

JOB SHADOWING – PROGRAMME PROPOSAL

Hosted by Linden Mobility GmbH (i. G.) in Mannheim, November 16-20th 2026
Operating under the assumption that activities take place from Mon-Fri.

MONDAY, NOV 16TH

9:30 | Welcome

Official Welcome to the Job Shadowing week and **introduction** to the planned programme.

Get-to-know each other with small breakfast (self-catered, optional) and **icebreaking** activity.

10:30 - 11:15 | Introduction

Small presentation of Uniser Soc. Coop. (by Isidora, in case participants are unfamiliar with Uniser) and **Linden Mobility** with its founding story and current position
Followed by introduction to the **Rhine-Neckar-Region** with focus on local economy.

11:15 - 11:30 | Short Break

11:30 - 12:30 | Workshop: German Culture

Interactive workshop format, focus on: **cultural differences** and German **work culture**.
Possibly including Do's and Don'ts in Bingo Version and a "Vocabulary Memory" (daily words, false friends, VET Sector specific vocabulary).

12:30 - 13:30 | Lunch Break

13:30 - 15:30 | Walking Tour

Start from the office/conference room towards the city center. Stop at **Marktplatz**, **Paradeplatz** and **University of Mannheim** while pointing out places of interest combined with (fun) facts and figures.

Cross the Mensawiese to stroll along the **"Rhine-Terraces"** and return via the quarter Lindenhof and train station tunnel. Mention Mannheim's train station's importance as Germany's second second-largest railyard and continue in the direction of the **Water Tower** to fill up water bottles and take a group photo.

Proposed break spots:

- After city center: [Café Sammo](#), a student favourite for takeaway coffee (cash only)
- After Rhine-Terraces: Icecream at [Zeitgeist](#) and/or [Café Agatha](#) in Mafinex Startup-Center

From 15:30/16:00 | Free Time

Evening Recommendations

Concerts by the University of Music and Performing Arts

19:00 [Double Bass Evening](#) | Location: [Kammermusiksaal](#), Free entry

19:00 [Contrasts](#) | Vocals & students of the oboe classes | Location: [Rittersaal](#) (in castle), Free Entry

20:00 [Vocal Night](#) | Students of the jazz vocal classes | Location: [Alte Feuerwache](#), Free entry

20:00 [2nd Academy Concert](#) | Symphonie No. 9 by Gustav Mahler. Short Introduction at 19:15. | Location: Mozartsaal at [Rosengarten](#), [Tickets](#) from 15€

20:00 [Table Soccer Tournament](#) | Location: [Kombinat](#), free entry. Tournament participation 2,50€

20:00 [Scott Hamilton Jazz Trio](#) | Location: Ella & Louis at [Rosengarten](#), [Tickets](#) from 23€.

TUESDAY, NOV 17TH

TBD 10:00 | Visit [TUMO](#)

Currently a big MAYBE depending on the center's active programmes and availability.

“TUMO is an innovative educational project for young people between the ages of 12 and 18. At the TUMO center, they voluntarily develop their skills in various digital learning areas after school. They come to the center twice a week, design their individual learning path and work at their own pace.”

TBD Alternative: visit of John Deere Forum

TBD 10:00 | Accommodation visits

12:00 - 13:00 | Lunch Break

13:00 | Leave for Ludwigshafen

- By tram no. 6 in direction Fritz-Oppau-Str/BASF

13:30 - 15:30 | BASF Site Tour

- 13:30-14:30 Guided site tour by bus ending at the Visitor Center
- 14:30-15:30 Guided tour through our exhibition in the Visitor Center
- Free of charge with [registration](#), duration 2h

From 15:30 | Free Time

Evening Recommendations

18:00 [100 years Südzucker](#) | Lecture: How the region's sugar mills gave rise to the global corporation Südzucker (in German, give recommendation for live AI translator app) |

Location: [Abendakademie](#), free entry

19:00 [Songs' and Aries' Night](#) | Concerts by the University of Music and Performing Arts. |

Location: [Kammermusiksaal](#), free entry

19:00 [Ignite](#) | Californian Hardcore Punk Band. | Location: [Alte Feuerwache](#). Doors at 18:00, [Tickets](#) from 38,50€

20:00 [Willy Astor](#) | Music Comedy | Location: [Capitol](#). Doors at 19:00, [Tickets](#) from 38,40€

20:00 [2nd Academy Concert](#) | Symphonie No. 9 by Gustav Mahler. Short Introduction at 19:15. | Location: Mozartsaal at [Rosengarten](#), [Tickets](#) from 15€

WEDNESDAY, NOV 18TH

10:30 - 12:30 | VET System Presentation & Workshop

Presentation about the **German VET System** (max. 30 mins). Afterwards, participants will prepare in **breakout sessions** a short (analog) presentation of **their country's VET system**. These will be presented to each other, opening a discussion about (Dis) Advantages of each country's system.

