

**YOUZ is searching for volunteers for one Year  
( 10.9.12 - 15.8.13 )**

**EVS description**

Our association is a municipal institution, which runs a youth centre and a children's day care centre. We have 8 co-workers and a managing committee that consists of 9 voluntary persons.

Nagold has a population of 22,000. The town is situated close to the Black Forest. The economical and social conditions are good, and thus the possibility to concentrate on work with socially disadvantaged children and youths is simplified. We have been offering the EVS since 1998, and all together we have had 12 youngsters from different countries, with which we had had good experiences. The volunteers live in our youth centre in an apartment sharing community with other young people.

The volunteer has the possibility to choose from different work fields that concentrate on children and youth work, located in different places around Nagold. We make sure to consider the volunteer's abilities and preferences.

Possible work fields:

**The “ Kinderkiste”**

The work with children between 6 and 10 years old. The volunteer helps the children to do their homework and after that the day care offers diverse activities for the children. At 11.30 a.m. the volunteer goes to the school to help the children to eat their lunch. Afterwards they help them with their homework and other activities such as sport, computer, music, painting etc. At 15.00 p.m. the volunteer goes to the day care centre and takes care of the children by playing games and helping with unfinished homework.

**The “ Youthcenter”**

The volunteer is also required to help the YOUZ's employees with various activities. Every Tuesdays there is a weekly meeting with the employees where the various activities are discussed. These activities include, preparing the lunch once per week. The volunteers have the possibility to participate and help organise different events (disco, excursions, concerts... etc.) for youths between 14 and 18 years old. For special occasions such as Christmas and Halloween, the volunteer also engages in various tasks, such as helping with cooking and baking, taking care of drinks and preparing the rooms for concerts etc. Moreover every Friday the volunteer keeps the bar and has the opportunity to meet the youngsters who visit YOUZ.

Our volunteer should be interested in meeting new people and he should spend some of his free time to chill out in the YOUZ bar with the young people from Nagold.

It is important that the person knows a bit of German vocabulary before he/she starts the voluntary service. Seminars are part of the volunteering programme and the volunteer has the opportunity to take part in German language courses two times per week.

The YOUZ has an apartment upstairs which the volunteer shares with the others volunteers. Three person can live in three respective rooms. There is also a furnished kitchen, bathroom and the necessary equipments. The apartment sharing community is a good way to accompany the volunteer during leisure time.

In the summer holidays there is a big children's camp called Daxburg, which happens every year with about 90 kids. The volunteers take care of the organisation and activities. International youth work is one of the main jobs for the volunteers (International Workcamps with youths from different countries, exchange programmes with France and Italy or a Turkish University)

Project ideas are always welcome and have been accepted in the past:

Organising an excursion for children to the zoo

Organising soccer tournaments for the youth centre

Being a workcamp leader

Organising the school's lounge room

We support the volunteers during all actions, so that he/she has a sense of security, thus the learning effect is higher and we get the best results.

The volunteer should be experienced in working with children and young people. Our association with experienced social workers can help the volunteers with different problems because it's a part of their daily work. The work fields of the volunteer are chosen depending on their capacities.

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