

**European Solidarity Corps - Volunteering Activities:  
Project Description –  
Offene Jugendarbeit Lustenau**



**Voluntary Project:** Offene Jugendarbeit Lustenau  
**Number of volunteers:** 1  
**Project duration:** 06.09.2021 - 31.08.2022

**Project Topics:**

- Youth (Participation, Youth Work, Youth Policy)
- Creativity and culture
- Inclusion, equity

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**Hosting organisation:**

Offene Jugendarbeit Lustenau, Lustenau, Austria

**Supporting/Coordinating organisation:**

aha – Jugendinformationszentrum Vorarlberg, Dornbirn, Austria

## **Project description:**

The culture and youth organization „Culture Factor Y“ is a youth centre with multiple and varied offers for children, youngsters and adolescents. The most important part of our work is the „open house“ for our visitors. Contacts between the youth and the professional youth(social)workers are established there. The organization consists of a main building with varied offers and four decentralized areas of work:

### **★ The main centre**

The „open house“ and a few other offers for young people from the age of 16 to 25 years are offered here. We have an indoor skating and bouldering-site, a concert room and other rooms to hang out for the youngsters.

Our job & qualification-programme is also offered in this house. This offers young people who are searching for employment a medium-term job and helps them to find an employment in the first job market.



### **★ Decentralized youth centre (Maria-Theresien-Straße)**

This place is a meeting point for young people in the age of 11 to 16 years. Four times per week in the afternoon we create the opportunity for child-appropriate free time activities. We also try to help them finding solutions in difficult life-situations.

### **★ Decentralized youth centre for girls\***

This is an important place only for girls. Boys and men are not allowed to visit this house. Girls in the age between 11 to 16 can spend their free time there. According to the motto „to be by themselves“, young girls can enjoy their free time there.

### ★ **Mobile youth work**

Youth workers establish contacts to the adolescents in public places. The focus of this type of work is the work on relationships to the youth. It is the aim to find out their needs and interests. Like we do it in all types of our work the professionals support the young people in problematic situations and offer help for self-help.

### ★ **German-language-support**

In the so called „Hannes-Grabher-Siedlung“ in Lustenau, there's a big social housing development. More than 400 people live there. Two times per week in the afternoon social education workers help children in the age of 4 to 10 years with their homework. The main emphasis is the German-language-support for the children.

### **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 work in all areas from the organisation Culture Factor Y. The focus of this type of work is the work on relationships to the youth. The aim of all is to support the young people in their issues. Also important is the teamwork (regular team meetings, reflection meetings, frequent exchange between the professionals).

If the volunteer wants, s/he can realise her/his own project in cooperation with the young people.

Since we offer a wide variety of activities s/he has a lot of possibilities to do so (creative workshop, antiracism project, project about her/his home country, etc.). S/He will have all the support from the team that s/he needs.



**Volunteer profile:**

The volunteer should be open and communicative. S/He should be motivated and have fun to work with young people. A first knowledge of German language would be advantageous.

**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](mailto: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 we will contact you 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 a bathroom en-suite and share a kitchen and common rooms with other residents. The infrastructure with trains and buses is easy, quick and frequent and 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 service:**

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.



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