Guiding questions: What subject would you like to introduce as obligatory? What fundamental change would you make in the VET system? Which practice from another country do you think would prove valuable for your day-to-day work?

12:30 - 13:30 | Lunch Break

13:30 | Meetup

TBD 14:00 - 15:30 | Visit at [Academy of Communication \(AfK\)](#)

The AfK is a consortium of private VET schools in the state of Baden-Wuerttemberg:

“At our vocational colleges, you can complete your university entrance qualification (Fachhochschulreife) and vocational training simultaneously within two or three years after obtaining your intermediate secondary school certificate. This dual qualification (vocational training + university entrance qualification) gives you a head start in your career. The vocational subjects foster your personal strengths, contributing to a successful graduation and qualifying you for university studies.”

At the Mannheim location, the AfK offers Vocational College programs for *Graphic Design* (profiles AI or illustration), *Fashion Design* (Profiles AI or Fashion Create) as well as *Photo & Media Technology*.

Proposed itinerary:

- 14:00 - 14:30 Guided tour of the school building; “behind-the-scenes” of current classes
- 14:30 - 15:00 Short presentation of VET systems in JS guests’ countries
- 15:00 - 15:30 Q&A with director and school alumna Melina Gounelly, photo & wrap up

Guiding questions: How did the rapid evolution of AI influence the outline of your programs? What differs you as a private school from state-run vocational schools? In what fields do your alumni work after graduating?

From 15:30 | Free time

Evening Recommendations

18:00 [Piano Evening](#) | Location: [Kammermusiksaal](#), free entry

18:00 [Work in Progress Club](#) | Students of the University of Popular Music & Music Business present their current projects, no set programme. | Location: [Pop Academy](#), Room 001, free entry.

20:00 [Mic Donet](#) | solo concert of soul singer-songwriter | Location: [Capitol](#). [Tickets](#) 25€

20:00 [Red Hot Chili Pipers](#) | Bagpipe Rock Band Concert | Location: [Capitol](#). [Tickets](#) from 41,70€.

20:00 [Royal Scottish Orchestra](#) | Works by Tschaikowsky, Rachmaninow & Brahms. | Location: Mozartsaal at [Rosengarten](#), [Tickets](#) from 65€

20:00 [Herbert Pixner](#) | New alpine folk music. | Location: Musensaal at [Rosengarten](#), [Tickets](#) from 56,60€

20:00 [Pubquiz](#) | In English/German. Pre-registration at least one week ahead necessary. | Location: [Fermac's Irish Pub](#), free entry.

THURSDAY, NOV 19TH

TBD 10:00 - 12:30 | Mannheim's Startup Ecosystem

with Robin Beyer, Co-Founder of [MentalAssist](#)

Meet at Mafinex (if booking of meeting room is possible as external company) and have a breakfast snack.

Presentation by Robin of **Mannheim's Startup Ecosystem**, his founding story and startup MentalAssist, followed by Q&A.

Alternative: requested visit at Roche Diagnostics, leading biotechnological & pharmaceutical company with preference for Nov 19th, alternative date Nov 20th.

12:30 - 13:30 | Lunch Break

13:30 - 15:30 | Company Visits

Visit Hosting Companies of the November Accreditation Flow.

From 15:30 | Free Time

Evening Recommendations

18:00 [Lecture and Discussion with Author Jérôme Ferrari](#) | Organized by Chair of Romance Languages by the University of Mannheim. | Location: tbd

19:00 [Forum New Music](#) | Concert of Contemporary Music from the Composition Class of the University of Music and Performing Arts. Location: [Kammermusiksaal](#), free entry.

20:00 [Ben Meech](#) | British Singer-Songwriter | Location: [Capitol](#). [Tickets](#) from 25€.

20:00 [Caro Trischler Jazz Trio](#) | Location: Ella & Louis at [Rosengarten](#), [Tickets](#) from 19€

Networking

17:00-20:00 [Social Economy Cluster Networking](#) | Organized by Next Mannheim and Karlsruhe Impact Hub. Pro-Action-Café-Format to exchange best practices & find solutions. Maybe rather uninteresting for all (German), but to be considered for Anna and evtl. Isidora. | Location: [Altes Volksbad](#), free entry, registration necessary.

