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# Weltöffner Connect through Solidarity



## EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS VOLUNTEERING IN A MONTESSORI SCHOOL

experience child-based, stress-free schooling

 Telfs, Austria

 September 2023 - July 2024

 for EU/EEA residents

 apply by 11. June 2023, 23:59



## Your Hosting Organisation: Schulgarten - Aktive Montessorischule Telfs

Schulgarten - Aktive Montessorischule Telfs will be hosting **two volunteers** at the same time in 2023. One volunteer will be active in the "Primaria 1" (with 6- to 9-year-olds), and one in the "Primaria 2" (with 9- to 12-year-olds).

- \* We live **“green”**: Our School is situated amidst the Tyrolean mountains Alps, is located at the edge of the town Telfs in western Tyrol and is surrounded by green fields. All seasons offer great opportunities for sports, outdoor activities, but also easy to reach close-by cultural events in Innsbruck, the capital of Tyrol, and sightseeing possibilities within Austria and neighbouring countries.
- \* We work **actively**: Our huge garden is a learning field as well as an adventurous and recreational play ground for our children. One day a week teaching takes place outdoor in the surrounding forests, using the offerings of nature for learning and exploring.
- \* We teach **child-based**: Momentarily, our school hosts 74 children aged 6 to 15. Each one of them is treated like an intelligent, emotional and mature human being and is coached based on personal possibilities, abilities and interests by our pedagogic team (12 teachers).
- \* We coach **stress-free**: Our children learn free of pressure and over-stress. They are allowed to have their individual pace in learning, achieving and implementing. And all within the pedagogic thoughts of Maria Montessori: “As much freedom as possible, as much structure as necessary.”

### SCHULGARTEN

#### Hosting Organisation

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6410 Telfs, Austria



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# Your Tasks & Activities

You will be engaged in a variety of tasks and activities, **35 hours per week**, on five days per week from Monday to Friday. This includes a **language course** and all activities related to your volunteering. You will have the weekends off and have your vacation days during school holidays. You will be supported by a multi-professional team in the school.

- The first target group is called **Primaria 1**, here are 6- to 9-year-old children that go to the school. There are 30 children this school year.
- The second target group is called **Primaria 2**, they are 9 to 12 years old. There are 30 children this school year.

Please tell us, if you prefer Primaria 1 or Primaria 2.

## YOUR MAIN TASKS



- Active participation in the daily routines of our school day (lessons, outdoor activities, nature day is once a week, leisure time, project-based work, creative projects...),
- Face-to-face coaching of the children according to our school concept,
- Accompanying the children on excursions like museums, cultural events, and to sports activities like skiing, climbing etc.,
- Arranging the daily learning environment,
- Bringing in your own talents, creative ideas, skills, own cultural background and language (cooking local dishes, handicrafts, music, ...),
- Taking part in our weekly team meetings and meetings with the tutor,
- Attending our parent-teacher conference evenings, held six times a year,
- Creating and implementing a personal project with professional support,
- Participating in the activities organised by InfoEck.

# Your Profile

You can apply for this project, if you legally 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 their application.



## WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO HOST A VOLUNTEER WHO

- wants to experience working with school children aged 6-9 years or aged 9-12 years,
- is eager to participate actively,
- is interested in learning more about another culture and different backgrounds,
- is open-minded, friendly, enthusiastic, creative and communicative,
- is willing to work in an interdisciplinary team and reflect her/his work,
- is motivated to learn German (and some Tyrolean German dialect),
- brings her/his own culture and interests into the project,
- is ready to volunteer for 10,5 months starting in September 2023.







## 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 **10,5 months**, expectedly **from 4. September 2023 until 10. July 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 Schulgarten will finance this volunteering project. The only possible financial contribution that you may need to make is a small share of the **travel costs**.

The responsible coordinator is ready to answer open questions and to prepare the project with Schulgarten, you and the Supporting Sending Organisation. The coordinator's name is **Elisabeth Summerauer**: [international@infoeck.at](mailto:international@infoeck.at) (send applications to Schulgarten, not to Elisabeth!).

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Lead Organisation



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## We support you

You will have regular meetings with your **external mentor** and your **tutor Angelika Widauer** at 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 house management and from the entire 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 **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 and as a result, you can fill in the Youthpass certificate.

## Location, Housing & Finances

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Schulgarten – Aktive Montessorischule Telfs is located in the town Telfs, with about 15.000 inhabitants. It is a small town. There is good infrastructure, opportunities of outdoors and sports, basic shops etc. The regional capital Innsbruck can be reached in 30 minutes via train/bus. Public transport is easily accessible and well organized. The volunteer will be supported to receive a **ticket valid for the public transport** in the region of Tyrol.

We offer a **shared flat** for our volunteers. You will have your **own room** and there are shared facilities, kitchen, living room and bathroom. Transportation to work is not needed, everything is within walking-distance. Local people speak a German dialect (“Tirolerisch”). The majority of people in Tyrol can speak English, especially young people.

You will receive sufficient monthly **food money** and EUR 6,- per day of **pocket money**.

# How to apply

To apply, please send

- **your Motivation Letter (very important for us),**
- **your Application Form**
- **and your CV directly to the hosting organisation.**

You can additionally send something creative to express your motivation (this is not demanded, but it can be a plus). Please tell us, if you prefer Primaria 1 or Primaria 2.

**Contact person: Angelika Widauer**

**E-Mail: familie@widauer.eu**

The **deadline** to apply is Sunday, 11. June 2023 at 23:59.  
Only complete applications via e-mail will be considered.  
Please do not apply online via the Solidarity Corps Portal!

Mrs. Widauer will get in touch with the applicants after the deadline, so check your e-mail regularly. A few applicants will be invited for a zoom talk. The final decision will be taken about two weeks later by the school and all applicants will be informed about their status.

*"Another solid step  
in my journey! :)"*

*- former volunteer  
about their volunteering experience*



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