

General information about an application
for an international long-term voluntary service with Friedenskreis Halle e.V.
within the program: EVS, weltwärts



Who may apply?

Next to some general criteria, to be found below, there are specific criteria for each place of assignment we coordinate a service at, to be found in the profiles.

General profile volunteers

- 18 to 28 years (exceptions can be made, when reasonable)
- (high) school graduation or comparable personal suitability
- basic knowledge of English and willingness to learn German starting in home country
- motivation: voluntary service as an opportunity to learn in different fields and to get involved with (civil) society (voluntary service as learning and peace service)
- openness to the special structure of a voluntary service with Friedenskreis Halle, that is: willingness (a) to participate in the accompanying educational program, (b) to develop and implement one or more small project(s), (c) to get occupied with and engaged in topics and activities of (local) civil society and (d) to learn German in depth. (we call these activities „service related activities“ and we expect them next to the work in the project)
- interest in global relationships and peace politics as well as education on these topics
- preferable already dedication in civil society in the home country, willingness to get involved in civil society in the home country after returning

How to apply?

Depending on the type of service (EVS or weltwärts), there are differences in who may apply and how application takes place.

weltwärts:

Within the program "weltwärts" we cooperate with fixed partner (=sending) organisations in South-East-Europe and Ruanda. Please get in contact with the organisation most near to where you live (but of your country). You can find a list of organisations we are cooperating with on our Homepage (www.friedenskreis-halle.de) under "Friedensdienste" > "Being a volunteer in Halle": (<http://www.friedenskreis-halle.de/arbeitsbereiche/friedensdienste/volunteerinhalle.html>).

Send the sending organisation an application within the announced application period (announced on the Homepage and in the announcement sent to partners).

EVS:

Please get in contact with a possible sending organisation. Either you ask us whether we have a partner organisation in the region you come from or you search yourself a sending organisation via the EVS databank.

Send us and the sending organisation an application within the announced application period. Ask the sending organisation to hold an interview with you and send us a comment on you.

EVS and weltwärts:

The application should at least consist of

1. introduction: contact details, including full address and skype
2. CV (also listing your voluntary engagements so far and showing something of your social background)
3. motivation letter including your favorite places of assignments (max. 3) (1 to 2 A4 pages)
4. the application form of Friedenskreis Halle e.V. (on our Homepage (www.friedenskreis-halle.de) under "Friedensdienste" > "Being a volunteer in Halle": (<http://www.friedenskreis-halle.de/arbeitsbereiche/friedensdienste/volunteerinhalle.html>)).

Please be aware: There might be additional requirements of the sending organisation. Ask them!

In the motivation letter, please address especially the following questions:

- What does volunteering mean to you? Why do you want to volunteer (instead of working, doing a trainee-ship etc.)?
- Why do you want to volunteer in that specific place of assignment (poa)? What do you expect from volunteering in such kind of poa (instead of another poa)?
- Why do you want to volunteer in Germany/Halle? What do you expect from volunteering here (instead of another city/country)?
- What does it mean to you to volunteer with the organisation "Friedenskreis Halle"?

Selection process - weltwärts:

The partner organisations have the main responsible for selection of volunteers. After their selection they propose to Friedenskreis Halle candidates for final approval and matching. This will take place through an interview hold by Skype mid january till mid february in cooperation with the places of assignment in Halle.

Selection process - EVS:

After screening all applications and comments of sending organisations we will let you know whether we consider to welcome you. As 2nd round in the selection process (final selection and matching to a place of assignment) we and/or the place of assignment will hold skype interviews mid january till mid february.

We are looking forward for your application!