

European Solidarity Corps - Volunteering Activities: project description – OJA Lustenau

Voluntary Project:

OJA Lustenau (PIC 939444128)

Number of volunteers:

1

Looking for volunteers from:

- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Germany
- Finland
- Greece
- Iceland
- Croatia
- Latvia
- 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:

- Youth (Participation, Youth Work, Youth Policy)

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Lustenau, AUSTRIA

Supporting/Coordinating organisation:

aha – Jugendinformationszentrum Vorarlberg
Dornbirn, AUSTRIA

Project description:

The charitable culture and youth organization „Culture Factor Y“ is a youth centre with multiple and varied offers for children and adolescent. The most important part of our work is the „open house“ for our visitors. Contacts between the youth and the professional youth(social)workers are established there. For our visitors we create the opportunity to approach their personal requests and interest in the form of a „visitor-assembly“, so the visitors are involved in creating the program of our work. The organization consists of a main building with varied offers and four decentralized areas of work.

The main house (Amann-Fitz-Straße)

The „open house“ and a few other offers for young people in the age of 16 to 25 years are offered here. Our Job and qualification training scheme is also offered in this house. This project offers young people who are searching for employment a medium-term job and helps them to find an employment in the first job market.

Decentralized youth centre (Maria-Theresien-Straße)

This place is a meeting point for young people in the age of 11 to 16 years. Four times per week in the afternoon we create the opportunity for child-appropriate free time activities. We also try to help them finding solutions in difficult life-situations.

Decentralized youth centre for girls

This is an important place only for girls. Boys and men are not allowed to visit this house. Girls in the age of 11 to 16 spend their free time there. According to the motto „to be by themselves“ young girls are enjoying their free time there.

Mobile youth work

Youth(social)workers establish contacts to the adolescent in public places. The focus of this type of work is the work on relationships to the youth. It is the aim to find out their needs and interests. Like we do it in all types of our work the professionals support the young people in problematic situations and offer help for self-help.

German-language-support (Hannes-Grabher-Siedlung)

The „Hannes-Grabher-Siedlung“ is a big social housing development in Lustenau. More than 400 people live there. Two times per week in the afternoon social education workers help children in the age of 4 to 10 years with their homework. The main emphasis is the German-language-support for the children.

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 will work in all areas from the organisation Culture Factor Y. The focus of this type of work is the work on relationships to the youth. The duty of the volunteer as well in the main house and in the decentralized youth centres will be on one side to have direct contact with the adolescents and on the other side it is preparation time. The aim of all is to support the young people in their issues. Also important is the teamwork (regular team meetings, reflection meetings, exchange between the different professions). If the volunteer wants s/he can realise her/his own project in cooperation with the young people. Since we offer a wide variety of activities s/he has a lot of possibilities to do so (creative workshop, antiracism project, project about her/his home country, etc.). S/He will have all the support from the team that s/he needs.

Our different areas are:

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The volunteer will learn a lot about youth work and will get a practical insight into the various fields of youth work: leisure time activities, intercultural dialogue, employment, education + training in youth work. In the daily contact with the young people s/he will increase her/his social competences in establishing contacts and building relationships. Helping with projects or doing her/his own projects the volunteer will learn project management “by doing” and practice teamwork. S/he will get an insight into various youth cultures and will meet (young) people of different cultural origin.

Volunteer profile:

The volunteer should be open and communicative. S/He should be motivated and have fun to work with young people. A first knowledge of German language would be advantageous.

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 time.

Support during the voluntary service:

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 Supporting/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 Supporting/Coordinating Organisation.

Related links:

Website: <http://www.ojal.at>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/offenejugendarbeit.lustenau?fref=ts>

Project description on the European project databank:

https://europa.eu/youth/vp/organisation/939444128_en

