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## European Solidarity Corps - Volunteering Activities

### Project Description

#### aha – Jugendinformationszentrum



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**Voluntary Project:** aha – Jugendinformationszentrum  
**Number of volunteers:** 1  
**Project duration:** 02.10.2023 – 31.07.2024 (10 months)

#### Project Topics:

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

#### Contact (where to send the application):

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#### Hosting organisation:

aha – Jugendinformationszentrum, Dornbirn, Austria

#### Supporting/Coordinating organisation:

aha – Jugendinformationszentrum Vorarlberg, Dornbirn, Austria



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### **Project description:**

The "aha – Jugendinformationszentrum" is a youth information center offering up-to-date information about matters concerning young people. It is situated in the province of Vorarlberg, the most western region of Austria and was established in 1992.

The main target group are young people between 12 and 30 years old. Information is provided on education and training, employment, travel, active citizenship, leisure time activities, legal questions, health, politics, etc.

Further central aspects are our aims, activities and workshops to cover aspects such as active citizenship, democratic values, transnational interest and solidarity, equality, diversity and inclusion, youth empowerment, enabling informed decision-making, peer-to-peer education in non-formal and informal settings.

The International Department of our organisation also coordinates the regional activities of the programmes "Erasmus+" and "European Solidarity Corps"; coordinating all local volunteering projects as well as sending volunteers and informing youth organisations on a variety of funding opportunities.

*(→ In this case, the aha youth information centre is at the same time hosting organisation as well as the coordinating organisation. Mind though, that your main tutor and the overall project coordinator are different persons, working in different areas of the organisation.)*

### **Tasks of the volunteer:**

The volunteer will work five days a week, 34 hours a week including German course and trainings. They will usually have the weekends off and will have two days holidays per month.

At our organisation, volunteers will have a diverse volunteering experience, where they can meet many people and try out working in different areas. After having been introduced to the different areas, the volunteer is open to express and deepen in their field of interest. Our main areas which proved quality experiences for volunteers are:

#### **1) Digital, technical and social media department**

- Photography, video, social media content creation, digital tools, blogging, posting, digital storytelling, design



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## 2) Youth Events & Workshops

- Join our team with organising events, activities and workshops for youth
- Assist in organising events, the possibility of co-hosting events/activities/workshops is given, if the volunteer wishes to do this or try this
- Assist youth with developing their knowledge and skills, support them if they have questions



## 3) Information department + help organising events:

- Help in the information area of the centre, acquire and present information on a variety of youth related topics (working abroad, travelling, training, employment, youth movements and local youth initiatives) and help with the adequate presentation and distribution of information
- Help preparing and organising special information events (e. g. on "going abroad") at information fairs (Dornbirn fair, University fair, etc.)

## 4) Youth engagement programme "aha plus":

- Travel through the province to meet with programme partners to check out their venues and validate their partnership offers and discounts.



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## 5) Own project:

- Volunteers have the opportunity to pursue own projects according to their interests, desires and skills - with the support of the staff and the infrastructure of the centre.

→ Most of the activities can be done without or with only little knowledge of German. Some of the activities will only start when the volunteer's German has reached a certain level.

### Volunteer profile:

Our volunteers should like to interact with kids and youngsters of different backgrounds and should be interested in youth cultures and different media as well social media. It would be great if the volunteer likes to do creative tasks and is into photography and filming as well as content creation.



Most important is though, that the volunteer should be motivated to communicating with young people and be prepared to take the initiative to get in contact with them. They should be flexible and willing to take part in our work, our activities, projects and workshops.

### 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 you will be contacted for further information through mail, phone calls or zoom.

**→ Don't forget to add the name of the project when you apply for it!**

### Practical arrangements:

The volunteer will live in a student housing, where also other volunteers, students and residents from different backgrounds live. The housing is organised by the hosting organisation. S\*he will have a room with an own bathroom ensuite and share a kitchen and common rooms with the other residents.



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The infrastructure with trains and buses is very accessible and frequent and additionally, s\*he will 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 tutor in our organisation to talk about the development of the project, task assignments, general wellbeing, problems, wishes, etc.

The Project Coordinator will hold a monthly evaluation meeting with all volunteers in Vorarlberg. At 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 Project Coordinator.

### **Related links:**

Website:

[www.aha.or.at](http://www.aha.or.at)

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/aha.Jugendinfo>

Project description on the European project database:

[https://youth.europa.eu/solidarity/placement/33740\\_en](https://youth.europa.eu/solidarity/placement/33740_en)