

KINDER - UND JUGENDHAUS E.V.

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SUMMARY

The Kinder- und Jugendhaus e.V. (Children and Youth House Association) is an independent supporting organisation in the field of child and youth welfare service located in the southern part of Halle.

It runs the JBBZ "Kinder- und Jugendhaus", the Kindertagesstätten (day nurseries) „Sonnenhaus“ and „Wirbelwind“, and the Hort (after school care club) „Kinderpark“, the Familiencafe (family cafe) "Völkchen" and other projects.

The Kinder- und Jugendhaus e.V. addresses children and youth living in the social room „Halle-Süd“. This social room is marked by (in relation to Halle and its environment) a relatively high unemployment rate, partly poverty, partly educational disadvantages and a high proportion of people with a migratory background.

Goal of the work of the association is it to show an alternative to violence, addiction, lethargy and poverty and this to open new perspectives.

Beside the daily childcare in the Kitas and the Hort, the association is active in open work with children, youth, and families, social work in schools, job related orientation for teenagers, prevention, work for the civic good, work on integration and migration. The association offers free-time activities and training courses (games, workshops, Computer Cafe, tea room), events in the district and (trans)cultural events.



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FIELD OF ENGAGEMENT AND ACTIVITIES OF THE VOLUNTEER WITHIN PLACE OF ASSIGNMENT

The voluntary service at this poa mainly is social work with children and youth!
The volunteer will support the JBBZ "Kinder- und Jugendhaus".

JBBZ "Kinder- und Jugendhaus":
<http://www.kjhev.de/kjh.htm>

The JBBZ "Kinder- und Jugendhaus" has 4 fields of activities: open area for children, open area for youth, Media Lab. Open areas for children and youth mean, that the children/youth have a place where they can go during the day and hang out with others. Pedagogics and social workers are around, but the kids and youth can decide freely when they want to come and go and what they want to do. Different offers such as games, computers, table tennis material for creative work and repairing bicycles etc. are at their disposal.

PLEASE BE AWARE:

- work in afternoon hours and sometimes Saturdays
- it is an open come and go structure
- only few clients and staff members speak English
- you will have a quite fixed duty-roster



If the weather is good, the children and youth can spend their time outside in the courtyard. In addition, both areas organize regularly little events such as cooking and overnight-parties for the children, table tennis and socker-sessions for the youth.

Activities of the volunteer:










- Offer of sports, games, creative projects etc.
- help to organise events and celebrations, e.g. housing area celebrations, Christmas market, intercultural week, trips
- participation in projects (organisation and documentation)
- optional helping with homework a.o.
- communicating of cultural competences and information, games, food, habits, celebrations etc. from their home
- realization of an own project, gladly with an European, developmental policy or peace policy background
- participation in working- and team meetings



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VOLUNTEERS PROFILE – SPECIFIC FOR THIS PLACE OF ASSIGNMENT

-  interest in working with children and youth
-  empathy regarding children and youth
-  some experiences in working with children and youth
-  openness to children and youth with difficulties
-  interest and/or skills for sports, music, cultural or creative work and interest to bring in this knowledge into the work
-  volunteer should be authentic, alone standing, responsible, punctual, open, honest, flexible and pro-active towards children
-  volunteer needs a quite high frustration tolerance
-  knowledge of German at least at level B1 already at the start; volunteer should be willing and able to learn German very fast (we ask for an honest and realistic self-assessment!)
-  certificate of good conduct without any entries

VOLUNTEERS PROFILE – GENERAL

-  weltwärts: 18 to 28 years (exceptions can be made, when reasonable), EVS: 18-30 years
-  school graduation or comparable personal suitability
-  basic knowledge of English and willingness to learn German starting in home country
-  motivation: voluntary service as an opportunity to learn in different fields and to get involved with civil society (voluntary service as learning and peace service)
-  openness to the special structure of a voluntary service with Friedenskreis Halle

MANDATORY „SERVICE RELATED ACTIVITIES“ :

- Participation in the accompanying educational program (seminars)
- Implementation of at least one personal project
- Occupation with and engagement in topics and activities of (local) civil society
- Learning German in depth
- Willingness to get involved in civil society in one's home country after the service

REPORTS OF FORMER VOLUNTEERS

MUAMERA, 2016/2017

"I was working with kids and teenagers at the Kinder Jugendhaus. That is a place where children and youths spent their free time. My task was to create their time there more interesting. I've also helped to plan some celebrations/parties and projects. I was also free to develop my own ideas and propose some free time activities. Sometimes kids weren't satisfied with my offers. Most of those kids are not getting the right attention from their parents, and that's why these kids don't know how to behave under a certain system. I tried to help these kids as much as possible, with school problems and homework. Sometimes only small talk helps."

BOJANA, 2022/23

"There is something exciting about leaving a familiar place and going to an unknown country to start your life anew. Six months ago, I dared myself to take that step and until this day I didn't regret my decision."

In September 2022 my voluntary service year started at the centre for children and youth called Kinder und Jugendhaus "Kindi". Kindi is an open house that is bringing together, under the same roof, different age groups that have different background stories. The people I work with are very friendly, inclusive and they gave me a strong support when it comes to the challenges that I faced or still face with. It is really nice to see that all activities or events are planned so that they can brighten up the everyday life of children and youth that come to Kindi. Here, all of them are equally welcome to play, have fun and be creative. They have different room for various activities so they can play different games, in or outside of the house (playing cards, computer games, billiard, table tennis, football, volleyball or bowling and camping during the holiday season).

But also, beside chilling and relaxing time, Kindi is a place where they can get help and support with the school but also with some personal or family problems that they are facing in that moment.

Working here allowed me to see what a comprehensive approach to working with children and youth looks like. Working as a team and together is the only way to make environment for the kids always safe and happy and that's why, as much as they can, they tried to include me in their activities and made us all feel equal.

Even when there were language barriers, they tried their best for me not to feel it. Also, playing and spending time with children is the best way to practice and learn German.

Volunteering is more than one year of living abroad or gaining work experience. It is a process of continuous self-learning and self-improvement.

Living far from home, meeting people from all over the world, learning about different cultures, learning a new language – all of those are certainly obstacles and moments of challenges, but as soon as you step out of your comfort zone and overcome difficulties, you grow as a person and become something more, something better.

The most difficult thing to do is to dare yourself to start something on your own, where everything is new and when everything starts from scratch and that is something that gives you confidence for everything that follows."