

## **German youth in Limerick**

A group of 14 young Germans from Recklinghausen District in Germany arrived in Limerick two weeks ago. Among them were five mothers who brought their children with them. The group is currently attending an English course at the University of Limerick Language Centre. On September 10 they will take up unpaid traineeships at various companies in the greater Limerick area.

The German association running the program covers all costs, including transportation and insurance. The social workers with the group, Katrin Stoffeln and Svenja Johannsen, are now seeking to cooperate with local companies on providing work experience opportunities for the young adults.

This is the fourth time that this program is bringing young Germans to Limerick but the first time that young single mothers are given the opportunity to take part in this. The children are being minded during language course and working hours. This gives young mothers the unique opportunity to gain work experience abroad and gain confidence about their value to the labour market. Companies interested in supervising participants' unpaid traineeships can contact Katrin Stoffeln and

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To see video called "EU FIT – Germany loves Limerick" go to [ILoveLimerick.com](http://ILoveLimerick.com)



**Left: The German students of EU Fit pictured with their children upon arriving in Limerick.**