

Volunteering in the Youth work Telfs Youth Centre & Leisure Children & Creativity



**Apply for a 12-months EVS project in Telfs, Austria
EVS starts in autumn 2017**

Hosting Organisation:

Marktgemeinde Telfs / Jugendkoordination

www.telfs.at/jugendzentren.html

Pictures: www.instagram.com/jugendtelfs/

Located in Telfs in Tirol, Austria

The hosting organisation has been hosting EVS volunteers since 2014. Two EVS volunteers are hosted at the same time, one starting in September and one in October.

Some info on the hosting organisation:

- Marktgemeinde Telfs has a youth coordination department. We are a youth department with the focus on open youth work (youth centre and streetwork) and after-school support in the community of Telfs.
- We especially try to support young people to find their way in life, to give them a place to be and to spend their free time in a diverse, creative or sportive way. In Telfs we have two youth centres, the Chilli and the “Fuxbau”, our youth coordinator and six youth workers give support to youngsters there. The team also aims at offering an interesting programme for young people, so that they can collect new experiences.
- The youth centres offer a soccer ground, billard, darts, tablesoccer, tabletennis, playstation, workshop, dance/boxing room, kitchen/bar and an own recording studio.
- We also have an after school assistance for young people in which the volunteers will be supporting. The target group of the after school assistance are school children from a young age on. The target group of the youth centres are children and youth between 12 and 19 years who live in and around Telfs. Most of them are doing an apprenticeship, working, looking for a job, for apprenticeship or orientation.
- The youth work team is very motivated and open-minded. You will have great opportunities here to bring in your ideas!

This project is funded by the EU- programme “Erasmus+: Youth in Action”. The EVS is financed by the EU and the hosting organisation. The ONLY financial contribution that the selected volunteer will need to make is to pay a small share of the travel costs if necessary (there is a lump sum budget).

Tasks & Activities of the EVS volunteer:

- Being part of the team in the daily youth work
- planning and organising youth leisure activities and events together with youngsters and staff members
- supporting the after-school-support-team
- doing simple bar work
- being creative and bringing in own ideas into the project
- taking part in regular team meetings
- The EVS service is 35 hours per week

The volunteer will work five days a week, around 35 hours a week including the German course. The volunteer will have two holidays per month in addition to the weekends.

The volunteer will be able to learn a lot during this EVS, he or she will have an interesting role and gain valuable experience and skills in working with youngsters. The volunteer will learn a lot about the youngster's situation, their topics, language, personal situations and problems. Furthermore the volunteer will get to know the work of youth workers and the challenges. Also the volunteer will be given free space to create, try and implement his or her own ideas.

The role of the volunteer will be working along with our employees and youngsters. The volunteer will be encouraged and accompanied to support the youngsters to tackle tasks themselves, so that the young people can discover their potential and abilities. The volunteer's work will be guided by our professional employees. We are welcoming new and creative ideas, which we believe adds new perspectives to our organisation.

Examples for such creative ideas are: creating a country-specific week with special meals or events, baking Christmas cookies, doing an artistic project with the youngsters, healthy cooking day, playing a big game in nature to make the youngsters spend more time outside, work with some people in our recording studio.



Location and more:

We have a rented a flat for our volunteers in Telfs. So you will live together with two other EVS volunteers (one of them will volunteer in a different project). You have your own room, there are common spaces like a kitchen, living room and balcony. Infrastructure is close-by.

Telfs is 30 km from Innsbruck and there are good bus and train connection. We have quite good infrastructure with sport centres; bars; shopping malls; lots of nature and Mountains; Telfs is a young town with a significant migrant population!



Telfs

EVS duration:

12 Months:

One volunteer will start the EVS in the beginning of September 2017 (for 12 months)

The other volunteer will start the EVS in the first week of October 2017 (for 12 months)

We ask you to be committed to participate the whole duration, it's important for the project, your learning development and for the hosting organisation.

The application deadline is on the 26th of March 2017!

Profile of the EVS-volunteer:

We are looking for an open-minded volunteer who wants to collect a lot of experience in youth work with youngsters. We expect that the volunteer brings in high motivation for the project and is interested in the target group. Moreover the volunteer should have a stable personality, in order to be able to work with youngsters.

We would be happy to host a volunteer who

- wants to get to know youth centre work and participate actively
- is interested in youth leisure activities, youth culture and youth-related issues
- is open-minded, friendly, enthusiastic, creative and communicative
- shows active interests in sports (soccer, basketball, skateboarding...) or creative activities (dancing, music, photographing, handcrafts) and/or indoor games (billiard, table tennis, chess...)
- is motivated to learn some German (and some Tyrolean German dialect)
- brings her or his own culture and interests into the project
- is ready to volunteer for 12 months starting in September or October

Due to pre-existing partnerships with some non-EU countries, we can ONLY accept volunteers in this project who do not require a visa or residence permit for 12 months in Austria or applicants who live in Palestine.



Coordinating organisation:

The coordinating organisation of this project is InfoEck, a youth info centre in Innsbruck. InfoEck coordinates 14 volunteers in the region of Tirol. The coordinator is ready to answer open questions and to prepare the EVS project with the hosting organisation, the selected volunteer and the sending organisation! InfoEck will link all volunteers during the EVS and support all along the project.

The coordinator is Erika: erika.mischitz@infoeck.at (send your applications to the host, not to Erika!). More info: www.mei-infoeck.at, InfoEck Facebook, Instagram and Youtube.

Our motto:

Embrace the challenge. Be open to leaving your comfort zone several times. Be curious about yourself and others and ready to meet inspiring people. Try new things and learn for a lifetime!



Support during the EVS:

The volunteer will have regular meetings with her or his mentor and with the hosting organisation, to talk about the wellbeing or about the project activities.

In the hosting organisation the volunteer will receive orientation and support for the activities from the main responsible employee and from the entire team.

The coordinating organisation InfoEck will hold a regular group meeting with all volunteers in Tyrol in order to share experiences, give support to one another and to stay connected. Also, there are regular free-time activities organised for the volunteers. At the end of the project we will evaluate it together with the volunteer and look at what he or she has learned and which competences he or she has gained and as a result the volunteer can fill in the Youthpass certificate.

The volunteer will get to know other volunteers from various countries and will be invited to participate in monthly free-time activities, organised by young Austrians.

How to apply:

Please send your CV and the enclosed APPLICATION FORM directly to the hosting organisation!
Contact person: Mr Florian MINATTI, E-mail: Florian.Minatti@telfs.gv.at

The deadline to apply is the 26th of March!

Only complete applications will be considered. Option: You can additionally send something creative to express your motivation (this is not demanded).

Mr Florian MINATTI will get in touch with the applicants after the deadline, so check your e-mail regularly. Some applicants will be invited for a skype / phone call. The final decision will be taken about two to three weeks later by the host and all applicants will be informed about their status.

We are looking forward to getting to know you!

