

EU-funded volunteering project

“POINT” might be hosting YOU as a VOLUNTEER in 2023-2024

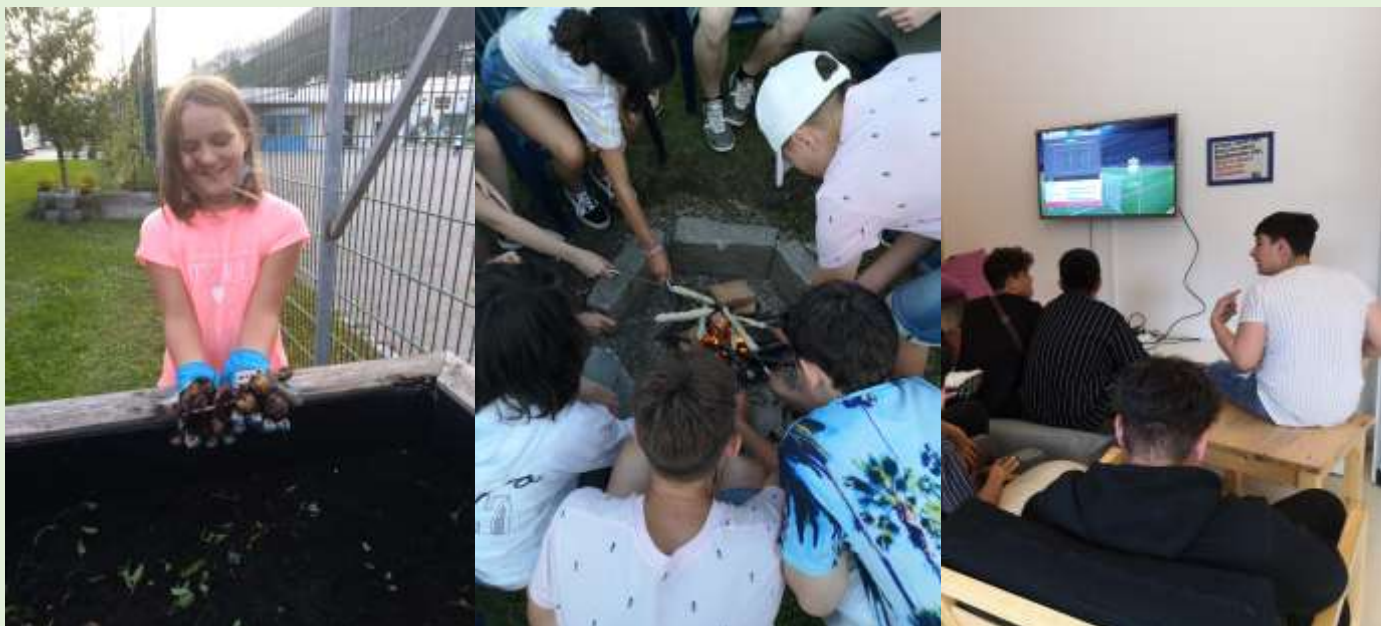
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Hosting Organisation: Youth centre “POINT”
Location: Jenbach in Tirol, Austria
Project duration: 11-months project
Start: 1. September 2023
Application deadline: 15. June 2023



Participation & Youth leisure
Creativity & Learning





Some information on the hosting organization:

- The youth center **point** focuses on the areas of leisure activities (indoor & outdoor activities, sport activities, cultural events, health etc.), information and counselling of youth who live in and around Jenbach. The main emphasis is being put on organising meaningful ways for young people to spend their free time.
- Our visitors are between 10 and 18 years old. We provide a safe place where we meet their needs in a respectful atmosphere. Everybody is welcome, irrespective of their religion, background, nationality, gender, ...
- We try to offer a secure environment for our young visitors and provide different possibilities to spend their spare time in a meaningful way. There is a regular weekly program and additionally we also music, dancing, different games, football and basketball, tabletop. We regularly organize parties and projects for and with young people.
- Consulting and accompanying young people in their individual needs like finding a job, dealing with conflicts in their families and offering decent information concerning drug abuse, sexuality, education... are other important issues in our work.
- We always work in teams (pairs) in the youth center. They are supported by youth workers and can talk to them about their interests and needs.

Location, Housing, Funding:

The **point** is located in the community Jenbach, with about 7.000 inhabitants. Jenbach lies between Ziller-valley ("Zillertal") and Achensee, two touristic areas that are famous for winter- and summer sports. Hiking and Skiing is very common here. Innsbruck, the capital town of Tyrol (40 km away) is an interesting and nice town where young folks like to meet and party. Jenbach lies on the main route of the local train system so one can easily reach Innsbruck. Schwaz, the capital town of the district, is quite close and offers many bars and a concert hall and in summer it is easy reachable by bicycle (8 Km).



