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## Weltöffner Connect through Solidarity

## European Solidarity Corps Volunteering in an open cultural Platform

Innsbruck, Austria



September 2023 - September 2024



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#### Your Hosting Organisation



The "Bäckerei" (the German word for bakery) is an old bakery, which had been abandoned for ten years, until 2010. A motivated bunch of people took it over and breathed new life into the building. In the years since, it has become a successful platform for cultural exchange and social innovation in Innsbruck, which aims to enable people to share knowledge and know-how on cultural themes and topics of social interest.

There is no specific target group of "Die Bäckerei – Kulturbackstube" – we have a wide range of activities suitable for a big spectrum of audience. Whether someone wants to host weekly Yoga classes, music workshops, regular startup meetings, organise a concert or any other kind of artistic endeavour, we provide support to make it happen.

Die Bäckerei is a place for experimentation, offering an easy-to-use frame to try things out in our location, which has a usable surface of 1000m<sup>2</sup>. It's not simply a venue for event promoters to rent. The goal is to support people and help them realise their ideas, to organise events and projects together and support local social entrepreneurs who are implementing sustainable and creative business practices.

Moreover, we try to mix different groups of interests, ages and genres to create unique and interesting situations, which can bear creative fruit, whether it be communication, exchange or networking. The aim is to get people to take part in events – workshops, concerts and longer-term projects – in order to spread the idea of arts and culture as a powerful tool for change.

Every year we organise, co-organise and host more than 300 cultural activities, we offer a very diverse cultural programme, which overall leads to an exciting and diverse work environment and the chance to gain a wide set of skills. We also develop and implement formats and projects which take place outside the confines of our building. These are meant to take us out of our comfort zone and enable the transfer of our methodology and knowledge to other communities, while providing a change of scenery and a new challenge for us. In the summer 2021 we also co-organised a big festival in the city center with several other cultural institutions of the city – ALLES GUTE FESTIVAL. Our volunteers are more than welcome to be part of events like this!



## **Your Tasks & Activities**

You will work five days a week, around 35 hours a week. You will have a weekend, meaning two consecutive days off every week. You have 2 extra days off per month during your project time, which you can accumulate. Volunteering in the field of arts & culture means you sometimes need to be flexible and being ready not to have a strict weekly schedule and working in the evening and on weekends. On rare occasions, at very busy times, your working time might exceed the weekly limit of 35 hours, in which case you will get additional free time!



#### Your main tasks

<u>Learning about event management</u>: You will have the chance to accompany our organisers in every stage of putting up a cultural event and to learn from them about stage set-ups, sound and light equipment as well as communication strategies, etc.

The aim is to have smoothly running events. We try to find a good solution for every specific event together with the organisers and we will guide you through the preparation and the implementation of the event.

<u>Team / Office work</u>: You will develop ideas with the team – learn from staff members and bring in your own topics of interest, learn how to implement an idea – active participation of the volunteers is welcome (especially in relation with social media and communication, but of course more!).

You will work in a diverse and international team, where English as well as German are used day-to-day. You need to participate in regular team meetings and supervisions (weekly, or sometimes more often).

Idea development is a huge part of Die Bäckerei cultural work – there are several brainstorming and project implementation meetings every week. <u>Proactivity</u>: You will be part of the team at Die Bäckerei and will need to bring in pro-active energy and engagement – you need to bring in own ideas and contribution to fill your working time.

<u>Web content:</u> You should be interested in and/or would like to learn how to create web content (photos and videos) for our social media channels and website.

<u>Workshop project</u> (optional): Die Bäckerei also manages a tool workshop, where handcraft skills can be developed and used – any handcraft ideas are welcome!

<u>Cultural management</u>: You will be able to develop, organise and supervise cultural events – exhibitions, festivals, concerts, workshops...

<u>Maintenance of the venue</u>: Cleaning, repairing and decorating is also an important part of cultural work!



### Your Profile

You can apply for this project, if you reside in an EU country, Iceland, Liechtenstein, or Norway. According to the rules of the EuSC only people between 18 and 30 years can participate. This project requires you to be available 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 who face challenges in their lives to send in their application.

