

2010-DE-175

Kinder- und Jugendhaus e.V.

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

Project title: Youth work in the Area of Cultural Diversity

Description of the organization

"Kinder- und Jugendhaus e.V." is an organization working with children and young people in the south of Halle. The institution offers various possibilities of spending spare time as well as further education, for example an open area for children and youth, cybercafé, courses in photography and dancing. Also, they organize various events in the district, such as celebrations and intercultural evenings.

Moreover, "Kinder- und Jugendhaus e.V." represents several day nurseries in this district. In the "Kinder- und Jugendhaus e.V.", 50 employees and about 15 volunteers are working. "Kinder- und Jugendhaus e.V." is situated in the south district of Halle/Saale, where many foreigners live and unemployment and poverty rates are high. The aim of the organization is to give an alternative to boredom, resignation, violence and a lack of prospects for the partly disadvantaged children and the youth.

Proposed activities for EVS volunteers

The volunteer will usually work in the afternoon from Monday to Friday. The start of the work will usually be at 12:30. However, this can vary as it depends on the time frames of the activities carried out in late afternoons or evenings. 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 team of social workers during an open time, where the children spend their time as they want in the youth center. Volunteer will also support the team in organizing and facilitating various specific activities, workshops and events according to the needs of the youth center and his/her own interests. After his/her arrival and first weeks of getting to know the place, the work and different activities, volunteer will make an action plan together with his/her work mentors. Volunteer will carry out an own project on the topic of European diversity together with another EVS volunteer who will be in in the

family center "Familiencafe Völkchen".

Location and environment

Kinder- und Jugendhaus e.V. is based in Halle/Saale. The town has 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 theaters, 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. 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 can you 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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