The International Youth Meeting Center in Oświęcim (IYMC) is an extracurricular educational institution established by the Action Reconciliation Service for Peace and the City of Oświęcim with the support of former Auschwitz prisoners in 1986. Since 1995, the work of the IYMC has been directed by the Polish-German Foundation for the IYMC.

The goal of the Foundation is to conduct educational and cultural activities through the IYMC in Oświęcim, preserving in memory the effects of the criminal ideology of German Nazism, of which Auschwitz and the Holocaust have become symbols, as well as taking action for the benefit of an open civil society and understanding between nations for peaceful coexistence.

The IYMC based on historical facts works to preserve the memory of World War II and the Holocaust.

Based on the historical importance and symbolism of the former concentration and extermination camp, it realizes the pedagogical concept of "Auschwitz as a place to learn”.

Located between the city of Oświęcim and the former Auschwitz concentration and extermination camp, the Youth Meeting Center is an excellent place where, under the care of experienced educators, a visit to the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial Site can be prepared and subsequently summarized.

The varied programme of the workshops on history and contemporary issues encourages visitors to reflect deeply on fundamental questions.

The IYMC conducts international seminars and youth exchanges, study trips, workshops, conferences, meetings, public debates, organizes exhibitions, concerts, literary meetings, and performances. A spacious garden, bright seminar rooms, a well-equipped library and a complex of free-standing, light, one-story residential pavilions offer a wide space for meeting and reflection. Since its foundation, the IYMC has been visited by more than 2,500 groups of young people and adults from 30 countries worldwide.

The Foundation is one of the oldest and most appreciated institutions of Polish-German cooperation and European dialogue. The International Youth Meeting Center in Oświęcim has been awarded many prestigious distinctions, including the Pro Publico Bono Award in 2008 and the Polish-German Award in 2014.