

European Solidarity Corps - Volunteering Activities

Project Description

Offene Jugendarbeit Dornbirn



Voluntary Project: Offene Jugendarbeit Dornbirn (OJAD)

Number of volunteers: 1

Project duration: 04.10.2021 - 30.06.2022

Project Topics:

- Youth (Participation, Youth Work, Youth Policy)
- Creativity and culture
- Skills and education

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Hosting organisation:

Offene Jugendarbeit Dornbirn OJAD, Dornbirn, Austria

Supporting/Coordinating organisation:

aha – Jugendinformationszentrum Vorarlberg, Dornbirn, Austria

Project description:

The association Offene Jugendarbeit Dornbirn (OJAD) – Open Youth Work Dornbirn – was founded in 1992 with the purpose to offer young people space for leisure time activities. We run two youth centres, several big projects on skills-development and education (boat-building, urban farm, crafting & design) and leisure sites such as a skateboarding area.

The youth centre **Vis.m.u.t.** (Vision: human dignity and tolerance) accommodates the youth café Vismut which is mainly visited by young people under 16 and the Kulturcafé Schlachthaus where parties, concerts and discussions are organised.

The youth centre **Arena** runs a youth café and has the focus on sports (tabletop football, skating, basketball etc.).



Tasks of the volunteer:

The volunteer will work five days a week, 34 hours a week including German course. S*he will have two days holidays per month. The volunteer will be part of our team and the areas he*she can participate are:

- Kulturcafé Schlachthaus:
Here s*he can help organise parties and youth culture events (concerts etc.) that take place about twice a week. S*he will learn to book concerts,

organise everything around concerts (for example Gothic, Punk, Hardcore, EMO, Metal, Hip-Hop etc.), do the bar during different events, care for the bands, care for the young people that visit our house.

- **Youthcafé Vismut:**
Our visitors at the youthcafé Vismut are a little younger (13 – 16) and come to the centre for a chat with other youngsters or with the youth worker or for workshops (for example gardening, do handicrafts, dance, skateboarding). The volunteer will help with the workshops and in the café (bar, preparing snacks, cleaning etc.)
- **Youthcafé Arena:**
Youth Café Arena is open every day in the afternoon or evening. It also offers space to meet informally for a chat with friends. The focus of activities is sports: Tabletop football, billiards, basketball and skateboarding, etc.
- **Youthcafé "Chill Out" in Höchst:** Höchst and Dornbirn have a cooperation since many years. Höchst has the youth café, sports, different projects and events.

S*he can also participate in the activities that we organise in the course of the year, for example:

- Youth Festival on the Dornbirn Fair – "Schau" (April)
- Tolerance Days (April)
- Environment Week (May)
- Volunteer's Own Project: If the volunteer wants, s*he can realise her*his own project in cooperation with the young people from Vismut. Since we offer a wide variety of activities s*he has a lot of possibilities to do so (sports workshop, creative workshop, antiracism project, project on her*his home country, concert with band from her*his home country, music workshop, cooking etc.).

Doing a voluntary service in the "Offene Jugendarbeit Dornbirn" the volunteer will learn a lot about youth work and will get a practical insight into the various fields of youth work: leisure time activities, intercultural dialogue, employment, education + training in youth work. In the daily contact with the young people s*he will increase her*his social competences in establishing contacts and building relationships.

By helping with our projects and activities, the volunteer will learn project management “by doing” and practice teamwork. S*he will get an insight into various youth cultures and will meet many people of different backgrounds.

Volunteer profile:

S*he should like to work with young people and should be interested in different youth cultures, music, sports, night life, different kinds of ecology and youth centre work. S*he should care for young people and be prepared to take the initiative to get in contact with them. S*he should be flexible and be willing to take part in different kinds of projects.

Since our opening hours are mainly in the afternoons, evenings and on weekends s*he should be prepared to work late hours and on weekends..

How to apply:

Please write a mail with your CV (incl. picture of you, date of birth,...) and motivation letter to susanne.sparr@aha.or.at. After the application deadline we will have selection rounds with the staff. During those selection rounds it's possible that you will be contacted for further information through mail, phone calls or zoom.

→ Don't forget to add the name of the project when you apply for it!

Practical arrangements:

The volunteer will live in a student housing, where also other volunteers live. The housing is organised by the hosting organisation. S*he will have a room with an own bathroom ensuite and share a kitchen and common rooms with the other residents.

The infrastructure with trains and buses is very accessible and frequent and additionally, s*he will also have a bicycle at her*his disposal. The volunteer will receive a ticket for free use of any public transport in the whole region of Vorarlberg during the complete time.

Support during the voluntary project:

The volunteer will have regular meetings with her*his tutor in our organisation to talk about the development of the project, task assignments, general wellbeing, problems, wishes, etc.

The Supporting/Coordinating Organisation will hold a monthly evaluation meeting with all volunteers in Vorarlberg. At the end of the project, we will together with the volunteer evaluate the project, what s*he has learned and which competences s*he has gained and as a result fill out the Youthpass. Furthermore, there will be a final personal evaluation meeting with the Supporting/Coordinating Organisation.

Related links:

Website: <http://www.ojad.at>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OJADornbirn?fref=ts>

Project description on the European project database:
https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity/placement/25625_en