

Life as a European volunteer in Stuttgart, Germany

<https://evsinjugendwerk.wordpress.com/2017/02/01/evs-vacancy-in-jugendwerk/>

Start: 1st of October 2017

End: 30th of September 2018

Spots: 1

Application deadline: 29th of March 2017

Funding:

Pocket money:

Location: Stuttgart

Project description: The Jugendwerk der AWO Württemberg e.V. is a German non-profit EVS Hosting Organisation that is located in the very centre of Stuttgart, the capital of Baden-Württemberg, in Southern Germany. We offer two 12-month positions for EVS volunteers per year, on a 6-month rotating basis.

As an EVS volunteer at Jugendwerk der AWO, you will get the opportunity to help with the organisation of youth camps (Freizeiten) and workshops for children and young people from Stuttgart and the surrounding area. You will be able to take part in training weekends and a First Aid Course with the aim of obtaining the JuLeiCa certificate (Jugend Leiter Card – <http://www.juleica.de/>). Completion of the JuLeiCa training will enable you to be a leader on the summer and winter camps, many of which are based in amazing destinations abroad (The Alps, Spain, Sweden, Corsica, Croatia...). For more info about our youth camps, check out the Freizeiten page (in German only).

A second key responsibility of an EVS volunteer at Jugendwerk der AWO is organising our intercultural project “Active Culture”. Stuttgart is a very multi-cultural city, with 40% of the population being of foreign background, and Jugendwerk is very keen to cater for this diverse international audience. “Active Culture” aims to give foreigners and locals alike the opportunity to meet each other and share experiences from different countries and cultures. This could be in the form of a country-themed evening with traditional food and info about a certain country (e.g. Tunisian evening), a trip to a place or building in Stuttgart that is important for a certain culture (e.g. Mosque, Cem House), an introduction to a traditional dance from a certain country (e.g. Salsa evening), and many other things. It’s a very versatile project and there is always room for new ideas! As an EVS volunteer you will be responsible for organising these evenings every two weeks, advertising them, and generally making sure that everything runs smoothly.

Jugendwerk der AWO also organises international youth exchanges together with partner organisations all around the world. We have a long-standing partnership with “Axilli” in Guadalajara, Mexico, with whom we organise an exchange twice a year: a Mexican group comes to Germany in the summer and a German delegation visits Mexico over New Year. We’re cooperating with an organisation in South Africa as well: the Sofire-Town Crew from Johannesburg came to Germany in summer 2012 as the first stage of an exciting new exchange programme. Aside from those, we take part in several other exchanges with partners in Europe, varying from year to year. As an EVS volunteer at Jugendwerk you will help with the organisation of these exchanges and also have the opportunity to take part in them yourself. For more info about our youth exchanges, check out the Jugendbegegnungen page (in German only).

Volunteer's tasks:– The volunteer will participate in the intercultural learning project “Active Culture” (please check out what Active Culture is:

<https://www.jugendwerk24.de/interkulturell/active-culture/>

<https://www.facebook.com/ActiveCultureJW/>

– The volunteer will participate in writing and creating an intercultural application for Stuttgart and surrounding. For some inspiration please check out our previous project:

<http://www.stuttgartsmiles.com/>

<https://cityguidestuttgart.wordpress.com/>

– The volunteer will be responsible to work closely with refugees. Every week a group of volunteer, together with the EVS volunteer, visit different refugee homes where they make different kind of small projects for and with children (aged 6-12)

– The volunteer will participate in different seminars in the weekends (pedagogical and first aid course). After attending the seminars she/he will be prepared for leading the camps in the summer and winter holidays

– Taking part in organizing and supporting youth camps: At the end of her/his project the volunteer will take part in a youth camp. She/he should help in preparation, realization and evaluation of the youth camp and work together with other youngsters.

– Taking part in organizing and supporting seminars: The volunteer will help during the preparation and realization of our seminars, be responsible for the materials & stuff for the seminars. (we have two cellars full with material and stuff:D)

– Support the Jugendwerk Team in the office (almost every day you will help in the office: answering emails, driving somewhere, going shopping, being responsible for the stuff what we use for the camps, seminars and other events)

– Consultation and information for youngsters about Europe: In the frame of our international youth work, the volunteer will collect and create information/material about mobility in Europe for European youngsters. (The volunteer will also participate in our informal meetings about our international youth work)

– The volunteer has the possibility to create posters/flyers/banners, be responsible for updating our homepage, for Instagram account of the organization etc.

