

Volunteering at Waldorf nursery / Freiwilligendienst im Hort der Waldorfschule Leipzig

Description:

The Free Rudolf Steiner School Leipzig was founded in 1990 and accommodates about 350 students. The Rudolf Steiner School leads students from grade 1 to grade 13. A Rudolf Steiner kindergarden is associated with the school.

The Rudolf Steiner pedagogy pursues a holistic approach within children's mental and intellectual education. The curriculum is structured by the pupils' stages of development and aims at supporting and developing intellectual, mental and physical skills appropriate for the respective age.

The day nursery offers a mentoring programme in the afternoon for grades 1-4.

The staff of the Free Rudolf Steiner school consists of around 50 members. Two members are directly involved in the project. Moreover, there are between 50 and 100 adult voluntary helpers working at the school.

Leipzig is located in the northwest of the Free State of Saxony. The city and its 550,000 inhabitants became known throughout the world in the fall of 1989 as the center of the peaceful revolutionary movement in East Germany. It is home to the second oldest university in Germany as well as serving as an important trade fair center. Around 1 million people visit Leipzig every year, enjoying the city's lively atmosphere and diverse cultural offerings. The volunteer will stay in a living community with up to six other European volunteers.

Tasks:

The volunteer will mainly be active in the day nursery (grades 1-4 / 6-10 years) to support the staff during the lunch times and the afternoon activities (games, special projects). According to the interests of the volunteer, he/she may also carry through special creative projects with the kids (singing, dancing...). The volunteer shall present aspects of his or her own country, e.g. music, language, games, handicraft or cooking. The volunteer's own ideas can be realized in every-day work during the afternoons as well as in various projects, parties etc. The volunteer also has the chance to develop an own project during the year. The opportunities for children and teenagers to acquire intercultural competence are scarce in the East of Germany. Thus, the Waldorf nursery sees a volunteer as a huge enrichment! Being a self-administrative community with the support of 240 families, we are open to any kind of integration for the volunteer. The volunteer can take part in a language course.

In addition, there will be realised **several project days towards topics of solidarity in europe / participation / social projects for all EVS volunteers**. The volunteers have to take part, learn and to realise an own social idea. They should also inform about social project in their homecountry and present it to the others. Furthermore, volunteers are asked to make a presentation about his/her EVS and / or other mobility possibilities in Europe in a school class.

Selection process:

Please complete the online questionnaire you find on our page. We collect all applications until the deadline, then all applications that are complete will be forwarded to the responsables of the Waldorf nursery who decide about the candidate. The selection process takes 1-2 months. You will get an answer during or latest after 2 months.

Selection criteria:

We would like to see the following: Interest in working with children, autonomy, open-mindedness, own ideas. We are little focussed on specific selection criteria, having a great potential of integration.

Link to Waldorf school: <http://www.waldorfschule-leipzig.de/>