

„European Solidarity in Upper Austria“

In different Caritas Organizations in Upper Austria we would appreciate the support and ideas from European Volunteers. Caritas has already long-term experience with volunteers.

Please find below the description of the different hosting projects and when applying please mention the title of the project!

Caritas für Menschen in Not – Wärmestube und FRIDA – 1 placement (start February 2020, duration 10 months), place: Linz (Capital City of Upper Austria)

Wärmestube and FRIDA - Day Centre for homeless people and special area for homeless women - offers 1 placement for European volunteers. As we want to learn from young people, the volunteers will be part of the team. The volunteers with their ideas, abilities and creativity will support the social workers in their daily activities by preparing and giving food to our clients, helping cleaning up at the end of the day, as well as helping our clients with laundry and care of health. Furthermore, our clients will benefit from talking, playing, organizing additional offers like free time activities and by helping them with their appointments.

The volunteer will get an insight into our social system, into our organization, into poverty and what it means and how policy in Austria handle it. Cultural exchange will bring benefits for everyone - the clients, the volunteers and the hosting department. As there are also a lot of Austrian volunteers and staff members, the volunteer can easily get in touch with Austrian youths, customs, mentality and language. Thus, intercultural learning and communication shall be the aim for both, the volunteer and the host organization!

Volunteers in our organization get support from the local contact person, are covered by insurance, take part at team meetings, are invited to events and get free further education. It is usual to offer a good appreciation and celebration culture.

Accommodation is located in the centre of Linz. We provide small appartments with toilet and shower, kitchen and laundry for common use. Linz offers a very good public transportsystem (bus, tram). The point of use is within walking distance or we offer tickets for the public transport.

Food/Meals: The volunteer will receive one meal at the project and allowance to cover his needs for all meals of the day. Meals can also be ordered at the accommodation.

Working hours: The volunteers will have a flexible programme, depending on a large array of factors. It will be maximum 8 hours/day distributed throughout the day as needed.

Caritas für Menschen in Not – Sachspenden , start february 2020, duration 10 months, place Linz (Capital City of Upper Austria)

Sachspenden – Commodity donations - offers 1 placement for European volunteers. This department offers different engagement possibilities: at the donation center, at the caritas store and at the technical support.

As we want to learn from young people, the volunteers will be part of the team. The volunteers with their ideas, abilities and creativity will support the employees in their daily activities: At the Caritas store by decorating, helping costumers, preparing clothes for sales... At the donation center by receiving donations, sorting donations, preparing donations for sale.

Furthermore, the volunteer will be working together with the technician - making different repairs in different Caritas buildings, transporting things like furniture, painting rooms,...

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