



EVS project description “Youth Centre park in”

Project description:

Youth centre “park in” is looking for one EVS volunteer who is motivated to enrich the youth work team of “park in” in the town Hall in Tirol (Austria) for 12 months!

The target group of “park in” are youngsters between 12 and 18 years, coming from different social and educational backgrounds. The young visitors come from the town of Hall in Tirol and from surrounding villages and spend their leisure time in and around the youth centre. They are supported by youth workers and can talk to them about their interests or problems.

The youth centre “park in” offers a variety of indoor and outdoor activities and games - for example the Youth Café, Cultural Centrum, Skateboard Park, Girls only or Boys only times, Lunch Opening, Pool Billiard tournaments, DJ workstation, internet access, cooking possibility, Concert and Music facilities, Workshops and different punctual activities etc.. Also, young people who have problems or difficulties can seek support or advice from the youth workers or can just spend their time at the youth centre.

Tasks of the volunteer:

- Being part of the “park in” team in the daily work
- planning and organising youth leisure activities and events together with youngsters and staff members
- doing simple bar work
- being creative and bringing in own ideas into the project
- taking part in regular team meetings
- the EVS service is 35 hours per week.

The volunteer will work five days a week, around 35 hours a week including the German course. The free “weekend” will be on Sunday and Monday. The volunteer will have two holidays per month in addition to the weekends.

The volunteer will be able to learn a lot during this EVS, he or she will have an interesting role and gain valuable experience and skills in working with youngsters. The volunteer will learn a lot about the youngster’s situation, their topics, language, personal situations and problems. Furthermore the volunteer will get to know the work of youth workers and the challenges. Also the volunteer will be given free space to create, try and implement his or her own ideas.

The role of the volunteer will be working along with our employees and youngsters. The volunteer will be encouraged and accompanied to support the youngsters to tackle tasks

themselves, so that the young people can discover their potential and abilities. The volunteer's work will be guided by our professional employees. We are welcoming new and creative ideas, which we believe adds new perspectives to our organisation.

Examples for such creative ideas are: creating a country-specific week with special meals or events, baking Christmas cookies, doing an artistic project with the youngsters, healthy cooking day, playing a big game in nature to make the youngsters spend more time outside;

Volunteer profile:

We are looking for an open-minded volunteer who wants to collect a lot of experience in youth work with youngsters. We expect that the volunteer brings in high motivation for the project and is interested in the target group. Moreover the volunteer should have a stable personality, in order to be able to work with youngsters.

We would be happy to host a volunteer who

- wants to get to know youth centre work and participate actively
- is interested in youth leisure activities, youth culture and youth-related issues
- is open-minded, friendly, enthusiastic, creative and communicative
- shows active interest in sports (soccer, basketball, skateboarding...) or creative activities (dancing, music, photographing, handcrafts) and/or indoor games (billiard, table tennis, chess...)
- is motivated to learn some German (and some Tyrolean German dialect!)
- brings her or his own culture and interests into the project
- is ready to volunteer for 12 months starting in October

Living conditions:

The volunteer will live in an accommodation next to our organisation. She or he will have a room on her/his own as well as a kitchen, bathroom and a little balcony. The volunteer has to accept the house rules of the hosting organisation.

The infrastructure with trains and buses is easy and quick and the volunteer will also have a bicycle. The youth centre "park in" is situated in the town Hall in Tirol. Innsbruck, the capital of the region Tyrol, can be reached within 10 minutes by train (after a walk of 15 minutes) or within 30 minutes by bus.

The volunteer will receive a monthly pocket money of Euro 115,-- and also food support for every day.

Support during the EVS:

The volunteer will have regular meetings with her or his mentor to talk about the wellbeing, open questions or to discuss crisis if necessary. In the organisation the volunteer will receive orientation and support for the activities from the main responsible employee and from the entire team. The coordinating organisation InfoEck will hold a bi-monthly group meeting with all volunteers in Tyrol in order to share experiences, give support to one another and to stay connected. Also there are regular free-time activities organised for the volunteers. At the end of the project we will evaluate it together with the volunteer and look at what he or she has learned and which competences he or she has gained and as a

result fill in the Youthpass.

Related links:

Website: www.parkin.at

