

International longterm voluntary service with Friedenskreis Halle e.V.



*profile place of assignment  
within the program: weltwärts*

## **Kindertagesstätte „Marktspatzen“**

<http://zweckverband.org/kita-marktspatzen/>



The nursery „Marktspatzen“ is a facility for childcare, located at the centre of Halle. It is runned by the association called „Zweckverband familienunterstützende Einrichtungen im evangelischen Kirchenkreis Halle-Saalkreis“.

The Kindertagesstätte (Kita) "Marktspatzen" (nursery "market of sparrows") is the oldest institution in the city of Halle (Saale). The beautiful brick building and the green , earthy yard area exude a calm, warm atmosphere.

The joy on beeing outside and on the free game, the fun on singing and making music and the enthusiasm for creative projects are typical for this kindergarten.

52 children, from two years on until the age of 6/7, are seperated in 3 groups and cared by a total of eight full-time staff and one person, who pass a "Freiwilliges Soziales Jahr" (FSJ, national voluntary service in the social sector).

Basics of work from the "Markspatzen" are Christian values and the Church year.

In the nursery the children are learning and living the peaceful cooperation in small familiar groups, without letting the individual needs of each of the kids disregarded.

There exists a very close cooperation with the market church and other day-care centres from the association. Also a profitable and reliable cooperation with the parents from the childrens is very important to us. Parents are involved in the "Förderverein" (engl. booster club), make feasts and accompany the children on outings and excursions.



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

The volunteer is assigned to a fixed (age-)group. In this fixed group are about 20 children at the age of 4 to 6 years. However, she or he will have contact with all children and parents, because the volunteer will also help out in other areas of the nursery.

Further areas of engagement:

- Temporary personnel in other groups
- Performance of work in the sector domestic economy
- Participation to service consultations (two times per month) and other activities in the team

Activities in working with groups:

- Support for group activities (such as crafts, preschool work, thematic work like: water, electricity, finding out roads, etc.)
- Participation in the „morning circle“ (every day at the beginning of the work)
- Support by Dressing the children, toileting, brushing teeth, handing out meals, etc.
- Company the groups on excursions
- Preparation and implementation of different offers for the preschool-children

### **Volunteers profile – Specific for this place of assignment:**

- enthusiasm for working with children
- openness to religious themes and religious education
- (*not mandatory, but welcome:*) skills in the area of sports, music, cultural and/or creative work or handicraft and the interest to bring in this specific knowledge into the work with the children
- openminded and proactive behavior
- ability to work in a team
- Curiosity and the will to find a common language with the team, to find a way to communicate with the other teammembers
- need a certificate of good conduct without any entries

### **Volunteers profile – General**

- 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 means: 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 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