

Become a volunteer!

International long-term voluntary services in Halle/Saale, Germany with Friedenskreis Halle e.V.

For several years Friedenskreis Halle e.V. has been organizing long-term international voluntary services. We send volunteers abroad and host volunteers in Halle, Germany.

In the process of hosting international volunteers in Germany we operate as coordinating organization. In order to realize the program, we cooperate with different sending organizations (SO) from abroad and with different places of assignment (POA) in Halle/Saale.

We, as Friedenskreis Halle e.V. also provide a place of assignment at our office.

Your service will be carried out as part of the funding program of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and is a long-term voluntary service. This means that, the duration of your service is 12 months.

All conditions about this service is given by BMZ, for further information about the funding programme please check here: <https://www.weltwaerts.de/en/what-is-weltwaerts-volunteers.html>

With an international voluntary service, accompanied by the Friedenskreis Halle e.V. you live, learn and get involved for a year in a social or social or socio-political organization in Halle/Saale.

You will learn from your colleagues on site and provide additional support for them. We understand our volunteer services as learning services with a focus on global and development policy issues. Our aim with the voluntary service is to give you the opportunity to learn independently, gain experience and find out about your own concerns. This happens in the voluntary services through the co-working settings and the interactions at the place of assignment, in your new surrounding and is supported by accompanying seminars. We also deal with global contexts, our own position and responsibility, the dismantling of racism and many other questions that deal with peacebuilding in local societies.

You will be strengthened in taking steps towards partnership, justice and non-violent coexistence in diversity, even beyond your voluntary service, e.g. by continuing your commitment as a returnee.

The international voluntary service with Friedenskreis Halle e.V. comprises of

- practical work in one place of assignment and implementation of own project(s)
- active participation in the accompanying seminars (25 days)
- service-related activities (active participation in accompanying programmes)
- learning German

Everyone is welcomed who meets the administrative criteria and feels ready for a service with us.

**Currently, we are looking for volunteers for the period September 2024 until
September 2025!**

Our application period: 20.02.2024 - 20.03.2024

Please be aware:

Out of organizational and fairness reasons we only consider applications made within that period and corresponding to our application guidelines (to be find below)!

You want to know more?

For more information check our Homepage:

<https://www.friedenskreis-halle.de/volunteerinhalle.html>.

Here you especially find more information about the

- nature of the service itself
- information booklet “welcome book”
- our mission statement
- profiles of each place of assignment (POA)

Who may apply?

Due to some general criteria (below) there are specific criteria for each place of assignment (s. profiles).

General profile volunteers

- 18-28 yrs
- school graduation or comparable personal suitability
- knowledge of English and willingness to learn German starting in home country
- openness to the approach of the service as learning service
- willingness to get involved in civil society after the service
- specific profile (certain interest and/or abilities) for at least one of the places of assignment (POA) we cooperate with (s. profiles places of assignment).

Which places of assignment Friedenskreis Halle e.V. cooperates with?

Please check the profiles of our places of assignments (POAs) at our webpage:

<https://www.friedenskreis-halle.de/volunteerinhalle.html>

Check wisely to get a better information of where you want to volunteer.

How to apply?

Within the weltwaerts programme, we cooperate with permanent partner organisations as sending organisations in Southeast-Europe and Ruanda. Please get in contact with the organisation most near to where you live (but in your country). You can find a list of partner organisations on our webpage as well:

<https://www.friedenskreis-halle.de/volunteerinhalle.html>

The first step is to contact the sending organisation at your country and send them the application details. **Detailed information about the application you can find below.**

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

The sending organisations have the main responsibility for the selection of volunteers. After their pre-selection they propose candidates to Friedenskreis Halle e.V. for final selection and matching. Therefore we and probably the place of assignment will arrange online interviews with you.

Final decision is made in agreement with the places of assignment.

We are looking forward to your application!

Notes on the application documents for a voluntary service

Curriculum vitae (CV)

Please prepare a CV of yourself, which we can forward directly to the selected partner organization(s). This should be written in English [in German, if possible]. Please send the CV as a pdf with the file name "CV [your name]".

The CV should contain at least the following information:

- name
- date of birth
- email address
- current status (pupil/student/apprentice/employee/job seeker, etc.)
- previous educational background
- practical experience/commitment
- language skills
- other skills
- special support needs/restrictions

As we will present your CV to several organizations abroad (by email) during the application process, we would like to ask you, for data protection reasons, not to include a postal address or a photo.

Letter of motivation

Please explain your motivation for the voluntary service on approximately one A4 page. This should also be in English (German, if possible), as we will also forward this document to the partner organization(s).

Please send us the letter of motivation as a pdf with the file name "Motivation [your name]".

The text should cover the following points:

- Your general motivation for volunteering: why do you want to volunteer and why are you applying to the Friedenskreis Halle e.V.?
- Your interest in the respective area(s) of work: What can you contribute to your voluntary service?
- Your interest in the chosen country/region/partner organization: In which fields of work would you like to work during your voluntary service and why? Which not and why not?
- Your own potential contribution to the work of the partner organization: What skills and interests do you bring to the chosen partner organization?
- Your personality (e.g. strengths, interests, values, role of people): What makes you special and how can and do you want to contribute and develop during your volunteer year?
- Your values: The Friedenskreis Halle e.V. offers voluntary services as learning services. The Peace Circle has developed a mission statement for this purpose. How and why can you identify with participating in a learning service and what thoughts have you had on our mission statement?

Letter of reference

If you have the opportunity, please submit a letter of reference in in English. If your reference person does not speak the respective foreign language, you can also translate the letter yourself. In this case, please submit both versions of the reference letter.

Reference persons are people who are able and willing to provide information about you and your personality if required. These people should know you from previous practical activities, e.g. employees of associations, initiatives, churches, teachers or superiors. They should not be family members or friends.

Application form

Please send a completed application form. We can use this information to get a better picture of you, your interests and skills and find a suitable placement for you in one of our partner organizations.

You can take note of the relevant information on data protection in the application form itself.

Please share your

- application form
- letter of motivation
- curriculum vitae
- and reference(s) if applicable

as corresponding attachments in an email to your sending organization in your home country.

Please send your personal application documents, as mentioned, in pdf with the corresponding file name, the application form as xlsx (=Excel file), also with the corresponding file name.

Please attach as well

- a copy of your passport (if on hand; otherwise latest by signing contract)
- a copy of your certificate of good conduct (if on hand; otherwise latest by signing contract)
- a copy of your vaccination card (if on hand; otherwise latest by signing contract)

with the corresponding file name.

Your sending organization and Friedenskreis Halle e.V. as your german host organization will agree on your application and provide an interview.

Successfully passing the first interview will mean that you will be invited for another interview with colleagues of the place of assignment we introduced your application to.

We look forward to you and your application!

Your team of the Friedenskreis Halle e.V.