

Vacancy for EVS Volunteer in Denmark

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- Coordinating organisation: AFS Interkultur
- Host: Øhavets Smakke- og Naturcenter, PIC
945267135: <http://www.smakkecenter.dk/>
- Location: Strynø, Denmark
- Deadline: 24/7/2017
- Start: 01/03/2018
- End: 01/10/2018

The Øhavets Smakke- og Naturcenter is surrounded by some of the most beautiful nature in Denmark. The center is placed on Strynø – a little island half an hour of sailing from Rudkøbing at Langeland. There are about 200 inhabitants on Strynø which also contains one of the most well-preserved towns of the middle ages.

The Smakkecenter is placed directly at the water front, and has existed since 1993.

The Smakkecenter Exhibition tells the natural and cultural history of the South Fyn Archipelago, especially of Strynø. The pivotal point of the exhibition is the sail between the many islands in the area with Smack Dinghies. The new exhibition opened spring 2016 with more details about nature and with many practical activities, e.g. “coastal safari”, “wild food” and “history in the stones”.

The Smakkecenter Boatyard builds new Smack Dinghies, carry out restorations and maintain the center’s own Smack Dinghies. All our rental dinghies will come into the boatyard once every year for general maintenance. That way we make sure that all the boats are in good condition.

The boatyard also functions as working museum seeing that we work similar to the old traditional boat building craftsmanship. Visitors are very welcome to come and have a look inside – questions and exchanges of experience are welcomed.

We collaborate with a German boat building college who each year sends their students to us, for them to get an insight into traditional Danish boat building craftsmanship.

We can arrange school camp /education adventures for groups of all educational levels. Our experienced instructors will happily teach about environment, nature, island culture, teambuilding, sailing, trips, outdoor life, hand crafts and much more.

The Smakkecenter promotes nature and culture through sailing with dinghies, barges or kayaks in the archipelago.

We participate in taking care of the small-uninhabited isles with large herd of cattle and sheep, by sailing the animal ferry YRSA, which transport the animals

out to the isles.

Beside the Smakkecenter is placed a cosy campsite with a big shelter.

Tasks

The everyday life at the center contains lots of different work depending on the season. The winter activities will primary be renovation of our dinghies in the boatyard. The summer is the height of the season where we arrange trips for our visitors - mostly sailing dinghies and kayaks. The volunteer will participate in the everyday work on their own and together with the other employees at the center. This work includes sailing, upkeeping the dinghies, painting, cutting grass, guiding tourists, helping in our café, upkeeping campsite and various gear.

We also learn from our volunteers. The volunteers add further life and energy to the center which is highly valued. Øhavet Smakkecenter is open all around the year. There are one employee at the center: The leader of the center, and we have freelancers. The primary target group is children and youths whom we educate and with whom we sail. The secondary target group is a mix of different visitors, who come to our boatyard, exhibition and campsite.

Criteria and how to apply?

The volunteer must like being outdoor as almost all of the activities at the center are outdoor activities. The volunteer must be open-minded and prepared to be involved in all the various tasks together with the rest of the staff. The volunteer must be able to speak English at a conversational level.

In order to apply please fill out the application form attached and send it along with your CV to maria.palmvang@afs.org as soon as possible and before the 24th July 2017. If you have been shortlisted for the project we will contact you for a skype interview before the 30th August 2017.

- Regards, Vibe Grønfeldt, EVS Coordinator at AFS Interkultur.