

Announcement

for an international long-term voluntary service with Friedenskreis Halle e.V.
in the period: mid September 2018 until mid September 2018 (12 months)
within the program: EVS



Become an international long-term volunteer in Halle (Germany)

We, Friedenskreis Halle e.V., are a coordinating organisation for the European voluntary service “EVS”, the international longterm voluntary services within the EU-program “Erasmus+/Youth in Action”.

Currently, we are looking for a volunteer for the period mid September 2018 until mid September 2018 (12 months)!

As you might know, within EVS-program, there are 4 main actors: volunteer, sending organisation, coordinating organisation (us) and place of assignment (poa), where practical work takes place.

We can offer a service at the following places of assignment (poas):

- KindElternZentrum Lieskau (work with kids)

Application period: now until 31.5.2018

Please be aware: Out of organizational and fairness reasons we only consider applications sent to us within that period and corresponding to our application guidelines (to be find below)!
(Remark: the deadline might be prolonged, so ask if you are late for that deadline)

You want to know more?

For information about the "European voluntary service (EVS)" check the European Youth portal:
http://europa.eu/youth/eu/voluntary-activities/european-voluntary-service_en

For information about Friedenskreis Halle e.V., the specific upset of the voluntary services with us and about living in Halle, please have a look at our **Information booklet “Welcome”**.

For more information on the places of assignment (poa), please have a look at the **profile**.

Both, profiles and information booklet, are for insight and download on our Homepage

(www.friedenskreis-halle.de) under “Friedensdienste” > “Being a volunteer in Halle”:

(<http://www.friedenskreis-halle.de/arbeitsbereiche/friedensdienste/volunteerinhalle.html>).

Who may apply?

Next to some general criteria (s. below), there are specific criteria for each poa (s. profiles).

General profile volunteers

- 18 to 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, that is: willingness (a) to participate in the accompanying educational program (more than just the EVS seminars), (b) to develop and implement two or more small projects, (c) to get

occupied with and engaged in topics and activities of local civil society and (d) to learn German. We expect these „service related activities“ next to the work in the poa.

- interest in (teaching on) Europe, global relationships and peace politics
- preferable already dedication in civil society in the home country, willingness to get involved in civil society in the home country after returning

How to apply?

Please send us an application by Email as soon as possible: anja.wiegner@friedenskreis-halle.de

The application should consist of

1. application form of Friedenskreis Halle e.V. (on our Homepage (www.friedenskreis-halle.de) under “Friedensdienste” > “Being a volunteer in Halle”: <http://www.friedenskreis-halle.de/arbeitsbereiche/friedensdienste/volunteerinhalle.html>)
2. CV (incl. voluntary engagement so far and showing something of your social background) – I do very much appreciate individual CVs above Europass ;)
3. Motivation letter (s. below)
4. Comment sending organisation
5. Copy of your passport (helps a lot in the further procedure)

Please be aware: There might be additional requirements of the sending organisation. Ask them!

In the motivation letter (1 to 2 A4 pages), please address especially the following questions:

- What does volunteering mean to you? Why do you want to volunteer (instead of working, doing a trainee-ship etc.)?
- Why do you want to volunteer in Germany/Halle? What do you expect from volunteering here (instead of another city/country)?
- What does it mean to you to volunteer with the organisation "Friedenskreis Halle"? What makes a voluntary service a peace service for you?
- Why do you want to volunteer at Kita Lieskau? What makes you suited for this poa?

We are looking forward for your application!

International longterm voluntary service with Friedenskreis Halle e.V.



profile place of assignment
within the program: EVS, weltwärts

KindElternZentrum Lieskau

<http://www.kindelternzentrum.de/>



The KindElternZentrum (KEZ) is a place of encounter for young and old from the village Lieskau and its surroundings. It is located about 10 km from the centre of Halle. It consists of a „Kindertagesstätte (Kita)“ (nursery), a „Hort“ (after school care club) and a „Familienbereich“ (family area) and thus addresses children as well as adults. It is runned by the „Villa Jühling gemeinnützige evangelische Familienservice GmbH“ (a supporting organisation running different nurseries and after school care clubs in Halle and surrounding).

The „Kindertagesstätte (Kita)“ offers places for about 100 kids from 0 to 6 years. The Hort is located in the primary school Lieskau and addresses children between 6 and 10. In both, children are offered projects, games and materials to encounter the world with curiosity and try out own ways to deal with it. There is a special focus on nature and environmental education.

Field of engagement and activities of the volunteer within place of assignment

The volunteer is assigned to the Kita and here to a fixed (age) group. However, s/he will have contact with all children and parents.

