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European Solidarity Corps Volunteering in a Montessori school



Apply for a 6-month project
in Stams, Austria!

Volunteering starts in September 2022

Hosting organisation

Freie Montessorischule Stams

www.freiemontessorischule.at

Located in Stams, Tirol, Austria



Some info on the hosting organisation:

The Freie Montessorischule Stams is a small private school with a self-directed learning focus of about 35 children, their ages are between 6-17 years old. The children have the possibility to be free and to independently choose their direction with accordance to their own development plan. In our school there are no evaluations, no grades, and no reports. The school does not have the typical teaching sessions, as defined from the expected teacher goals.

The activities of the children in our school, are based in the principle of fulfilling their own self chosen tasks and goals. This happens with the younger students mostly while freely playing and with the direct implementation of their current needs. During the school time these activities change and therefore the wish arises for a more structured time so that they can reach their goals with our guided support, and with the necessary reflections together of what is needed for their success. This process is moving accordingly to the child's speed and individual plan.

The students are attended by three teachers with their main function of observing the children in their activities and making a picture of their development. They are present in the background and help only when the children ask for their help. In the afternoon the teachers have team meetings or talks with the parents and reflect on the daily activities, which interventions were necessary or if any observed changes in the child's development have occurred.

Instead of classrooms and teachings we have a 'prepared environment'. This means that different activities are structured according to their topics in prepared rooms which the children can choose accordingly. There the role of the teacher is that the function of each room stays clear and that they keep an ensured relaxed interconnection. This happens through rules and in accompanying the child when conflict arises and in the relationships with other children. In our school there is a room for language and Mathematics, a room for creativity, a project room with textbooks, diverse materials and work tables, a kitchen, a room for movement, a workshop room, a role playing room, a music room, and a big garden with its own fire place and sand box.

Lead organisation & Funding

The lead organisation of this project is InfoEck (Verein Generationen und Gesellschaft). InfoEck coordinates seven volunteers in the region of Tyrol at six hosting organisations and oversees the administration, finances and the quality control of the project. InfoEck organises wide-ranging group activities for all volunteers about once a month (like a radio show, evaluation meetings, a charity cooking event etc.) These group events are part of the volunteering project and all volunteers should be prepared to participate in all these activities.

InfoEck has submitted this project to the Austrian National Agency and has received a confirmation for the grant. However, we are still waiting for the final contract for the funding (grant agreement). We are optimistic, due to good experiences in the past. The EU, InfoEck and Freie Montessorischule Stams will finance this volunteering project. The only possible financial contribution that the selected volunteer may need to make is to pay a small share of the travel costs.

The responsible coordinator is ready to answer open questions and to prepare the project with Freie Montessorischule Stams, the selected volunteer and the supporting sending organization. The coordinator's name is Elisabeth Summerauer: international@infoeck.at (send applications to Freie Montessorischule Stams, not to Elisabeth!).

More info about InfoEck:

[Instagram InfoEck - Jugendinfo Tirol](#)

[Facebook InfoEck - Jugendinfo Tirol](#)

[Youtube InfoEck - Jugendinfo Tirol](#)

Website www.infoeck.at/infoeck-eu-jugendprogramme/esk-freiwilligendienst/volunteering-tirol

Location, Housing & Finances

Stams is a municipality in Inntal in Tirol with about 1500 people, for the daily needs there is a supermarket, a bank, restaurants and a train station, the next bigger town is Telfs and Innsbruck, both can be reached with the bus or train within 10-40 min. Stams is surrounded by mountains and nature. Freie Montessorischule Telfs will organise a room and a cooking possibility for the volunteer.

The volunteer will be provided with a ticket for public transportation for the area of Tirol and a bicycle. Additionally, he/she will receive sufficient monthly food money and EUR 5,- per day of pocket money.

Tasks & Activities of the volunteer

The volunteer will be engaged in a variety of tasks and activities, (hours per week, days per week, monthly schedule, supported by...)

The main tasks and activities are:

- Observe the children & reflection of the observations in the afternoon with the teacher team.
- The organising and preparing of learning materials.
- Working within the organising of the school and it's garden.
- Workshops and communication in the mother tongue of the volunteer.
- Independent activities which the volunteer will like to initiate.
- Simple administrative duties.
- Accompanying in school trips and excursions.
- Participation in the parent's training programs.
- Participation at the 'InfoEck' activities.
- The EuSC service is 35 hours per week and this includes German lessons and supporting activities from the lead organisation InfoEck.

Working hours are 35 hours per week which is the morning times with the children from 7:45 till 12:30 and the team meetings in the afternoon. At the beginning the volunteer has the possibility to observe how the school works with the children and the teachers and to get to know the team. In our school the children are the central point. The activities of the adults are oriented towards the child's interest's and development, the teachers are the volunteers in the background. The work is to reflect and react. The afternoons are used to discuss the day's observations and the possible interventions, while together making decisions and giving direction for the next day.



Project duration

6 Months; Expectedly from 19th September 2022 until 22nd March 2023

As the project and funding is still pending for approval by the Austrian National Agency, these dates may change. We ask you to be committed to participate throughout the whole duration of the project as it is important for the project itself, for the hosting organization, for your own learning development and for a strong group process of all volunteers in Tirol.

The application deadline is on 3rd July 2022 at 23:59.

Profile of the volunteer

We would be happy to host a volunteer between 18 and 30 years who:

- wants to work in a school that has self-directed learning for children of ages 6 till 17 years old.
- is willing to work in an educational concept without grades and learning pressure.
- is interested and wants to get to know another culture and it's people.
- has initiative and can share their ideas, values, and abilities.
- is motivated and would like to learn German (and Tyrolean German dialect),
- brings her or his own culture and interests into the project,
- is ready to volunteer for 6 months starting in September.

You can apply for this project, if you live in an EU country, Iceland, Liechtenstein, or Norway. Only for people between 18 and 30 years. The volunteer must be available for the project full time. (You must not study, work, be in training or any other side occupation that keeps you from volunteering.)

We are open to host volunteers with different backgrounds and especially encourage participants with fewer opportunities to send their application.

Support during the project

The volunteer will have regular meetings with her or his internal tutor, external mentor and with the hosting organisation to talk about the wellbeing or about the project activities. In the hosting organisation, the volunteer will receive orientation and support for the activities from the main responsible person Ewald Zillich and once a week there is an individual conversation with one of the teachers in the team.

The lead organisation InfoEck will hold regular group meetings with all volunteers in Tyrol in order to share experiences, give support to one another and to stay connected. The volunteers are involved in common projects and will receive a German course. The volunteer will get to know other volunteers from various countries and will be invited to participate in occasional free-time activities.

At the end of the project we will evaluate together with the volunteer and look at what he or she has learned and which competences he or she has gained and as a result, the volunteer can fill in the Youthpass certificate.

How to apply

Please send your CV and the enclosed APPLICATION FORM via e-mail directly to the hosting organisation!

Contact person:

Name: Ewald Zillich, E-mail: esk.fms@tsn.at

The deadline to apply is 3rd July 2022 at 23:59
Only complete applications via e-mail will be considered.
Please do NOT apply online via the Solidarity Corps Portal!

The selection phase will start after the deadline and the final decision will be taken about two weeks later by the hosting team. Ewald Zillich will be in contact with the ones that kept the deadline so please keep checking your e-mails. A selection will be contacted and arranged Skype or Zoom calls will be made. All applicants will be informed about their status.



Embrace the challenge. Be open to leaving your comfort zone several times.
Be curious about yourself and others and ready to meet inspiring people.
Try new things and learn for a lifetime!

We are looking forward to getting to know you!