

Better together: introducing the multigenerational house of Johannesberg

Volunteering activity from January 2024 for 12 months in Johannesberg, near Aschaffenburg, Germany.

Project description

You simply like working with people, no matter what age, origin or nationality they have? You enjoy playing with kids but also like spending time with the elderly? Then the “Mehrgenerationenhaus Lebensträume” is just the place for you!

The multi-generational house in the small village of Johannesberg (4000 inhabitants) is a meeting place for all generations. It’s open to people of all ages, nationalities and origin. Their claim is “Everybody is welcome!” and the most important principle is „The young help the elderly and vice versa“. Their offer includes child-care, working with elderly people, helping refugees and migrants and much much more!



As a European volunteer you get the chance to experience many different fields of work through the wide range of diverse activities and projects the multigenerational house has to offer. You are also invited to initiate your own ideas and projects.



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Accommodation, food and transport arrangements

You live in a furnished flat in the village of Johannesberg. You are provided with a bus pass for travelling to Aschaffenburg. You get a monthly food allowance and/or eat at the multigenerational house.

Training during the project

- On-Arrival Training
- Mid-Term Training
- language course

Volunteer profile

- you have an ESC sending organisation and are registered in PASS
- you are interested in working with people of all ages, nationalities or origin
- you have a driver’s licence
- you don’t mind living in a small community
- you have some basic knowledge of the German language

- you are curious about Germany and its culture
- you bring in your own ideas into the project and create it

How to apply

Send an email with your CV and motivation letter to the coordinating organization IN VIA Aschaffenburg (europa@invia-aschaffenburg.de), stating the full details of your sending organisation.



Project Details:

The main objectives of the project are the following:

- to give the volunteer the opportunity to implement his/her own idea and exchange good practices;
- to develop new skills and abilities for the volunteer and young people involved;
- to raise the youngster's awareness in becoming active European citizens;
- to create awareness of personal, socio-cultural and national aspects of identity;
- to develop a quality framework for informal educational activities;
- to strengthen the sense of European identity.

The chance to work as volunteer is a challenge and an opportunity to exchange experiences and good practice between all people involved in the project and the local community.

The volunteer will take part in many different tasks, according to her/his interests, abilities and skills.

The volunteer will plan activities to be carried out during his/her ESC together with the staff and mentor.

There won't be any strict schedule settled from the beginning, just a draft one that will be adjusted and modified according to the organisation's needs and the volunteer's abilities.

The ESC activities will generally consist in giving support to the project staff in their daily activities.

The tasks weren't designed to achieve profit, because the organisation is non-profitable and doesn't intend to make financial gain from its activities.

Philosophy and working methods of the Mehrgenerationenhaus Johannesberg:

The service will take place at:

Mehrgenerationenhaus Johannesberg
Hauptstr. 4 a, 63867 Johannesberg, Germany

Our institution:

The Mehrgenerationenhaus (multigenerational house) Johannesberg is a network of social institutions which includes an information pool for all generations. Ever since its foundation in 2012, the Mehrgenerationenhaus links together the local institutions and the already existing range of activities they offer and incorporates them into their own program. Beyond that, the Mehrgenerationenhaus has become a meeting place for everyone and enjoys a widespread acceptance within the community. With their diverse range of activities and projects, the Mehrgenerationenhaus offers support for people of all generations in the most diverse life circumstances. From looking after children in a flexible time band to offering various leisure activities, the Mehrgenerationenhaus also advises and supervises those who want to return to work. The Mehrgenerationenhaus advises and supports pensioners who actively want to shape their retirement and by doing so continue to be a part of society as long as possible while at the same time actively help to shape the local community. The Mehrgenerationenhaus supports those who need help in their daily life but want to continue living at home but also support the relatives who care for them. Here the Mehrgenerationenhaus responds with offers that are shaped to the actual requirements. Synergy effects are used within the various cooperations.

Surroundings:

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Typical tasks will be:

Supporting the staff of the Mehrgenerationenhaus and Kinderhaus in various projects, e.g. “Offener Treff”, senior citizen get-together, crèche, kindergarden, open youth club and after school’s club. Also possible: work together with the German-French partnership committee in their projects. The volunteer also does his/her own project work. An individual schedule will be worked out on arrival and can be changed at any time.

