

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



Kinder- und Jugendhaus e.V.

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The Kinder- und Jugendhaus e.V. (Children and Youth House Association) is an independent supporting organisation in the field of child and youth welfare service located in the southern part of Halle. It runs the JBBZ "Kinder- und Jugendhaus", the Kindertagesstätten (day nurseries) „Sonnenhaus“ and „Wirbelwind“, and the Hort (after school care club) „Kinderpark“, the Familiencafe (family cafe) "Völkchen" and changing projects.



The Kinder- und Jugendhaus e.V. addresses children and youth living in the social room „Halle-Süd“. This social room is marked by (in relation to Halle and its environment) a relatively high unemployment rate, partly poverty, partly educational disadvantages and a high proportion of people with a migratory background. Goal of the work of the association is it to show an alternative to violence, addiction, lethargy and poverty and thus to open new perspectives.

Beside the daily child care in the Kitas and the Hort, the association is active in open work with children, youth, and families, social work in schools, job related orientation for teenagers, prevention, work for the civic good, work on integration and migration. The association offers free-time activities and training courses (games, workshops, Computer Cafe, tea room), events in the district and (trans)cultural events.

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

The voluntary service at this poa mainly is social work with children and youth!

The volunteer will support the JBBZ "Kinder- und Jugendhaus" and/or the Hort "Kinderpark" and/or (changing) projects. - currently only JBBZ "Kinder- und Jugendhaus"

JBBZ "Kinder- und Jugendhaus": <http://www.kjhev.de/kjh.htm>

The JBBZ "Kinder- und Jugendhaus" has 4 fields of activities: open area for children, open area for youth, Media Lab, tearoom. Open areas for children and youth mean, that the children/youth have a place where they can go during the day and hang out with others. Pedagogics and social workers are around, but the kids and youth can decide freely when they want to come and go and what they want to do. Different offers such as games, computers, dart, material for creative work, laboratories for photography, pottery, work with wood and repairing bicycles etc. are at their disposal. If the weather is good, the children and youth can spend their time outside in the courtyard. In addition, both areas organize regularly little events such as cooking and overnight-parties for the children and dart and socker-sessions for the youth.

The Hort „Kinderpark“: <http://www.hort-kinderpark.de/>

A "Hort" is a place, where (primary) school-children are taken care of outside school. In Germany most primary schools finish midday. Since parents might have to work till afternoon/evening, their children

have to be watched after till they can go home. The same during school holidays. In a Hort children can play, but they also are encouraged to do their homework and follow special offers by the Hort.

Activities of the volunteer (in both areas):

- Offer of sports, games, creative projects etc.
- help to organise events and celebrations, e.g. housing area celebrations, christmas market, intercultural week, trips
- participation in projects (organisation and documentaion)
- in the Hort: optional helping with homework a.o.
- communicating of cultural competences and information, games, food, habits, celebrations etc. from their home
- realization of an own project, gladly with an European, developmental policy or peace policy background
- participation in working- and team meetings



Please be aware:

- You work afternoon hours and sometimes Saturdays!
- In the past there had been single quite challenging, e.g. right-wing-orientated or aggressive, clients – The poa knows about that and will support you!
- Only few clients and staff members speak English!
- You will have a quite fixed duty-roster!

Volunteers profile – specific for this place of assignment

- interest in working with children and youth
- empathy in regard to children and youth
- some experiences in working with children and youth
- openness to children and youth with difficulties
- interest and/or skills for sports, music, cultural or creative work and interest to bring in this knowledge into the work
- volunteer should be authentic, alone standing, responsible, punctual, open, honest, flexible and pro-active towards children
- volunteer needs a quite high frustration tolerance and should have low expectations in respect to the implementation of own plans
- knowledge of German at least at level B1 already at the start; volunteer should be willing and able to learn German very fast (we ask for an honest and realistic self-assessment!)
- certificate of good conduct without any entries

Volunteers profile – General

- age: 18-28 (weltwärts, exceptions can be made, when reasonable) / 18-30 (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 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

Muamera, 2016/2017

I was working with kids and teenagers at the Kinder Jugendhaus. That is a place where children and youths spent their free time. My task was to create their time there more interesting. I've also helped to plan some celebrations/parties and projects. I was also free to develop my own ideas and propose some free time activities. Sometimes kids weren't satisfied with my offers. Most of those kids are not getting the right attention from their parents, and that's why these kids don't know how to behave under a certain system. I tried to help these kids as much as possible, with school problems and homework. Sometimes only small talk helps.

... and in German:

(...) Ich habe im Kinder und Jugendhaus gearbeitet. Das ist eine Einrichtung wo Kinder und Jugendliche ihre Freizeit verbringen können. Meine Aufgabe war es die Freizeit so interessant wie möglich für die Kinder zu gestalten. Ich habe auch bei Projekten, Festen und Turnieren mitgeholfen. Ich konnte auch immer meine Ideen mitbringen.

Für mich war es manchmal sehr Enttäuschend das die Kinder nicht alles mitmachen wollten. Manche von den sind von den Eltern vernachlässigt und sind es nicht gewohnt einen strukturellen Alltag zu haben. Ich habe mich bemüht so viel wie möglich auf die Kinder einzugehen und ihnen auch bei Problemen oder bei Hausaufgaben zu helfen.

Neben der Arbeit hatten wir alle drei Monate Seminare die der Friedenskreis organisiert hat. Es waren viele spannende Themen mit dabei.(...)

Raif, 2015/2016

My working day in Kinder und Jugendhaus.

Normally you start the day at 12:30pm (Tuesday until Saturday) by going there saying hello to the colleagues and then depends where you are working in Bunker or OT (Oppener Treff) you go and take the keys and your first thing to do is to open the windows for fresh air and then you take the dishes from the dishwashing machine, order them in their place and some small things like putting bags for the garbage and so on.

At the beginning the most important is that you prepare the registration paper for the children, because they have to write their names when they come, this is for the house and the sponsor things. After you usually wait until the children come. Sometimes happens that they come at 14:00, sometimes early, it's not necessary for them to come at the same time everyday. When the children come the best what you can do it is to start speaking with them like asking how was the school today, what is new, and if they have any problem your task is to ask if you can help somehow, or directly start to play a game with them, or help them with the school homework.

Your task is also to be in the kitchen if they need to eat something (mostly sandwich) or ice or drink something. Mostly of the times the children want to cook alone or get the drinks alone but they need to have your permission (also colleague permission), but there are some kids that make those things without asking. Also important is that to see everyday if you need to go for buying stuff for eating like Sallami, cheese, bread and so on, also ice is important in summer.

About the children, they are never on the same mood, they can be very friendly that can share everything with you, but also happens that they don't want to do anything and those are the situations where they don't show any respect for no one who is there.

There are also situations where the house is closed and then you have to work in different kits (Kinder gardens) or sometimes you have to work with the caretaker (Hausmeister).

At the end of the day u have to clean the floor, the kitchen, throw the garbige.

This is one of the most important tasks for the workers there that the kitchen is totally clean, because there could be control and if it is not clean they can close it and can't do nothing again. Some of the children really like to help you with cleaning and all that stuff and that is very cool. The end of the day is at 19:00 o'clock where you have to close the doors, windows, and turn off the light.

Expectations: my expectations here were that I have a good relationship with my colleagues and with the children and I think I achived that and also to have more experience working with children who have problems and trying to solve them.

What I dont like: the children know that they have to ask about everything what they want to do, but they dont ask and that is the thing what makes me unhappy, because if something happens you should be responsible for everything.