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Plattform Offene Jugendarbeit Tirol

EU-funded Volunteering in the Jugendhaus "park in" Youth centre in Austria



**12-months of volunteering in Tirol
Start: October 2019**

**We are looking for a motivated volunteer from
an EU/EEA country**

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Hosting Organisation:

Verein Kuratorium Lambichler Jugendhaus – park in

Located in Hall in Tirol, Austria

Jugendhaus “park in” has been hosting volunteers for years. We are now looking for a volunteer for 2019-2020 and are excited to receive applications!



Some info on the hosting organisation:

- The target group of “park in” is youngsters between 12 and 19 years, coming from different social and educational backgrounds. Most of the young visitors live in the communities between Innsbruck and Hall in Tirol and spend their leisure time in and around the youth center. Some of them are young refugees, a majority come from different countries. They are supported by youth workers and can talk to them about their interests and needs.
- The youth center “park in” offers a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. The main meeting point is the Youth Café (a bar area you see above). There are furthermore an outdoor skateboard area, pool billiard, disco area, recording studio, table tennis, DJ workstation, free internet access, cooking facilities, concert and music facilities, workshop rooms and more.
- Teenagers can seek support or advice from the youth workers or can simply spend their free time at the youth center and meet their friends.

Location:

The project is located in the community of Hall in Tirol, which is 10 minutes by train from the regional capital Innsbruck. Hall in Tirol has around 14.000 inhabitants, good infrastructure, is a touristic town and offers frequent train and bus connections.

The volunteer's flat is next to the youth center. It is a one-room-apartment, fully equipped with a kitchen block and a bathroom. Be aware that you live exactly where the youth center is located and sometimes, youngsters gather close-by in the evening. The area is safe and the youth center and the flat are located very centrally in Hall in Tirol.



Hall in Tirol, the community where the youth centre is

Funding:

This project is funded by the EU- program "European Solidarity Corps". We will be informed about the approval in July. The volunteer will receive food money and a monthly pocket money of Euro 150. The ONLY financial contribution that the selected volunteer will need to make is to pay a small share of the travel costs if necessary (there is a lump sum budget).

Project duration:

12 Months: Volunteering starts between the 1st and the 7th of October 2019, ending on the 30th of September 2020.

You need to be ready to participate the whole duration, it's important for the project, your learning development and for the hosting organisation!

The application deadline is on the 23th of June 2019.

Tasks & Activities of the volunteer:

- Being part of the multi-professional “park in”-team
- Supporting the youth workers in the youth center
- planning and organising youth leisure activities and events together with colleagues and youngsters
- Working at the Youth Café and basic cooking for and with youngsters
- Working with kids and youngsters (supporting them in spending their free-time in the youth center, for example playing different games, sports, talking, participating in activities with them)
- Creativity in generating new ideas with young people
- Supporting social media for the youth center
- Taking part in regular team meetings

The volunteer will work five days a week, around 35 hours a week including the German course and personal mentoring. The free “weekend” is going to be every Sunday and Monday. The volunteer will have two days off per month in addition to the weekends (holidays).

The volunteer will be able to learn a lot, he or she will have an interesting role and gain valuable experience and skills in working with youngsters. Also the volunteer will be given free space to create, try and implement his or her own ideas.

The volunteer will be encouraged and accompanied to support the youngsters to tackle tasks themselves, so that the young people can discover their potential and abilities. The volunteer's work will be guided by our professional youth workers. We are very open towards new and creative influences, which we believe add new perspectives to our organisation.

Examples for such creative ideas may be: creating a country-specific week with special meals or events, baking Christmas cookies, doing an artistic/music/cultural/ project with the youngsters, healthy meal day, social media for the youth centre, taking pictures, making a video.



Profile of the volunteer:

We are looking for an open-minded volunteer who is willing to gain a lot of experience in youth work with youngsters. We expect that the volunteer brings in high motivation for the project and is interested in working with young people. Moreover, the volunteer should have a stable personal situation in order to cope with the challenges of the daily work with youngsters.

- ✓ We are looking for a „world open“ (open-minded) young person who is between 20 and 30 years old.
- ✓ We are looking for a volunteer who wants to deal with children and teenagers.
- ✓ We are looking someone who is curious to learn and to work in a team.
- ✓ We are looking for someone with creative ideas.
- ✓ We are looking for someone who is motivated to learn the German language.

We ask for your understanding: We can ONLY accept volunteers at “park in” who do not require a visa or residence permit for 12 months in Austria.



Coordinating organisation:

The coordinating organisation of this project is POJAT, an umbrella organisation for youth centers in Tyrol, Innsbruck. POJAT coordinates 5 volunteers in the region of Tyrol. The coordinator is ready to answer open questions and to prepare the project with the hosting organisation, the selected volunteer and the sending organisation! POJAT will link all volunteers during the experience and support all along the project.

The coordinator is Martina: office@pojat.at (send your applications to the host, not to Martina!).

More info: www.pojat.at

Support during the project:

The volunteer will have regular meetings with her or his mentor and with the hosting organisation, to talk about the wellbeing or about the project activities.

In the hosting organisation the volunteer will receive orientation and support for the activities from the main responsible employee and from the entire team.

The coordinating organisation POJAT will hold a regular group meeting with all volunteers in Tyrol in order to share experiences, give support to one another and to stay connected. Also, there are regular free-time activities organised for the volunteers. At the end of the project we will evaluate it together with the volunteer and look at what he or she has learned and which competences he or she has gained and as a result the volunteer can fill in the Youthpass certificate. The volunteer will get to know other volunteers from various countries and will be invited to participate in monthly free-time activities, organised by young Austrians.

How to apply:

Please send your CV and the enclosed filled-in APPLICATION FORM directly to the hosting organisation! Contact person: Mr. Alexander Eder, Email: alexander.eder@parkin.at

The deadline to apply is the 23. June 2019.

Only complete applications will be considered. Option: You can additionally send something creative to express your motivation (this is not demanded).

Mr. Eder will get in touch with you after the deadline, so check your e-mail regularly. You might be invited for a phone call/skype. The final decision will be taken about two to three weeks later by the host and all applicants will be informed about their status.



We are looking forward to hearing from you!