



▲ The main entrance of the Klosterkammer's Central Office in Hannover.

Cultural heritage: convents and foundations

Of originally more than 100 monastic institutions, eighteen still exist in modern Lower Saxony. The Klosterkammer manages and supports fifteen Lutheran convents and ladies' foundations that were not dissolved in the Reformation. Common to them all is the fact that they have been continuously filled with life and, across the centuries, they have provided space for women living in Christian communities.

- ▼ View of Kloster Bursfelde, one of the convents administered by the Klosterkammer
- ▼ Bärbel Görcke, abbess of Kloster Mariensee near Hannover, speaks to a group of pupils.



Preserving values - bestowing identity & supporting quality projects

Out of its investment income, the Klosterkammer pays for the upkeep of more than 800 buildings included in its foundation assets, many of them historical monuments, and around 12,000 works of art. These include 43 churches, cathedrals and chapels, as well as 20 monastic complexes and 18 estates. In addition, more than 50 church parishes in Lower Saxony, both Lutheran and Roman-Catholic, receive a total of 1.5 million euros each year from the Klosterkammer.

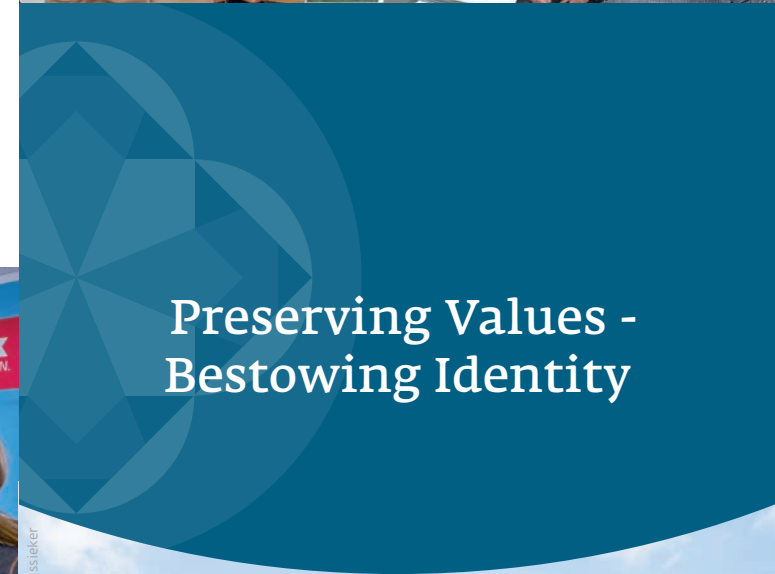
Each year, the Klosterkammer also supports around 200 church, social and educational projects across Lower Saxony to the tune of approximately 2.5 million euros.



▲ One focus is on communicating of cultural contents and competences to children and adolescents, as seen in the project entitled "Show what you can do!".



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A federal state authority with a long tradition

The Klosterkammer Hannover is an institution with a long tradition. Deeply rooted in the minds of those who are interested in the cultural and regional history of Lower Saxony, its own history is closely interwoven with that of the country. Established in 1818, it administers former monastic and church assets in four foundations under public law. The largest of these is the Allgemeine Hannoversche Klosterfonds [General Hannoverian Monastic Fund]. Its protection under the law is written into the Constitution of Lower Saxony.

The Klosterkammer generates its own income and is completely independent of the state budget.

The Klosterkammer has a staff of around 160, about half of whom work in the central office in Hannover. The other half are spread across various sites in Lower Saxony, including Northeim, Lüneburg and Osnabrück. After the state of Lower Saxony, the Klosterkammer is the second largest owner of lands and forests, amounting to around 40,000 hectares (approximately 99,000 acres).



▲ Kloster Wennigsen is part of the endowment to the Klosterkammer.

Maintaining the legacy

95 per cent of the endowment, consists of land and buildings, many of which are important heritage monuments. Ever since George IV established the Klosterkammer as an administrative authority, its main responsibilities have remained unchanged: management of the foundation's assets and decisions on how to spend the investment income. Since its establishment, it has also played an outstanding role in the preservation of heritage buildings and monuments. From the onset, the Klosterkammer has had its own construction department.

▼ Staff in the in-house restoration workshop maintain and preserve more than 12,000 works of art that form part of the foundation's assets.



We ensure income for the foundation's future

A main focus of the Klosterkammer Hannover is the management of approximately 16,700 leaseholds, making it the largest leasehold provider in Germany. Next to the real estate department, the Klosterkammer's forestry department contributes significantly to preserving its economic basis. This department manages approximately 25,000 hectares (around 62,000 acres) of forests belonging to the Allgemeine Hannoversche Klosterfonds through eleven forestry offices.

- ▼ The Klosterkammer's forestry operations manage approximately 25,000 hectares of forest through eleven forestry offices across Lower Saxony.
- ▼ Largest leasehold provider: from the 1920's, the Klosterkammer has provided leaseholds, such as here in Osnabrück's Waldviertel.



In charge of nine

The Allgemeine Hannoversche Klosterfonds is a stakeholder in nine private-law companies. In six of them, it is the sole shareholder, in the remaining three the majority shareholder. The business portfolios of these subsidiaries are wide-ranging, but all are linked to the Klosterkammer's heritage. The subsidiaries are responsible for spreading investment risks and developing new business areas.

For more information on our subsidiaries, please visit www.klosterkammer.de/tochter.

- ▲ The hotel in the former convent of Wöltingerode is run by the Cellerar GmbH, a subsidiary of the Klosterkammer.
- ▼ LIEMAK Immobilien GmbH realises residential building projects on Klosterkammer land.

