EVS project description – Katholische Jugend und Jungschar

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Number of volunteers: 1

Looking for volunteers from:

- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Germany
- Finland
- Greece
- Iceland
- Croatia
- Lativa
- Lithuania
- Malta
- Norway
- Portugal
- Sweden
- Slovakia
- Spain
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Denmark
- Estonia
- France
- Ireland
- Italy
- Ukraine
- Liechtenstein
- Luxembourg
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Romania
- Serbia
- Slovenia
- Czech Republic
- Hungaria

Project Topics:

- Ethics, religion and philosophy (incl. Inter-religious dialogue)
- Youth (Participation, Youth Work, Youth Policy)

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Hosting organisation:

Katholische Jugend & Jungschar
Feldkirch/Dornbirn, AUSTRIA

Coordinating organisation:

aha – Tipps & Infos für junge Leute
Dornbirn, AUSTRIA

Project description:

The Katholische Jugend und Jungschar Vorarlberg is an association with more than 7.000 members. Therefore it is the biggest youth organisation in Vorarlberg. There are four main principles for our work with young people: support, personal development, spirituality and socio-political commitment. Additionally the Katholische Jugend und Jungschar is responsible for children's and young people's lobby in general, and provides support for more than 130 parishes in Vorarlberg (financial support, ideas, trainings etc.). In the parishes there are small chapters of the Katholische Jugend und Jungschar like ministrants, youth groups or choirs, which are run by voluntary (unpaid) members.
The organisation itself is non-commercial, non-profit, and purues a (Catholic) churchly purpose. The organisations purpose is to plan and accomplish churchly work with children and young people in Vorarlberg. Networking with other youth organisations in Vorarlberg and Austria is another important aspect of our work. Everyday life in our offices includes office work in general as well as the organisation of various activities for young people, that is young people in general and youngsters actively involved in parish work. These activities include workshops, youth exchanges, creative leisure time activities, seminars on different topics (youth work, teamwork, spirituality etc.)or trips (for example to Taizé).

Tasks of the volunteer:

The volunteer will work five days a week, 34 hours a week including German course. S/he will have two days holidays per month.

The volunteer in our organisation will get an insight into Catholic youth work in Vorarlberg and more general in Austria. He/she will learn a lot about working in a team and working on her/his own in an office, as office work is a major part of the everyday-routine. Moreover she/he will gather skills of planning, running and evaluating projects. The volunteer will develop many creative skills as preparing creative activities and workshops are major parts of the project. On the other hand our organisation will profit from the new ideas and the special skills which the volunteer brings in this project. Generally the volunteer will learn about the Austrian culture and Erasmus+ will therefore help to reduce prejudices and stereotypes.

- Events: The main part of the volunteer's tasks is to help (background work in the office) with the preparation and organisation of the various activities organised by the Katholische Jugend und Jungschar Vorarlberg for the whole region: summer camps in Vorarlberg and abroad, creative events for children and young people, trainings for young people in various fields (communication, personality development, etc.), events throughout the year (e.g. for Christmas and Easter). The volunteer helps to organise the program, can lead workshops if she/he wants (and the language skills are appropriate), helps in public relations etc. There are also some workshops in the weekends where the volunteer will participate and also help. If the volunteer is working in these workshops he/she will have the equivalent hours of free time in the following week.

- Projects: The second field of activities is the assistance with projects that we do along the year: camps, weekend-workshops for apprentices, music events, artistic workshops (painting, music), youth exchanges.

The volunteer will mainly be seen as support to the whole team in various projects and events run by our organisation. He/she will be involved in the whole planning, running and evaluating process.
Moreover the volunteer will have the chance to create his/her own project. Examples for such projects which have been done by volunteers at our organisation are a game afternoon for kids, another volunteer designed a map with different games for children with pictures and explanations, another possibility is to organise an intercultural evening.
We try to match activities for the volunteer with his/her own interests and strengths.

Volunteer profile:

The volunteer should be open for the concerns of the Catholic Church but does not have to be a member of the Church. She/He should like to work with children and young people and should be creative. Basic knowledge of German would be an advantage but is not necessary for the work in our office. She/He should be reliable. It would make things easier if the volunteer had a driving licence but it is also not necessary.

How to apply:

Please write a mail with your CV (incl. picture of you, date of birth,…) and motivation letter. After the application deadline we will have selection rounds with the staff! During those selection rounds it’s possible that we will contact you for further information through mail, phone calls or Skype!

Don’t forget to add the name of the project when you apply for it!

Living conditions:

The volunteer will live in an accommodation where also other volunteers live. It is organised by the host organisation. S/He will have a room with bathroom on her/his own and share a kitchen with other residents. The infrastructure with trains and buses is easy, quick and frequent and s/he will probably also have a bicycle at her/his disposal. The volunteer will receive a ticket for free use of any public transport in the whole region of Vorarlberg during the complete EVS time.

Support during the EVS:

S/He will have regular meetings with her/his mentor in our organisation to talk about problems or critical incidents among other things. Additionally s/he will have a junior mentor (=former EVS volunteer) at her/his side to support her in situations of crisis. The Coordinating Organisation will hold a monthly evaluation meeting with all volunteers in Vorarlberg. In the end of the project we will together with the volunteer evaluate the project, what s/he has learned and which competences s/he has gained and as a result fill out the Youthpass. Furthermore there will be a final personal evaluation meeting with the Coordinating Organisation.

Related links:

Website: http://www.kath-kirche-vorarlberg.at/jugend/organisation/katholische-jugend-und-jungschar/willkommen

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/junge.kirche.vorarlberg

Project description on the European EVS databank:
http://europa.eu/youth/vp/organisation/940790294_en

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