EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS

VOLUNTEERING IN A MONTESSORI SCHOOL

EXPERIENCE CHILD-BASED, STRESS-FREE SCHOOLING

Apply for a 10-months project in Telfs, Tirol, Austria!

Volunteering starts in September 2020

HOSTING ORGANISATION

Schulgarten – Aktive Montessorischule Telfs
www.schulgarten.at
Located in Telfs, Austria

Schulgarten – Aktive Montessorischule Telfs will be hosting two volunteers at the same time in 2020-2021. One volunteer will be active in the "Primaria 1" (with 6 to 9-year-olds) und one in the "Sekundaria" (with 12 to 15-year-olds).

* We live “green”: Our School is situated amidst the Tyrolean mountains Alps, is located at the edge of the town Telfs in western Tyrol and is surrounded by green fields. All seasons offer great opportunities for sports, outdoor activities, but also easy to reach close-by cultural events in Innsbruck, the capital of Tyrol, and sightseeing possibilities within Austria and neighbouring countries.

* We work actively: Our huge garden is a learning field as well as an adventurous and recreational playground for our children. One day a week teaching takes place outdoor in the surrounding forests, using the offerings of nature for learning and exploring.

* We teach child-based: Momentarily, our school hosts 71 children aged 6 to 15. Each one of them is treated like an intelligent, emotional and mature human being and is coached based on personal possibilities, abilities and interests by our pedagogic team (12 teachers).

* We coach stress-free: Our children learn free of pressure and over-stress. They are allowed to have their individual pace in learning, achieving and implementing. And all within the pedagogic thoughts of Maria Montessori: “As much freedom as possible, as much structure as necessary.”

COORDINATING ORGANISATION + FUNDING

The coordinating organisation of this project is InfoEck, a youth info centre in Innsbruck. InfoEck coordinates 8 volunteers in the region of Tyrol.

This project will be submitted by InfoEck to the Austrian National Agency of the European Solidarity Corps programme. We will know whether it will be funded in July 2020. We are optimistic, due to good experiences in the past. This Solidarity Corps volunteering project will be financed by the EU, InfoEck and the school. The only possible contribution that the volunteer may need to undertake is a small share of the travel costs.

The responsible coordinator is ready to answer open questions and to prepare the project with the Schulgarten, the selected volunteer and the supporting sending organisation.
The coordinator's name is Eva-Maria: eva-maria.kirschner@infoeck.at (send applications to Schulgarten, not to Eva-Maria!).

Infos about InfoEck: www.mei-infoeck.at, InfoEck Facebook, Instagram and Youtube

LOCATION, HOUSING, MONEY

Schulgarten - Aktive Montessorischule Telfs is located in the town Telfs, with about 15.000 inhabitants. It is a small town. There is good infrastructure, opportunities of outdoors and sports, basic shops etc. The regional capital Innsbruck can be reached in 30 minutes via train/bus. Public transport is easily accessible and well organized. The volunteer will be supported to receive an annual ticket valid for the public transport in the region of Tirol.

We offer a flat for our two volunteers. Each volunteer has his/her own room and there are shared facilities, kitchen, living room and bathroom. Transportation to work is not needed, everything is within walking-distance. Local people speak a German dialect ("Tirolerisch"). The majority of people in Tyrol can speak English, especially young people.

The volunteer will receive monthly food money and EUR 150,-- of pocket money.

TASKS & ACTIVITIES OF THE VOLUNTEER

Each volunteer will be engaged in a variety of tasks and activities, 35 hours per week, on five days per week from Monday to Friday.
The volunteer will be supported by a multi-professional team in the school.

The **target group 1** is called Primaria 1, here are 6- to 9-year-old children that go to the school. There will be 30 children next school year.
The **target group 2** is called Sekundara, they are 12 to 15 years old. There will be 20 juveniles next year.
Please tell us, if you prefer Primaria 1 or Sekundaria.

The tasks and activities of the volunteer can encompass the following:

* Active participation in the daily routines of our school day (lessons, outdoor activities, nature day is once a week, leisure time, project-based work, creative projects...)

* Face-to-face coaching of the children according to our school concept

* Accompanying the children on excursions (museums, cultural events, ...) and to sports activities (skiing, climbing, ...)

* Arranging the daily learning environment

* Bring in her/his own talents, creative ideas, skills, own cultural background and language (cooking local dishes, handy-crafts, music, ...)

* Taking part in our weekly team meetings

* Attending our parent-teacher conference evenings, held six times a year

PROFILE OF THE VOLUNTEER

We would be happy to host a volunteer who:

· wants to experience working with school children aged 6 to 9 years or aged 12-15 years and is eager to participate actively

· is interested in learning more about another culture and different backgrounds

· is open-minded, friendly, enthusiastic, creative and communicative

· is willing to work in an interdisciplinary 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 10 months starting in September 2020

Only EU residents and people who live in the UK, Iceland, Liechtenstein or Norway can apply for this call. Only for people between 18 and 30 years.

PROJECT DURATION

10 Months: This volunteering project starts between the 7th and 10th of September 2020 and lasts until the 10th of July 2021.

We ask you to be committed to participate the whole duration, it's important for the project, your own learning development and for the hosting organisation!

SUPPORT DURING THE PROJECT

The volunteer will have regular meetings with her or his mentor and with Angelika Widauer of 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 InfoEck 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. The volunteer will be invited to participate in occasional free-time activities. The volunteer will be able to attend a 4-months-long German course at the University in Innsbruck. starting in October 2020.

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.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, pease send your CV and the enclosed APPLICATION FORM to the Mrs. Angelika Widauer from the Schulgarten Telfs via e-mail: familie@widauer.eu

We accept applications only via e-mail, not via the Solidarity corps portal!

The deadline to apply is the 14th of April 2020.

Only for EU residents and people who live in the UK, Iceland, Liechtenstein or Norway.
Only complete applications via e-mail will be considered.

Option: You can additionally send something creative to express your motivation (this is not demanded, but it can be a plus).

Mrs. Widauer will get in touch with the applicants after the deadline, so check your e-mail regularly. A few applicants will be invited for a skype talk. The final decision will be taken about two weeks later by the Schulgarten and all applicants will be informed about their status.

We are waiting to hear from 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!

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