

The Auslandsgesellschaft NRW e.V. (www.agnrw.de) in Germany is a big organisation for intercultural exchange in Dortmund, Germany.

We have 1 free EVS place for a girl or boy from up to 20

PROJECT NAME: AUSLANDSGESELLSCHAFT – AUSLANDSINSTITUT

Criteria

Our expectation: Age over 20. Main point: We need a person who has big interest in intercultural exchange and very good German language skills, because there is a high level of project work in German. Open, friendly, teamworker. We have an excellent international atmosphere with good personal tutoring and an own language institute.

Vacancy for EVS Volunteer in Germany

- Contact person: Dirk Schubert
- Coordinating organisation: Auslandsgesellschaft NRW eV
- Host: <http://www.agnrw.de>
- EI-number: 2015-1-DE04-KA110-012567
- Location: Dortmund, Germany
- Deadline: 4th of April 2017
- Start: August/September 2017 or August /September 2018

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Work with bilateral honorary country circles. They organise discussions, exhibitions, meetings, seminars with people from both countries. Many possibilities to realise own ideas and projects.

The Auslandsinstitut (Foreign Institute) works under the aegis of the Auslandsgesellschaft. The Institute communicates a wealth of information about "foreign" cultures as well as developing and maintaining contacts in numerous other countries.

The main element supporting this work are the thirty bilateral country circles each run by honorary officials. Thanks to their workshops, talks, forums, concerts and exhibitions, they facilitate encounters and convey knowledge about life in other countries in Europe and throughout the world. Native Dortmundians and members of the ethnic communities are actively committed here.

The individual volunteer would support the leader of the country circle in the planning and organising of intercultural events. Events which would convey information and demonstrate just how valuable the diversity of cultures is. At the same time, the volunteers would be expected to implement their own project focused on the concept of "We in Europe". By interacting with the country circle leaders, citizens, migrants and guests, they would convey a new form of voluntary commitment within the sphere of cultural exchange and help bring the young people of Europe closer together. One result would be cultural input for both the Foreign Institute and the local community.

Within the framework of their country circle involvement, the volunteers will be able to gather practical knowledge and intercultural experience with German society and other ways of life.

She/he will learn how to prepare and present slideshows, discussion forums, talks, readings, country theme weeks, dances and musical soirées.

The area of work is varied so that the volunteers can opt to focus on organisation, media support or technology and bring their own skills and competences to bear on their chosen field.

In their encounters with the honorary officials from different ethnic backgrounds, the individual volunteers will get to know, on the one hand, cultural similarities and differences.



Tasks

The country circle leaders and the Foreign Institute management would also want the volunteers to put forward their own ideas for events which they could subsequently organise under supervision. Such events in the past have been: a reading from the volunteers' land of origin; the volunteer giving a talk about the political situation or about the situation for young people in that country; a musical evening; the compilation of reports about similar events; and meetings with young Dortmundians to discuss the "We in Europe" agenda. The country circles are looking forward to the fresh wind that will blow a voluntary work arena that previously tended to be organised by older people. Above all, it is hoped the volunteers will discover (a) that they and the knowledge and the culture they embody are in demand and (b) that they can bring benefits and cultural enhancement to others. The volunteers will sit in on Foreign Institute team meetings at least once a week and thus become conversant with the planning and organisation details behind intercultural work. Furthermore, they will be able to take part in arranging AG NRW seminars and excursions (dealing with the theme of European integration) to Berlin and Brussels. Volunteers will assist the country circle leaders with the preparation of evening programmes, exhibitions, concerts, museum evenings, country and/or cultural weeks (based on China or the Baltic or Czechia, for instance), and, not least, the International Christmas Festival. Examples of preparation Volunteers will assist with o organisational planning (rooms, technics, programme) o compiling and distributing info material and readers o producing flyers and posters o decorating and setting up the room(s) o schedule management o etc. Examples of implementation o acting as and supervisor for guests o setting up and supervising sound, lighting and stage equipment under supervision o providing support for catering activities o acting as a contact person for younger helpers. Following the induction period, there is a possibility of taking on tasks with greater content responsibility - e.g. the planning and coordination of programmes, writing up event reviews, co-supervising country circles and much more. 2 Organising an own project on the theme "We In Europe": Under supervision, preparing and accompanying seminar excursions to Berlin and Brussels and EVS events.

Procedure

We collect applications first. If there is a fitting candidate, we contact her/him directly and decide then. Please remind that we only have a few hours a week for EVS and that we are not able to answer personally to all of the applications. We get in contact with the volunteers who could be a fitting volunteer for the organisation. Please send your application directly to: **exchange@agnrw.de** Dirk Schubert. Thank you.