

International longterm voluntary service with Friedenskreis Halle e.V.
profile place of assignment
within the program: weltwärts, EVS



Kulturwerkstatt Grüne Villa

<http://kulturwerkstatt-halle.de/>



Our organization was grounded in 2009 and represents a group of artists, activists, theatre players and cultural pedagogues. We are active in inter- and sociocultural work and offer an interesting and diverse cultural program for children and youth who can get plenty of exciting possibilities for their engagement beginning from forum theatre, music, dance, theatre courses and ending with film, media courses.

Since last year we have a small cultural centre and give free courses for the children and youth from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds. We developed an international network in forum theatre and have a big partnership with Jana Sanskriti theatre group from India which focuses on bringing transformation into society through practicing theatre of the Oppressed in India, creating thus a democratic space for people to cultivate themselves intellectually. During the last five years we invited Jana Sanskriti theatre group three times. In frames of this exchange they shared their skills with us and we experienced their great performances.

Field of engagement and activities of the volunteer within place of assignment

The voluntary service at this poa mainly is sociocultural work with children and youth! The aim is to create a space for meetings and exchange for people from different social and cultural backgrounds.

Activities of the volunteer:

- active preparation process of our open and regular theatre, music, dance, film, dance theatre courses for children, youth and adults
- support theatre groups consisting of people with migrant background
- assistance in organising of project days mostly on political and social topics or other cultural activities for children and youth at schools, theatres etc.
- attracting attention of the people who newly arrived to Germany and want to integrate and join the society through different activities
- (co)organisation and development of cultural, artistic program (holiday offers, coffee days, street parties, theatre plays, theatre festivals, films etc.) for children and youth
- involvement into a team process of theatre method exchange with other theatre groups

It is possible and desired that a volunteer brings in his/her own ideas, interests, skills and activity-offers. Besides that the volunteer will participate at all team activities (meetings, trainings, etc.).

Volunteers profile – Specific for this place of assignment

- should be 20 years or older
- should have pedagogical experiences or education
- must have empathy in regard to children and youth
- should be communicative and creative
- should be authentic, self dependent, responsible, punctual, open, honest and flexible
- should have cultural, artistic, manual and/or sportive interests and/or skills
- should have willingness to learn German fast and should have some basic knowledge at the start of the service
- need a certificate of good conduct without any entries

Volunteers profile – General

- 18 to 28 years (weltwärts, exceptions can be made, when reasonable) resp. 18 to 30 years (EVS)
- (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 to participate in the accompanying educational program, to develop and implement one or more small project(s) and to get occupied and engaged with topics and activities of (local) civil society,
- interest in European (EVS) resp. global (weltwärts) 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

Reports of former volunteers

Tamara, 2017-18



I am Tamara, from Skopje-Macedonia, volunteer at Grüne Villa. Grüne Villa is cultural center, where many kinds of workshops are happening, but mainly theater for children-adolescents\forum theater, as people that run the place are theater artists. Anyway, it is not only about theater, but Villa is one big “playground” for anyone who has ideas useful for the society and environment to be realized. My experience till now is only positive, wonderful people, daily activities from which you can learn a lot, and possibility to implement your own knowledge and creativity! The best advice that I can give you, is to pack your baggage with some warm clothes and the rest with packages full of

ideas, positivity, creativity and motivation to speak only in German! In Villa you will have nothing but amazing time and experience!