
European Solidarity Corps in the youth centre Aktionszentrum Benediktbeuern (3 Volunteers)

01.09.2023 – 31.08.2024

The youth centre Aktionszentrum is a retreat house of the Salesians of Don Bosco, a catholic religious order founded in the late nineteenth century by Saint John Bosco in an attempt, through works of charity, to care for the young and disadvantaged children.

The centre hosts weekly about 250-300 youngsters, coming from different schools of the Bavarian region. The team of the centre leads workshops and courses for school classes. Target group are young people between 14 and 19. Aktionszentrum is also active at international level: every year about 25 young people are sent to different countries of the world to spend one year as volunteers. The youth centre is also leading ESC-trainings on behalf of the National Agency of the Erasmus+ programme "Jugend für Europa", in collaboration with other youth centres.

The volunteer will join the staff starting from the 1st of September and will be active in many fields: support of the pedagogical activities with young people; work in the main office and at the reception; personal contact with young people during the week through different activities (front office, sports, organisation of breaks). The volunteer will also be active in different practical activities in the house. Shee/He will keep an overview on the accommodation of the groups, making easy handcraft work if required, supporting the catering and kitchen staff. The volunteer will also spend some time in the international office to get an overview on the different activities organised by the hosting organisation. The volunteer will work in a small intercultural team of 2-10 young volunteers, coming from different countries (mainly from Germany).

At the end of the service the volunteers is supposed to develop an own project about her/his ESC-experience.



European Solidarity Corps in the public Kindergarten Benediktbeuern (2 Volunteers)

01.09.2023 – 31.08.2024

The Public Kindergarten of Benediktbeuern hosts around 100 children aged 1-6. A team of 12 educators organises daily activities for the children. The volunteer will join the staff from 01st of September (12 months) and take part in the daily activities like: taking care of the children, organising creative workshops and games. Next to this the volunteer can develop an own project during his/her stay.



Short-term Volunteering “Global Holiday Camp” (1 Volunteer)

19.08.2023 – 10.09.2023

The Global Holiday Camp was developed by volunteers and will be implemented for the sixth time this year. In general, the Camp aims at sensitizing the participants for European and global topics, such as sustainability, Empowerment and diversity, by creating space for experiences close to life. To do so, we try to combine a lot of action, sports and creativity with theoretical input and therefore entuse the participants to think out of the box. As in the past several years, there are going to be camps of five days, in Regensburg and Benediktbeuern (about 2 hours apart). Volunteers will be working with the team of animators in both camps. In each camp around 30 kids from 10 to 14 years will be participating. The program will take place from 9 am to 7 pm and will include a sleepover on the last night (if possible). The team of animators is a mixed group of former Don Bosco volunteers, with national and international youth work experience. Volunteers’ tasks during the preparation and the camp include: organizing, supporting the program, contributing ideas and animating the children and teenagers. To participate good German or English skills are essential. The program will mostly be held in German, but we will facilitate the language barrier. The preparation and evaluation can optionally take place in English. In addition, it would be desirable for volunteers to have experience in youth work and animation.

Profile of the volunteers

Aktionszentrum is coordinating the three projects and supports the volunteers to develop their own skills and knowledge: changes in the time tables are possible according to the needs and wishes of the volunteer. Requirements:

- Interest in working with children and young people

- Flexibility in working in different fields, creativity
- At least basic communication skills in German are necessary

Practical arrangements

- The voluntary service is **30-39 hours a week**. If the volunteer works **overtime**, those hours can be **recuperated** at a later stage.
- The volunteer receives 2 days of **holiday for each month**. The concrete arrangements for this will be made during the team meetings. In this way the volunteer can be offered some flexibility in the choice of holidays
- The volunteer receives a **monthly allowance according to the ESC frame of reference** The volunteer can use a **bicycle** as mean of local transport.
- The volunteer will meet the **mentor** on a regular basis, deciding together on the required frequency and nature of the meetings.
- The volunteer will get meals in the canteen (breakfast, lunch, dinner).
- The volunteer will get a room nearby the centre for the months of service (with laundry facilities)
- At the end of the voluntary service the volunteer will get a “Youth pass” certificate.

Benediktbeuern is a beautiful village of around 3500 inhabitants in the south of Bavaria. It has an own university (faculty of Social work) and a community of around 500 students.

The village is well connected to Munich (Trains are running every hour- around 60Km / 1 hour ride).

Here some information about the village: www.benediktbeuern.de

The website of the youth centre: www.aktionszentrum.de

The website of the Kindergarten: www.kiga-bb.de



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Deadline for Applications: 1st of June 2023