International longterm voluntary service in Halle and surrounding with Friedenskreis Halle e.V.

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# Become a volunteer!

# International longterm voluntary services in Halle & surrounding with Friedenskreis Halle e.V.

International longterm voluntary services is one area of work of Friedenskreis Halle e.V. Within that area, we inform on such services, send volunteers abroad and host volunteers in Germany.

In hosting volunteers from abroad in Germany we operate as coordinating organisation for services in cooperation with different sending organisations abroad and at different places of assignment in Halle and surrounding and as place of assignment ourselves.

We operate via two funding programs with differences mainly at administrative level: the European program "Erasmus+" to implement the "**European voluntary service EVS**" (within the European Solidarity Corps ESC) and the German program "weltwärts" to implement the developmental voluntary service "weltwärts".

A service lasts 12 months and usually starts mid september each year.

We understand and designed our services as **peace and learning services**. We want to offer volunteers a opportunity to learn in different fields and to get involved with peace.

Regarding the activities taking place during the service this means, that a service comprises

- Practical work in one or two place(es) of assignment (30h/week)
- Active participation in the accompanying seminars (25days)
- Service related activities (around 8h/week): Active participation in accompanying programme, implementation of own project, occupation with and/or engagement in topics and activities of (local) civil society, learning German in depth

We welcome everybody who meets the administrative criteria and feels ready for a service with us.

Currently, we are looking for volunteers for the period sept. 2019 until 2020 (12 months)!

#### Application period: 1.02.2019 - 28.02.2019

Please be aware: Out of organizational and fairness reasons we <u>only consider applications</u> made <u>within</u> that period and <u>corresponding to our application quidelines</u> (to be find below)!

#### You want to know more?

For more information check our Homepage: <a href="https://www.friedenskreis-halle.de/volunteerinhalle.html">https://www.friedenskreis-halle.de/volunteerinhalle.html</a>. Here you especially find

- Information booklet "Welcome", Mission statement and reports for information about Friedenskreis Halle e.V., the upset of the voluntary services, preparation and living in Halle
- Profiles for each place of assignment
- Links more information about the programs

Please be aware: Both, profiles and information booklet, are constantly in revision.

# Who may apply?

Next to some general criteria (below) there are specific criteria for each place of assignment (s. profiles).

#### General profile volunteers

- weltwärts: 18-28yrs (exceptions can be made, when reasonable), EVS: 18-30yrs
- School graduation or comparable personal suitability
- Knowledge of English and willingness to learn German starting in home country
- Openess to the upset of the service as learning and peace service
- Willingness to get involved in civil society after the service
- Specific profile (certain interest and/or abilities) for at least one of the places of assignment we cooperate with (s. profiles places of assignment).

## Which places of assignment Friedenskreis Halle cooperates with?

Please be aware: That list is subject to changes. Listed are the poas of the last cycle.

- Kinder und Jugendhaus e.V. and Bürgerhaus AlternativE (open youth work with kids 10-18yrs)
- Clare Zetkin e.V. (childrens home for kids 6-18yrs)
- Friedenskreis Halle e.V. (educational and office work)
- Kita St. Ulrich, Kita Marktspatzen, KindElternZentrum Lieskau (nursery for kids 1-6yrs)
- Hort of the protestant school Heide-Nord (after school care club for kids 6-10yrs)
- Lebenstraum Halle e.V. (living group with disabled adults)
- Kulturwerkstatt Grüne Villa e.V. (social-cultural centre)
- Anlaufstelle S.C.H.I.R.M. (drop-in centre for young persons 18-30yrs)

# How to apply?

Weltwärts: Within this program, we cooperate with permanent partner organisations as sending organisations in Southeast-Europe and Ruanda. Please get in contact with the organisation most near to where you live (but of your country). You can find a list of partner organisations on our <a href="Homepage">Homepage</a>. Send the sending organisation an application within the application period.

Erasmus+/EVS: Within this program, we aim at working with permanent partner organisations as sending organisations. If we have a partner organisation in the region you come from, please apply via them. Send them your application within the application period. You can find them on our <u>Homepage</u>. You may also apply directly to us. Than send us your application within the application period. Next to that search a sending organisation via the <u>EVS database</u>.

The application consist of an application form incl. attachments (download from our <u>Homepage</u>). Please be aware: There might be additional requirements of the sending organisation.

## Selection process

Weltwärts: Within this program, the partner organisations have the main responsibility for the selection of volunteers. After their pre-selection they propose candidates to Friedenskreis Halle for final selection and matching. Therefor we and maybe the place of assignment will do interviews by Skype or Telephone in february/march. Final decision is made in agreement with the places of assignment.

Erasmus+/EVS: Within that program, responsibility for the selection is shared. If you are proposed by one of our partner organisations, the procedure is like mentioned above. If you applied directly, we will let you know whether we can consider you as volunteer after screening all applications. For selection and matching we and maybe the place of assignment will do interviews by Skype / Telephone. Final decision is made in agreement with the places of assignment.