

## **European Solidarity Corps - Volunteering Activities:** **project description –** **OJA Lauterach**

**Voluntary Project:** OJA Lauterach (PIC 940630632)

**Number of volunteers:** 1

### **Project Topics:**

- Youth (Participation, Youth Work, Youth Policy)
- Creativity and culture
- Inclusion - equity

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### **Hosting organisation:**

Marktgemeinde Lauterach OJA Lauterach  
Lauterach, AUSTRIA

### **Supporting/Coordinating organisation:**

aha – Jugendinformationszentrum Vorarlberg  
Dornbirn, AUSTRIA

### **Project description:**

Marktgemeinde Lauterach is the local government of the village of Lauterach. The “Offene Jugendarbeit Lauterach” (Open Youth Work Lauterach) is a department of the local government that works with the interests and issues of young people between 12 and 19 years. The association is non-commercial and politically unaffiliated. Aim of the

association is the advancement of youth work as an additional contribution to youth education provided by schools and other youth-orientated associations.

We provide opportunities and activities for young people to discover their own personal aims and limits especially regarding creativity and developing their own personality. Our work should support young people in the phase of adolescence and with the complex tasks of growing up.

To fulfil these tasks our association provides a youth centre where young people have the opportunity to socialise, do creative work or participate in all kind of workshops. We also set our focus on young people with migrant origin, young people with disabilities or educational shortcomings and young people facing poverty. Furthermore, we provide gender specific youth work and offer a special programme for girls and boys.

Altogether we work with an interprofessional team of five people of different backgrounds (youth workers, social workers etc.), trainees and also a team of young people who organise and help to organise parties and work in different projects.

We work in close cooperation with other organisations in the youth and social field on a local and regional level.

### **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.

In our organisations the volunteer will be seen as a temporary team member who supports us in our work. S/He will assist us in our work in the youth centre and will also participate in our mobile youth work programme (a form of street work). Another part of the job are different projects with focus on creativity, sports, education and cultural topics. The volunteer will be able to make her/his own projects, bringing in her/his very own talents.

It is also possible for the volunteer to attend trainings and workshops regarding youth work, where s/he can refine her/his skills in social work.

\* Working in a youth cafe: working behind the bar

- \* Supervising the youngsters
- \* playing games with the youngsters
- \* communicating and giving advice
- \* Mobile (street work): walking around the village meeting young people and talking to them and informing them about the workshops and the special activities of the youth centre
- \* Special workshops: graffiti jam, Kino night, girls day, sport activities, outdoor activities, etc.

The different kinds of projects depend on the youngsters interests and the season.

Doing a voluntary project with our institution 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:**

We are ready and open to receive a volunteer and look forward to getting to know someone new. We think it important that the person is ready to have new experiences. The volunteer should be motivated to work in our team and should like to get to know many young people. To work with young people should be fun and enriching. We are looking for a creative, flexible and motivated person.

### **How to apply:**

Please write a mail with your CV (incl. picture of you, date of birth,...) and motivation letter to [susanne.sparr@aha.or.at](mailto:susanne.sparr@aha.or.at). 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 a student housing, 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 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:**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/offene.lauterach?fref=ts>

Project description on the European project databank:  
[https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity/placement/17550\\_en](https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity/placement/17550_en)

