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Plattform Offene Jugendarbeit Tirol

EU-funded Volunteering in Telfs in Austria!



Youth Centers

We are looking for two volunteers for a 12-months-long volunteering project in Tirol, Austria

Project start: 1. October 2022

This project is open for young applicants from EU and EEA countries (Liechtenstein, Norway, Iceland)!

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Hosting Organisation:

Marktgemeinde Telfs / Abteilung Jugend

www.telfs.at/oja.html

Pictures: www.instagram.com/jugendtelfs/

Located in Telfs in Tirol, Austria

The community of Telfs has been hosting volunteers since 2014. This year, two volunteers from different countries will be hosted at the same time, all two starting in October. You may volunteer with children and youth in different daytime structures that our community offers.

This project focuses on two different areas:

- **The local youth department with the focus on open youth work** (two youth centers and streetwork): We support young people (focus group 12-19) to find their way in life, to give them a place to spend their free time in a relaxed, creative or sportive way. In Telfs we have two youth centers, **Chilli** and **Fuchsbau**, with five youth workers and a team of two streetworkers. The whole team aims at offering an interesting program for young people, so that they can collect new learning experiences. The youth centers have opening hours – in the afternoon/evening – in which the teenagers can come and go as they like. It's an open space without any obligation for the youngsters. The youth centers offer a soccer ground, various games, a dance/boxing room, kitchen/bar and a own recording studio. Also, there are some extra activities around sports, education, music, creativity and so on. The youth work team is very motivated and open-minded. You will have great opportunities here to bring in your ideas and individual skills!

Tasks & Activities of the volunteer:

- being part of and support the team in the different working areas
- planning and organising youth leisure activities and events in a participative way
- being creative and bringing in own ideas into the project
- taking part in regular team meetings
- doing simple bar work in the youth centres
- pay attention to the youngsters and talk/play/learn with them
- communicate and be the active part in building a professional relationship
- being interested in the life and situation of young people
- being open minded to various experiences with youth culture and language



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The volunteers will work five days a week between Monday and Saturday, a maximum of 35 hours a week including the German course in the first semester. The volunteer will have two holidays per month.

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.

The volunteer will be able to learn a lot during this project, he or she will have an interesting role and gain valuable experience and skills in working with children and teenagers. The volunteer will learn a lot about the youngster's situation in Telfs, their topics, language, personal situations and problems. Furthermore, the volunteer will get to know the work of youth workers and what the idea and profession of open youth work means. We welcome new and creative ideas, which we believe add new perspectives to our organisation.

Examples for such creative ideas are: creating a country-specific day with special meals or events, baking something, doing an artistic project with the youngsters, preparing a healthy cooking day, playing a big game in nature to make the youngsters spend more time outside, working with some people in our recording studio, doing some colouring work in the youth centre, build something with the youngsters, make a project about language (focus youth language), preparing information about girls/boys stereotypes, doing an environmental project...

Location and accommodation:

We have a rented flat for our volunteers in Telfs. It is a four-room apartment – 3 single rooms, one shared living room, shared kitchen and shared bathroom. There is also a balcony reached by every room. So you would live together with the other volunteer of the community Telfs and one former volunteer who stayed here and works in kindergarden. Infrastructure is close-by. It is a shared flat for three people and depending on the individual wishes, it offers common spaces for a social flat-life or you can go your own ways too. You will need to be open about how it works for you.



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Telfs is located 30 km to the West from Innsbruck and there are good bus and train connections to the regional capital. We have quite good infrastructure with sport centres, bars, shopping malls, lots of nature and mountains. Telfs is a young town with a significant migrant population!



Telfs

Funding:

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

The volunteers will receive accommodation, food money and a monthly pocket money of Euro 150. The ONLY financial contribution that the selected volunteer may need to pay is a small contribution to the travel costs.

Duration:

12 Months: The volunteers should arrive at the beginning of October.

You need to be ready to participate the whole duration, your longterm commitment is important for the project's activities and target groups, for the hosting organisation and project partners and, it's a plus for your learning development!

The application deadline is on the 21th of June 2022!

Profile of the volunteer:

We are looking for an open-minded volunteer who wants to collect a lot of experience in different areas of work with youngsters and children.

To apply you need to be between 22 and 30 years of age at the project start (22 is the minimum age to avoid an age overlap with





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the target group).

We expect that the volunteer brings in high motivation for the project and is interested in the target groups. Moreover, the volunteer should have a stable personality, in order to be able to work with youngsters and children. Youngsters will challenge you and so you should be prepared and capable of new situations and setting boundaries to the youngsters.

We would be happy to host a volunteer who

- wants to get to know youth centre work and participate actively in the different parts of work with youngsters and children
- is interested in youth leisure activities, youth culture and youth-related issues
- is open-minded, friendly, enthusiastic, creative and communicative
- shows active interests in sports (soccer, basketball, skateboarding...) or creative activities (dancing, music, photographing, handcrafts) and/or indoor games (billiard, table tennis, chess...)
- is motivated to learn 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

You can apply for this project if you live in an EU country or European Economic Area.



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Coordinating organisation:

The coordinating organisation of this project is POJAT, an umbrella organisation for youth centers 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 project and support all along the project. More info: www.pojat.at.

If you have any further questions about the project and the coordination organisation, please contact: europa@pojat.at. But please send the application to the host and not to this e-mail.



Support during the project:

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

In the hosting organisation the volunteer will receive orientation and support for the activities from the main responsible employee and from the entire team.

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. 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 Youthpass certificate. Volunteers are involved in common projects.

The volunteer will get to know other volunteers from various countries and will be invited to participate in monthly free-time activities, organised by young Austrians.



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How to apply:

Please send your CV and the enclosed APPLICATION FORM directly to the hosting organisation!
Contact person: Ms. Carmen Herrmann, E-mail: Carmen.Herrmann@telfs.gv.at

The application deadline is on the 21th of June 2021!

Only complete applications will be considered. Option: You can additionally send something creative to express your motivation (this is not demanded).

Mr. David Köhle will get in touch with the applicants after the deadline, so check your e-mail regularly. Some applicants will be invited for a skype / phone call. The final decision will be taken about two to three weeks later by the host and all applicants will be informed about their status.



We are looking forward to getting to know you!



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!