We offer a flat where the volunteer will live on his or her own in Jenbach. The apartment is quite large, and it is close to the train station. Transportation to work is not needed; everything is within walking-distance. Public transport is easily accessible and well organized. The volunteer will be able to eat lunch at the local social centre five days a week (Mo-Fr). For breakfast, weekend days and holidays as well as for cooking dinner for him/herself occasionally, the volunteer will receive enough extra money.



Funding:

This project will be funded by the EU- programme “European Solidarity Corps”.

The volunteer will receive food money and a monthly pocket money. The ONLY financial contribution that the selected volunteer may need to make is to pay a small share of the travel costs if necessary (there is an EU-lump sum budget for the journeys to and from the project available).



Tasks & Activities of the volunteer:

The volunteer will be engaged in a variety of tasks and activities, 35 hours per week, on five days per week. The volunteer is supported by the team and will participate in team meetings.

The main tasks and activities of the volunteer in this project are:

- The most important "activity" is to get in contact with the young visitors at the **youth centre**. It is important that the person likes to play and communicate with youngsters and likes to listen. Each of us in the team is a kind of “role model”, also the volunteer.
- The **afternoon school** is also in the youth centre. The volunteer takes care of the students; he/she supports the students in learning and there is always time to play after completing the homework. The volunteer will also take part in the afternoon school.
- Involvement in **leisure activities** with our visitors (for example: table tennis, cooking, baking, handicraft, creative workshops, football, workshops on different topics like health, self-esteem etc.)
- Occasionally, we host **parties** in the youth centre or organise open-air events - the volunteer will be able to participate in both.
- The volunteer is warmly invited to **realise own ideas**, to provide information and workshops about his/her country of origin and share his/her own culture with our youth centre.
- The volunteer can help the young visitors to get the courage to participate in some international program too, so that our visitors get an idea of different lifestyles and the diversity in the European Union and the whole world.



Project duration:

11 Months – from September 2023 until July 2024.

Important: We ask you to only apply if you are committed to participate the **whole duration**. This is important for the project, your learning development and for the hosting organisation.

Profile of the volunteer:

We want to open our volunteering position to young people from different backgrounds and with different lifestyles from EU and EEA countries. We are looking to add diversity to our organisation.

We would be happy to host a volunteer, who:

- is interested in learning more about our youth work and who is open to working with children and youth
- is open-minded and creative
- is willing to work in a team and reflect her/his work
- is motivated to learn German (and some Tyrolean German dialect)
- brings her/his own culture and interests into the project
- is ready to volunteer for 11 months starting in September 2023

We ask for your understanding: Only European Union (EU) or European Economic Area (EEA) residents may apply. Due to project approval criteria, we can only accept volunteers in this placement who do not require a residence permit or visa for 11 months in Austria.

Embrace the challenge.

Be open to leaving your comfort zone several times.

Be curious about yourself and others and ready to meet inspiring people.

Try new things and learn for a lifetime!

Coordinating organisation:

The coordinating organisation of this project is POJAT, an umbrella organisation for youth centres in Tyrol, Innsbruck. POJAT coordinates 5 volunteers in the region of Tyrol. The coordinator is ready to answer open questions and to prepare the project with the hosting organisation, the selected volunteer and the sending organisation! POJAT will link all volunteers during the experience and support all along the project. The coordinator is Martina Steiner: office@pojat.at (send your applications to the host, not to Martina!). More info: www.pojat.at



Support during the project:

The volunteer will have regular meetings with her or his mentor and with the hosting organisation, to talk about the wellbeing, learning or about the project activities.

The hosting organisation will give orientation and support in the daily service to the volunteers. The main responsible employee and the entire staff will be supporting the volunteer.

The coordinating organisation POJAT will hold a regular 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 the volunteer can fill in the Youth pass certificate.



How to apply:

Please address your application to the head of the hosting organisation “point”, Mrs. Katalin Jasz. You will need to send your CV and the enclosed APPLICATION FORM directly to the point-Team to this e-mail: point@jenbach.at.

The application deadline is on the 15th of June 2023.

Only complete applications will be considered.

We will get in touch with the applicants via e-mail (so check your e-mail regularly, also your spam folder). Some applicants will be invited for a skype talk. The final decision will be taken about two weeks after the deadline and all applicants will be informed about their status.

We are looking forward to getting to know you! ☺