Possible schedule:

Monday:

Morning: Language course in Aschaffenburg

Afternoon: Europa ganz nah – Kinderhaus (crèche/nursery school/primary school)

Tuesday:

Morning: Offener Treff (“Open meeting place”)

Afternoon: Europa ganz nah – Kinderhaus (crèche/nursery school/primary school)

Evening: Supervision and organisation of the Youth Club

Wednesday:

Morning: Language course in Aschaffenburg

Afternoon: Supporting staff in the multigenerational house with light cleaning tasks

Thursday:

Morning: Reflection meeting (Youthpass), team meeting, time for project work

Afternoon: Europa ganz nah – Kinderhaus (crèche/nursery school/primary school)

Friday:

Morning: Supporting staff in the multigenerational house with light cleaning tasks

Afternoon: Europa ganz nah – Kinderhaus (crèche/nursery school/primary school)

Evening: Supporting staff in Youth Work

Working hours and days off:

The volunteer will work a maximum of 38 hours per week (approx. 8 h of the 38 h per week are set aside for the volunteer's own creative activities or projects which contribute to the visibility and dissemination of the ESC and to improve the language skills), having 2 free days a week and 2 days off per month during the project. Days-off and holidays should be in accord with the team.

Volunteer Allowance (Pocket Money):

The volunteer will receive a monthly allowance provided by the coordinating organisation (5€/day) via bank transfer.

Accommodation and Food:

The volunteer will live in a fully furnished flat in Johannesburg. Internet access will be available. All the cost related to the accommodation will be supported by the hosting organisation.

Address of the flat: Kettelerstr. 18, 63867 Johannesburg, Germany



A monthly food allowance of 270.00 € will be provided via bank transfer for the volunteer by the hosting organisation.

Language Training Course:

The volunteer is eligible to receive linguistic support through *Online Linguistic Tool (OLS)* offered by the European Commission. The volunteer's knowledge of the German language will be tested before his/her arrival via the grading test of the OLS. The results of the OLS test is taken as a basis for the linguistic support given to the volunteer for his/her German language development.



Local Transport:

The volunteer is provided with a bicycle and bus tickets (to commute to Aschaffenburg). The ticket will be organised by the hosting organisation.

Leisure activities:

IN VIA offers leisure activities like guided city tours, international youth club meetings, days out and cultural events to the volunteers at the weekends and evening times on a regular basis. Every volunteer is supported by a peer mentor, who has been abroad themselves and acts as a link between the organisations and the volunteer.



Risk Prevention, safety and protection:

In order to guarantee protection and safety, the volunteer will be informed about general procedures in case of a dangerous situation. The volunteer will also have the main telephone numbers and localisation of useful services like national emergency number, fire department, police office,

hospitals and pharmacies. He/she will also be aware about the contact people inside the organisation like mentor, tutor, team, etc.

The volunteer will also be covered by health and accidents insurances, in order to guarantee their safety and protection.

Learning Outcomes:

The ESC volunteer will be able to develop several competences in order to improve his/her performance. Therefore, the hosting organisation will provide the opportunity to the volunteer to have learning opportunities in different fields, such as:

approach to the tasks of the project; develop responsibility for the project; become more open to new ideas; develop the sense of initiative; ability to plan and organise activities for the project; flexibility/adaptability and coping with new challenges; proactive attitude and independent work; leadership abilities; ability to face problems; ability to manage conflicts; develop a positive attitude in difficult situations; positive attitude in order to take pride in team performance; team work with colleagues to achieve desired goals; ability to maintain open communication; ability to contribute to a motivating environment;

Team orientation: work effectively with other volunteers and other members of the team; active attitude to contribute to the achievement of group and organisational goals; acceptance of shared responsibility and ownership of projects; maintenance of open communication among team members; assume commitment to team success; consistent contribution with new ideas to the organisation / new projects;

Innovation and creativity: ability to develop and implement innovate ideas in the projects; ability to provide unique/different perspectives to improve activities; ability to encourage developing themselves and others;

Personal characteristics: maintain a positive attitude at work; ability to act responsibly; ability to share information willingly; ability to make judgements and decisions;

Cultural expression: knowledge about German culture; willing to show the culture of the volunteer and spread it among children and youngsters in multicultural projects;

Communication in a foreign language: ability to communicate in German in order to feel more integrated among the others; positive attitude towards the learning process of the German language; persistence to improve communication in German;

The volunteer is invited to take part in our regular meetings of the “Café International” (as well students, au-pairs and other young foreigners). The Café International will be open once a month and is at the address of the coordinating organisation: Pestalozzistr.17, 63739 Aschaffenburg

The coordinator and the hosting organisation will do their best to find a good way to meet the requests of the volunteer, to offer more possibilities for experiences outside the “normal” ESC activity.

Crisis Management:

The ESC volunteer will have a mentor to whom she can turn in case of problems. The mentor will be also responsible for crisis management, in order to guarantee a good atmosphere among team members.

The volunteer will be given advice on crisis prevention and management during their on-arrival training.

She will also be provided with 24 hour emergency phone numbers.

The hosting organisation will have all necessary personal information and emergency contact details for the volunteer.

Also, the mentor offers a 24 hours emergency phone number. Beside that the mentor also offers the volunteer a direct contact with the possibility to talk about any problem that might occur.