International longterm voluntary service with Friedenskreis Halle e.V.

profile place of assignment
within the program: weltwärts, EVS

## Kinder- und Jugendhaus e.V.

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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 nurserys) „Sonnenhaus“ and „Wirbelwind“, and the Hort (after school care club) „Kinderpark“, the Familiencafe (family cafe) "Völkchen" and changing 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 thus to open new perspectives.

Beside the daily child care 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.

**Field of engagement and activities of the volunteer within place of assignment**
An voluntary service at Kinder- und Jugendhaus mainly is social work with children and youth!

The volunteer will mainly support the JBBZ "Kinder- und Jugendhaus" and/or the Hort “Kinderpark” and/or (changing) projects.

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, tearoom. 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, dart, material for creative work, laboratories for photography, pottery, work with wood and repairing bicycles etc. are at their disposal. 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 and dart and socker-sessions for the youth.

The Hort „Kinderpark“: http://www.hort-kinderpark.de/
A “Hort” is a place, where (primary) school-children are taken care of outside school. In Germany most primary schools finish midday. Since parents might have to work till afternoon/evening, their children have to be watched after till they can go home. The same during school holidays. In a Hort children can play, but they also are encouraged to do their homework and follow special offers by the Hort.

Activities:

- 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, e.g. "Multikulti in der Südstadt" (organisation and documentaion)
- in the Hort: 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 backround
- participation in working- and team meetings

**Volunteers profile – specific for this place of assignment**

- must have interest in working with children and youth
- must have empathy in regard to children and youth
- should have some experiences in working with children and youth
- must have openness to children and youth with difficulties
- should be authentic, alone standing, responsible, punctual, open, honest and flexible
- must have interest and/or skills for sports, music, cultural or creative work and interest to bring in this knowledge into the work
- need a quite high frustration tolerance and should have low expectations in respect to the implementation of own plans
- must have basic knowledge of German at the start of the service and should be willing to learn German fast
- need a certificate of good conduct without any entries

**Volunteers profile – General**

- 18 to 28 years (weltwärts, exceptions can be made, when reasonable) resp. 18 to 30 years (EVS)
- (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)
- openess to the special structure of a voluntary service with Friedenskreis Halle, that is: willingness to participate in the accompanying educational program, to develope 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 (EVS) resp. global (weltwärts) 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