17:30 [Female Founders' Roundtable](#) | Regularly hosted networking event by female entrepreneurship center GIG7. Location: GIG7, free entry.

FRIDAY, NOV 20TH

10:00 | Wrap Up

Final meeting. Last information regarding cultural visit in the afternoon as well as eventual logistical aspects for check-out and return journey. Afterwards, wrapping up the Job Shadowing by discussing learnings from the past few days as well as an open feedback round.

12:30 - 13:30 | Lunch Break

13:30 | Meet Up & Transfer to Heidelberg

Take the RE or S-Bahn Train.

14:00 - 16:00 | Short Walking Tour & Heidelberg Castle

Travel from the train station by bus to Marstall. Walk to the University Square, past the Studentenkärzer (“**Students' Prison**”) to Marktplatz. Explain Heidelberg’s importance as the city with **Germany's oldest University**, student associations and fun facts. From there walk to the Alte Brücke (“**Old Bridge**”) to enjoy the views along the Neckar. Walk to Kornmarkt for a photo of the castle from below. Take funicular to enjoy the castle views, **explore the castle** premises with its huge wine barrel in the cellar and visit the apothecary museum.

From 16:00 | Free time

Participants have to consider the group tickets for return journey, TBD if QR code ticket can be downloaded on multiple devices.

Evening Recommendations

20:00 [Conny & Liser](#) | Theatre & Music Show | Location: [Alte Feuerwache](#). Doors at 19:00, [Tickets](#) from 37,95€.

20:00 [Will Church](#) | Multi-instrumentalist singer-songwriter in concert | Location: [Capitol](#). [Tickets](#) 25€.

20:00 [Trisence Piano Jazz Trio](#) | Location: Ella & Louis at [Rosengarten](#), [Tickets](#) from 33€

EVENTS

The following are events that are taking place during the week 16th-20th of November that could be used as “buffer” in case of last minute changes or proposed as additional activities.

Wednesday, 18th, 11:00-15:00 [Career & Apprenticeship Fair](#) | Location: [Kurpfalzhalle Leimen](#), free of charge

Wednesday 18th, 8:30-12:00 or 12:30-15:30 [Career Kick](#) | Innovative Career Fair using table soccer as a way of speed dating for pupils and companies. TBD if visit with/for VET professionals would make sense. | Location: [Alte Schildkrötenfabrik](#), Free entry

Wednesday, 18th, 13:00 - 20:00 [MIFE Conference](#) | English language event, hosted by the Mannheim Institute for Financial Education. Conference topic: *The Role of Financial Education for Inclusion and Participation* | Location: [ZEW](#), free entry, registration necessary.

OPTIONAL FREE TIME ACTIVITIES

 [MArchivum](#) (Mannheim Municipal Archives): Exhibition [“Typically Mannheim!”](#) about Mannheim’s 400-year history as well as [“Why should I care?”](#) about Mannheim’s Nazi Dictatorship. Open Tue-Sun, combined ticket for both exhibitions 9€.

 [REM-Museums](#): various [exhibitions](#) such as “Egypt: Land of Immortality”, “Worlds of Music”, “Sunken History”, “Shamans of Siberia” and “Leonardo da Vinci - Experiencing Inventions”. Open Tue-Sun, ticket prices depending on exhibition 5-12€

 [Planetarium](#): regular shows from Tue-Sun, 11€. Special programme tickets ca. 15,50€, November Programme not available yet.

 [Kunsthalle](#) (Art Gallery): various exhibitions. Open Tue-Sun, ticket for regular & special exhibitions 16€.

 [Mannheim’s Baroque Castle](#): Museum, regular ticket 11€

 [Streetart Stroll](#): Regularly offered streetart tours, mostly in German language. [Map of murals](#), free, accessible 24/7.

 [Luisenpark](#): Ticketed park area with freewalking animals, greenhouse, beautiful gardens. Open daily, 10-16:00, tickets 7,50€.

 **Technoseum** (Technological Museum): Open Tue-Sun, tickets 12€

 **John Deere Forum**: Open Mo-Fri

 **EMBL** (European Biological Molecular Laboratory): Guided English Tour of the Molecular Biology Exhibit. Only Sat Nov 21st, 13:30-14:30, free of charge, registration necessary.

 **Port of Mannheim**: [Selfguided walking tour](#)

 **Industrial port**: guided tour. 135€ +20€ for foreign language tour, up to 25 participants, 2 hours