

# 2010-DE-260

## Kinder- und Jugendhaus e.V./Familiencafe Völkchen

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<b>Arrival Date</b>	01/03/2014
<b>Departure</b>	28/02/2015
<b>Location</b>	Halle (Germany)
<b>Theme 1</b>	Anti-discrimination
<b>Theme 2</b>	Education through sport and outdoor activities

### **Project title: Sport, Games and Fun with Children - for a Joint Cooperation**

#### **Description of the organisation**

The "Kinder- und Jugendhaus" wants to stimulate and support the social and volunteer engagement of young people. An EVS volunteer can be a model of engagement for teenagers. Also, he/she can bring in new impulses to the local community as well as to local projects which already exist, for example, events in the district, open leisure time activities with children and youth or in the area of intercultural and international youthwork (such as international contacts, introducing the background of the country of origin). As an organisation, we strive for an intercultural cooperation in the team which supports intercultural competences.

To reach those aims, several "houses" belong to "Kinder- und Jugendhaus e.V.". One of them is the "Familiencafé Völkchen", which will be the EVS place this accreditation is written for. So far, "Familiencafé Völkchen" has hosted one EVS volunteer. The "Kinder- und Jugendhaus" has been hosting 4 EVS volunteers and made many good, but also some difficult experiences with them. The staff of the "Familiencafé Völkchen" has been of course introduced to those experiences.

#### **Proposed activities for EVS volunteers:**

Volunteer will usually work in the afternoon from Monday to Friday. The start of the work will be usually between 10:30 and 12:30, but this can vary and depend on the timeframes of the activities carried out in the late afternoon or evening times. Seldom, there can be exceptions for working at the weekends because of special events. In these cases, the volunteer will always get a compensation day or half day off, when working extra hours outside his/her usual schedule.

Volunteer will support the social worker in the work with the children during the open free play time as well as during specific activities or events. The volunteer should be able to work independently and to develop ideas on his/her own.

Basic knowledge in German language would be helpful as well as experiences in working

with children and young people.

After her/his arrival and first weeks of getting to know the place and "Kinder- und Jugendhaus", the volunteer will make an action plan together with work mentor in order to decide which activities she/he would like to support or facilitate.

Volunteer will carry out an own project on the topic of European diversity together with the EVS volunteer who will be in the youth center "Kinder- und Jugendhaus".

### **Location and environment**

The "Kinder- und Jugendhaus" is based in Halle/Saale. The town has got about 230,000 inhabitants and is located in Saxony-Anhalt, approximately 30 km to the west of Leipzig. The university has formed the town with its cultural and social life. There are several theatres, cinemas, pubs, libraries, bathhouses and clubs. Situated next to the river Saale, it is a wonderful place to walk, relax and enjoy nature.

At the same time, there is a high unemployment rate coming from the changes since 1989 and a considerable part of the younger generation lacks perspectives.

Social segregation is characteristic to Halle; Kinder- und Jugendhaus is located in the "South", that is, a residential area, characterized by high unemployment and families relying on social support. There are several schools in that area, including special schools for disadvantaged people. Apart from school, there are few cultural offers for the kids to spend their free time (except for a library).

### **Accommodation, local transport, language:**

The workplace is situated in the South of the town (a socially and economically disadvantaged area). There is regular transport with the tram to the city center. A ticket for the local transport will be provided.

A volunteer will live in a shared flat together with another EVS volunteer. He/she will have an own room and will share a living room, kitchen and bathroom.

The CO (coordinating organization) will provide a language course for a volunteer. After arrival, they will decide together with the volunteer, whether an intensive or an ongoing course should be taken and which level is the most suitable.

### **Project duration:**

From 1st of March 2014 to 28th of February 2015

### **Application:**

If you are interested, please apply in a time frame from 1st of June to 31st of August 2013 via mail to [schulz@friedenskreis-halle.de](mailto:schulz@friedenskreis-halle.de). Please include the following documents:

- CV
- motivation letter (1 page maximum; please explain:
  - why you are interested particularly in this project
  - what do you want to learn
  - what you can contribute
- name of your sending organization

- please mention the EI-number 2010-DE-175

The applications will be processed in September. Possible candidates will be invited for a Skype talk. Afterwards, all applicants will be informed about the decision.

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