



Project description

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Activity description:

The OJA (Offene Jugendarbeit Liechtenstein - Open Youth Work Liechtenstein) is a foundation with different organisations within. The OJA was founded by ten communities of the Principality of Liechtenstein. Eight local youth work organisations operate in eleven youth centers. The main goal of the youth centers is to build a zone, where youngsters can meet. There are different things available in the youth centers: games, music, snacks, different activities for youngsters and to get advice or help from the youth workers. The different youth centers also organize projects, youth exchanges or do street work.

Accommodation, food and transport arrangements:

Volunteers are accommodated together with other European volunteers in a fully furnished apartment. If there are no other volunteers at the time, the volunteer can use the apartment on his own. Each volunteer has his/her own room and can use the common living areas (kitchen, bathroom and living room). There is a washing machine and tumble dryer in the basement. The location of the apartment is very central and directly in front of the house there is a bus stop and shopping facilities. The standard of living in Liechtenstein is high and accordingly the volunteer's accommodation is very well equipped. Volunteers receive monthly food allowance and can provide their own meals. Shopping facilities are located in every municipality in Liechtenstein and are easily accessible by public transportation. In the premises of the organisation there is a fully equipped kitchen, which can be used at any time. A bus subscription for the whole of Liechtenstein and the border communities is provided so that volunteers can get to the work site independently. If desired, a bicycle can also be organized as a means of transportation.

Training during the activity:

There is a preparatory training (PDT) in the sending country, a training (OAT) of new volunteers upon arrival in the host country, and a training (MTT) in the middle of the volunteer year. The volunteer will be given access to the online assessment in German and will then be able to take the OLS language course. In Liechtenstein there is a Facebook group of all volunteers who are or have been in Liechtenstein. On this platform the volunteer can make contacts, exchange ideas and plan common activities. The hosting supports the volunteer to participate in volunteer meetings or volunteer camps. The volunteer has the possibility to organize a leisure activity for the volunteers in Liechtenstein and Vorarlberg (AT). In





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Vorarlberg (AT), which is right next to Liechtenstein, there are almost monthly activities for volunteers and former volunteers organized and carried out. The volunteer has the opportunity at these meetings to meet new people and make new friendships. There are weekly team meetings and monthly meetings with the assigned mentor, where problems and difficulties can be discussed.

Participant profile :

We require that a participant has a high level of motivation and enthusiasm and is open to the following tasks:

1. Our volunteers should want to and be able to work independently - in the youth center with the youngsters as well as in the projects. The volunteer will be introduced, supervised, accompanied and supported by their mentor. Our volunteers should integrate into our small team, participate in team meetings and, if necessary, also in the supervision sessions. We also make sure that there is a balanced representation of both sexes in the team. Youth work is based to a large extent on interpersonal relationships and on communication. Volunteers should get in touch with the young people and build a "relationship". A certain natural authority and respect is required for working in the youth center, which is facilitated by a reasonable age difference to our target group (12-18 years old). For the communication, appropriate knowledge of the German language is necessary. An important area of work is socio-cultural animation. For these are creative, musical and other cultural or even sporting skills very useful. Volunteers also participate in administrative tasks. For these computer skills (MS-Office, Mail, Internet) are required. For other tasks the volunteers will be trained accordingly. The working hours in the youth café are mainly evenings and weekends and volunteers must be willing to work at these unusual hours.
2. The selection of volunteers is made by the hosting team based on the submitted profiles and after consultation with the volunteers and/or the sending organisation. The decision will be made based on current needs and the criteria described above. The decision-making process and the reasons for our selection will be communicated to the leading organisation (aha).
3. Contact will be made with the selected person in advance by email or phone. Open questions from both sides can be clarified and discussed. It is also possible to do a Skype conversations to get to know the person better.
4. The volunteers do not have sole responsibility in the youth center.
5. When selecting potential candidates for the project, we we ask about hobbies, goals, previous experiences as a volunteer or in cooperation with other youth organisations.

The profile of the volunteer has general requirements:

- Motivation and enthusiasm for the project and project activities.
- willingness to work in a team
- dynamic, creative and self-initiating in developing new ideas



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- flexible in working with different people
- open to intercultural work with people of all backgrounds and cultures

Activity dates:

from now on – 10.07.2022 (activity start after consultation with volunteer)

Activity Location:

Vaduz, Liechtenstein

Looking for Participants from:

1 ESC-Volunteer from Europe

Activity topics:

- Quality and innovation of youth work
- Inclusion
- Bridging intercultural, intergenerational and social divide
- daily work at the youth center
- project work

Deadline for Applications:

30.04.2022

Please send your application via E-Mail to: camaleon@oja.li

Impressions:



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