

**Manuscript**  
**Danny – the unemployed**  
**Deutsche Welle**

Presenter: Almost all teenagers want to earn their own money and have an interesting job. But Germany's employment situation is critical. There are currently about 4 million people out of work, and 5 percent of under-20 year-olds are unemployed. Danny lives in eastern Germany and is looking for work.

Participants:

Danny Niemeyer  
19 years old, Berlin

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**Translation**  
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0:05 atmo

+++ SOTs Employment Officer, Danny Niemeyer +++

F: "Painter. Shall we keep painter?"

Danny: "Yes, keep painter."

F: "Chef?"

Danny: "Keep that."

F: "Baker?"

Danny: "Keep that."

F: "That stays as well. Or we can delete it. You only have to say. Butcher?"

Danny: "Not really." +++ 10:16

+++ SOT Danny Niemeyer +++

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"My name is Danny Niemeyer, I'm 19 years old and I'm from Wittenberge."

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+++ SOT Employment Officer +++

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"You left school some time ago." +++

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Danny finished school 2 years ago and he's been looking for an apprenticeship in his home state of Brandenburg ever since. The employment office has been trying to help him, but so far without any luck.

+++ SOT Danny Niemeyer +++

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"There are hardly any apprenticeships in this area. So people who manage to get a training place either have contacts, or are very, very lucky. There's nothing here. You have to go to the big cities, like Hamburg or Berlin, or to western Germany." +++ 10:51

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Danny has joined a voluntary training scheme to improve his chances. A Christian organization helps young people looking for placements, helping them with application forms and looking for training places. The youngsters can practice here first.

+++ SOT Danny Niemeyer +++

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"When I was out of work, I used to hang around the house, I'd get up to no good, I had nothing to do. I'd get up around noon and go to bed at four in the morning, just mess around all day ... it was boring. I'd really like to be a roofer, that'd be something different. You'd have something to do. It's certainly better than being stuck in an office. That's always the same. But you'd feel freer up there on a roof ... that's why I'd like it." +++ 11:47

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Danny is a Hip Hop fan. His life revolves around basketball, skateboarding and rap music. One of his favorite occupations is hanging around with his friends.

+++ SOT Danny Niemeyer +++ (im OFF)

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"The most important people in my life are my friends and my family. My family, because I love them, and my friends, because you don't often find real friends." 12:22

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"That's our ghetto. That's our block." +++ 12:28

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Danny lives on a typical former East German prefabricated public housing estate.

+++ SOT Danny Niemeyer +++ (im OFF)

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"My greatest dream is really to fly to the USA one day, just to fly away somewhere. The furthest we've ever been was Austria. I've never really been anywhere else." +++ 12:51

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Boxing instructor: "On your toes, go, go ... faster ... and jump, jump!"

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Danny's uncle gives boxing instruction three times a week. A former member of the East German boxing team, he's a strict disciplinarian.

+++ SOT Danny Niemeyer +++ (starts OFF)

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"When you're training, you don't get bored. If you're bored, you're likely to get into trouble. I don't want to do that. I'd rather go to training sessions. It's much better than getting into trouble." +++ 13:26

3:27 atmo boxing

+++ SOT Danny Niemeyer +++ (im OFF)

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"I'm really worried about the future. I left school 2 years ago, and I still haven't got an apprenticeship. That's what frightens me. That I won't get a job later on, and I'll be back on the streets. That's really my biggest worry."

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