Activities:

- accompaniment of individual children in free play
- participation in the meals
- participation and support at excursions or trips
- participation and support at celebrations
- own program offers for children in the sporty, musical, artistic area, depending on the interests and skills of the volunteer
- make "Europe" accessible to the kids by talking about his/her country and the life there or by putting those aspects into games
- make the English language and/or his/her mother tongue accessible to the kids, be it in daily games and routines or in special theme-related projects

Volunteers profile – Specific for this place of assignment

- enthusiasm for working with children and their families
- openness to children with disabilities

- interest in sports, music, cultural and/or creative work, cooking and interest to bring in this knowledge in the work with children
- preferable male
- need a certificate of good conduct without any entries

Volunteers profile – General

- 18 to 30 years
- (high) 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, that is: willingness to participate in the accompanying educational program, to develop and implement one or more small project(s) and to get occupied and engaged with topics and activities of (local) civil society,
- interest in European relationships and peace politics as well as education on these topics
- preferable already dedication in civil society in the home country, willingness to get involved in civil society in the home country after returning

Motivation

In the KEZ, social learning plays a big role: kids should experience themselves as part of a community to make them learn to take responsibility for themselves and others. To reach this aim, kids need to make varied experiences.

An international volunteer can support the variety of this experiences in a unique way: s/he brings the kids into contact with a further language, a further region of the world, maybe a further religion, with further talents, further games and songs, further ideas, further ways of being ... ;).

Belen from Spain reports about her volunteering

My daily duties in the kindergarten

My day starts at 9:00 in the morning I take the bus during the winter and go by bike when the weather is nice. From 9 to 12 we play, read books, some special activities depending on the day.

On Wednesday the kids have sport and we usually go to play outside or in another building from KEZ, also in Lieskau. Almost everyday we make Morgen Kreis, we get all together and start singing one song or playing one game depending on their mood. We talk about something that they can discuss or just about our weekend etc. At 12:30 we go to eat, we prepare the tables, each day 2 kids are responsible for that.

After the lunch they have to brush their teeth. Then some kids have to sleep and the rest play, read books, draw. They wake up around 14:30 and eat before going to play again in the garden. On Friday we make 'Forest day' we take books about nature and we go walking there, you will see, the forest is right next to the kindergarten and is so beautiful! At 15:00 I finish and take the bus at 15:10. I hope you will have nice time during this year and enjoy everybody at work. I am sure you will like it :)



A short excerpt about Lejlas volunteering experience

(...)I thought I will have often reflections and conversations about my work, but suddenly I realised I do not know what actually my work is. What is my voluntary service?! Since I was volunteering in Kindergarten, my boss said to me in the beginning that there will not be any so concrete activities done by me with the kids but somehow I did not see then the point of my voluntary service there. But, I am person who does not give up so easily, so I decide that my voluntary service will be what I make from it. So, I started to do everything what other stuff do there just to fill in my 6 hours there and sometimes I enjoyed but sometimes it was for me just waste of time and really boring. Somehow, I felt I do not belong there, especially when everyone is talking about how much stress it is and not even thinking about how stress can be to me because I don't speak the language and it's my first time in working atmosphere and I am VOLUNTEER! (which means all very important things up which I have written what I think volunteerism is, but also the fact that I am doing all the things voluntary and they are paid for them) This was my period where I really started to question myself. As I said, I did not give up. I just turned my motivation in learning more German which end up I would say ok, because I did not even know the word in the beginning, so I think I am now more rich for a bit knowing another language. I also started to travel more and apply for seminars here and outside of Germany and all this made me again to have some kind of motivation for this project. (..)

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Application form (completing written application next to motivation letter and CV)

I. PERSONAL DATA OF CANDIDATE				
First name		Family name		
gender		Nationality		
Date of birth		Birthplace		
Phone (home)		Phone (mobile)		
E-mail-address		Skype		
Passport number		Issued by		
		Expiry date		
Current address (street, postal code, place)		Address as mentioned in passport (street, postal code, place)		
EMERGENCY-CONTACT 1				
name		Family name		
relationship		Address		
E-mail-address				
Telephone				
EMERGENCY-CONTACT 2				
name		Family name		
relationship		Address		
E-mail-address				
Telephone				
II. PROJECT				
Sending organisation				
Coordinating organisation	Friedenskreis Halle e.V. (FKH)			
place of assignment (poa)	Kita Lieskau			
III. LANGUAGES				
Mother language(s)				
Other languages:	for each language: your level (a little bit, good, fluently)			
	Understanding	Speaking	Reading	Writing

IV. FURTHER INFORMATION (NO LONG TEXTS ... KEYWORDS ONLY, PLEASE!)

BACKGROUND / FAMILY

what is your social / family background like?

KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS / EXPERIENCES

relevant to the voluntary project in general and/or the poa you want to work at you would like to mention

LIVING SITUATION

What do you expect of your living situation?

Please also mention what you would not like.

(eg. Do you prefer a shared flat with other volunteers, guest family, shared flat with others or...? What kind of equipment do you expect? Where in relation to city centre/poa/FKH/... do you want to live? Is there a "no-go" e.g. pets, smokers, children, ...)

How flexible are you regarding living situation?

Would it be a problem for you to have to move during your service (once, several times?)

MOBILITY

How do you imagine your mobility within Halle?

What you think about riding a bike?

What you think about using public transport?

HEALTH

Do you have any health problems that would affect your participation in the voluntary project?

Volunteers have a responsibility to ensure that they are in good health, fit for travel, and have received all vaccinations appropriate for their destination

Do you take any regular medication?

Do you have any allergies we should know about?

Other things we should know?

(e.g. special diet, certain fears,...)

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