

Das evangelische Bildungs- und Projektzentrum Villa Jühling e.V.

Arrival date	01/09/2013
Departure date	31/08/2014
Location	Halle (Germany)
Theme 1	Children
Theme 2	European awareness

Project title: "Europe" in the Kindergarten

Description of the organization

The Villa Jühling Evangelical Family Service GmbH runs three nurseries for 0 to 10 years old infants and kids in Halle-Kröllwitz, Halle-Dörlau and Lieskau (neighbouring place of Halle).

The kindergarden part of the nursery in Lieskau (with kids from 0 to 6 years) is the working place of the volunteer. In Kindergarden Lieskau, 13 educators take care for about 100 kids. The Kindergarden works as a center for kids and their parents and for this reason also offers events for parents. For the kids, we offer projects, games and materials to encounter the world with curiosity and try out own ways to deal with it. We focus on nature and environmental education.

In Martha-Maria-Kindergarden, we take care for up to 50 children between 2 and 6 years. The kindergarden is situated in the territory of the Martha-Maria-hospital and takes care of mostly the children of the workers of the hospital.

In Petruskindergarten Kröllwitz, we take care for about 50 kids with 7 educators. Here, the life in the Christian liturgical year plays a greater role.

Proposed activities for EVS volunteers

The volunteer will be working with the older groups of the kindergarden (4 to 6 years). Special tasks of the volunteer will be to make "Europe" accessible to the kids by talking about his/her country and the life there or by putting those aspects into games. In addition, the volunteer shall make the English language accessible to the kids, be it in daily games and routines or in special theme-related projects (e.g. "Times of the Year", "In the Woods",

"Sports and Games" ...)

Volunteer will have learning possibilities in different fields. First, he/she will be instructed how to deal with small kids by professionals. His/her special tasks - to make Europe and the English language accessible to the kids - demand of the volunteer to work pedagogically on concrete themes. Here, he/she can try his/her hand on teaching with the necessary support of our professionals and become more and more independent.

The Villa Jühling Evangelical Family Service GmbH has its main office in the building of the Evangelical Center for Educational Projects Villa Jühling e.V. In this center, there are constantly several volunteers (at the moment mostly Germans) who work on different projects, so the international volunteer has contact to other volunteers of his/her age.

He/she can also prepare events or projects in cooperation with those volunteers.

The volunteer should speak English, in order to be able to speak English with the children in daily life. He/she should enjoy being with children and their families. The participant has to be at least 18 years.

Location and environment

The volunteer's working place is the kindergarden in Lieskau, a neighbouring place of Halle. Lieskau is a village with 7000 inhabitants with an intact social infrastructure.

Halle is a vibrating city of about 230,000 inhabitants. It is located in the south of Saxony-Anhalt, approximately 30 km west of Leipzig. Hometown of Martin Luther University, the city has established a rich cultural and social life. There are many cultural as well as sport facilities, such as theatres, cinemas, pubs, libraries, bathhouses and sports clubs. Situated next to the river Saale, the city and its surroundings offer wonderful opportunities to walk, relax and enjoy nature. The social and economic situation is still very much influenced by a high unemployment rate (12,3% in January 2012).

Accommodation, local transport, language

The workplace is situated in Lieskau. The volunteer will live in a shared flat together with another EVS volunteer very close to the city center. He/she will have an own room and will share a living room, which is directly connected to the kitchen, and bathroom.

There is regular transport with the tram and bus to Lieskau. A ticket for the local transport will be provided.

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 September 2013 to 31st of August 2014

Application:

The application deadline is the 7th of April 2013. If you are interested, apply via email 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)

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

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