Our wish for this project is to have a volunteer, who is interested in online communication and is motivated to create multimedia content (photos, videos and graphic design). Furthermore, you should be interested in curation and culture management. We are seeking someone who can provide support in everything that surrounds creating a successful event or project - booking, hospitality, working on event concepts, working event shifts etc. No experience in the field is required!

#### We would be happy to host a volunteer who

- Is between 18 and 30 years old
- Has a personal interest and / or experience in arts, media, photography, film or communication
- Is open-minded, flexible, pro-active and communicative
- Is interested in learning about arts and culture and creating web content
- Brings in practical handcraft skills or is willing to learn
- Is highly interested in culture management, creating new event formats and working with existing ones at Die Bäckerei
- Is willing to discover and expand their skills in cultural work





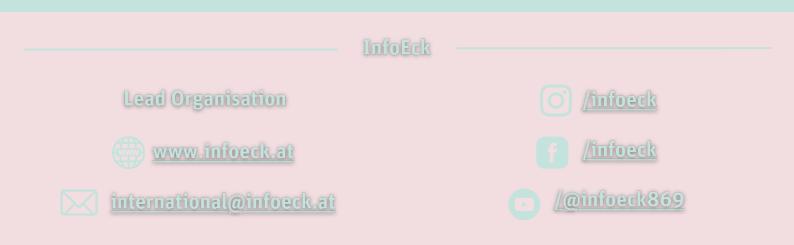
#### **Project funding & Lead Organisation: InfoEck**

The lead organisation of project "Weltöffner" is InfoEck (Verein Generationen und Gesellschaft). InfoEck coordinates eight volunteers in the region of Tyrol at seven 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 integral part of the volunteering project and you should be prepared to participate in all these activities.

The duration of this project is 12 months, expectedly from 18. September 2023 until 13. September 2024. We ask you to be committed to participate the whole duration, it's important for the project, your own learning development and for the hosting organisation!

InfoEck has submitted this project to the Austrian National Agency. As we are still waiting for the funding contract (grant agreement), these dates may change. However, we are optimistic, due to good experiences in the past. The EU, InfoEck and Die Bäckerei 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 Die Bäckerei, you and the Supporting Sending Organisation. The coordinator's name is Elisabeth Summerauer: international@infoeck.at (send applications to Die Bäckerei, not to Elisabeth!).



## We support you

You will have regular meetings with your internal tutor, external mentor and with the hosting organisation to talk about the wellbeing or about the project activities. In the hosting organisation, you will receive orientation and support for the activities from the main responsible employee Baiba D**ē**ķena.

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 language course. You 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 you and look at what you have learned and which competences you gained. To maintain the results as a document, you can fill in the Youthpass certificate.

## **Location, Housing & Finances**

Die Bäckerei is situated in the centre of Innsbruck, with around 130.000 inhabitants, the capital of the Austrian region of Tyrol. Die Bäckerei is located 10 minutes walking distance from the main train station.

You will live in the centre of Innsbruck, in a shared flat. Your flatmates in the apartment will be other Die Bäckerei employees and interns. The apartment is fully furnished, has everything needed and will give you the privacy of your own room. The shared apartment is 20 minutes walking distance and 5 minutes bike distance from Die Bäckerei. Die Bäckerei will provide you with a bicycle to freely move around the city.

Innsbruck has several cultural venues, libraries, galleries, historic monuments and numerous bars, outdoor and indoor recreational and sports facilities and mountains all around. Furthermore, Tyrol shares borders with Germany, Italy and Switzerland, providing ample opportunities for travel in the region.

You will be provided with a ticket for all public transport in Tyrol. Additionally, you will receive sufficient monthly food money and EUR 6,- per day of pocket money.

The community around Die Bäckerei is active and plays an important role in the cultural scene of the city.

Most of the projects developed here are run by dedicated and highly motivated locals and international people.

This makes Die Bäckerei – Kulturbackstube the main venue in Innsbruck where cultural production and the diversity of the program is organised by locals and local associations



# How to apply

E-mail your CV and the enclosed Application Form to

#### **Ms Baiba Dēķena** E-Mail: <u>baiba@diebaeckerei.at</u>

#### Application deadline: Sunday, 2. July 2023 at 23:59

Only complete applications via e-mail will be considered. You can also send something creative to express your motivation additionally.

The selection phase will start after the deadline and the final decision will be taken about two weeks later. All applicants will be informed.







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