019, subject to official approval. Wintershall DEA would become the leading independent European oil and gas producer. BASF and LetterOne plan to float Wintershall DEA in the medium term.

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