– Taking part in international and intercultural learning projects together with our international volunteer working group.

– Creation and realization of own projects: Depending on the interests and abilities of the volunteer she/he will have the opportunity to develop a project by herself/himself. New ideas are always welcome!

–The volunteer should have a driving license – driving on a regular basis is required

Volunteer's profile: We are open for every application. There are some things which in our opinion could make the daily life and work easier for the volunteer. To reach a fast integration of the volunteer in the Jugendwerk and the local community, basics in English and/or German would be very helpful.

The volunteer will support the Jugendwerk Team in the office, so applicants should like office work, like writing emails, creating flyers for events, helping with sending letters and like being responsible for materials and stuff for seminars and camps etc.

Basic computer knowledge could also be quite helpful.

Volunteers also need a DRIVING License for cars.

As the volunteer will work from time to time (NOT on a daily basis) together with children and youth she/he should be interested and maybe also have first experiences in working in this field. He/she should also be willing to work in a team.

Additionally, we think the volunteer should have interest in intercultural work and motivation for intercultural projects.

She/he should also be open-minded, showing her/his own initiative, hard-working and open for new experiences and show some flexibility.

Training during the project: A final key element of your time as an EVS volunteer at Jugendwerk der AWO is of course to learn German! At Jugendwerk, you will receive great support for your German language acquisition. During your first 3-4 months you will be given the possibility to attend an intensive language course during the mornings, 5 days a week, and work at Jugendwerk in the afternoons. This is a great way to learn German and you will be amazed at how quickly you pick it up, even if you've never learnt a word of German before!

Accommodation, food and transport arrangements: Your accommodation: a volunteer is accommodated, according to the project, in Ibbenburen, Westerkappeln, Tecklenburg, or in Saerbeck in a host family or in a flat community together with other volunteers with all needed equipment. Each volunteer has a single, middle-sized, fully furnished room. A kitchen and a bathroom are shared with other volunteers. The flats are located in the center of towns.

Public transport: each volunteer gets a bus ticket for the whole period of the project. It is valid in the Steinfurt district. The ticket is used to get to work, for a language course or for traveling in a spare time. Volunteers have a bus connection to every town, from the smallest village to big cities such as Osnabrück or Münster.

Working hours: 30-35 hours per week.

Holidays: 2 days per month

Food-money and pocket-money: there will be transferred the food-money and pocketmoney to the volunteer's bank-account at the end of each month of project. The bank-account will be opened extra for every volunteer.

Language training course the language course will be arranged in cooperation with local language schools.

Additional information: Jugendwerk der AWO Württemberg (JW) is a nonprofit NGO with the focus on non-formal education, intercultural projects, youth camps and projects for children and young people. The main objective is to support young people in their process of personal development and education besides school and university to improve social, educational, (inter)cultural and other skills and competences. By this the aim of JW is to improve tolerance, solidarity, self-determination and democracy in our society.

The main activities of the JW are seminars in non-formal education, youth travel, international youth work (youth exchange, support measures and EVS), and then coordination of local projects and groups. The target groups are children and young people from 7 to 30 years with a focus on the age of 18 to 27 in which we train and educate a large number of volunteers and also motivate them to take over responsibility as multipliers in training others, organizing projects or taking over responsibility in the JW.

If you are interested in the projects we are working on it please visit our website: www.jugendwerk24.de

And our FB Page: <https://www.facebook.com/jugendwerk24/?fref=ts>

How to apply: Please read carefully the project description and make sure you visit our homepage, FB and Blog written by our current volunteers: <http://www.evsinjugendwerk.wordpress.com>

We are searching for somebody who can stay 12 months in our organization, so please apply only if you can stay for the whole duration of the project.

For the application we need ONLY the attached application form. (No CV and motivation letter is needed)

Please send you application by 29.03.2017 to info@jugendwerk24.de

We will get back to you with the results in the beginning of April.

APPLICATION FORM: [volunteer-application-formular](#)