

VILLA gGmbH searches for 8 volunteers for European Solidarity Corps (ESC) for 12 months in Leipzig (Germany) March/April 2023 – February 2024

Focus: Childcare

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Application: <https://villa-leipzig.de/european-solidarity-corps/hosting-volunteers>

Why volunteer?

Explore the world and learn new things about yourself, meet other people and make new friends, gain work experience and try your hand, get to know another country and learn about other cultures, improve your language skills or just be away from home for a while.... The list is endless and it's up to you what you want to do. But we want to support you on your journey, so don't hesitate to apply. You can find the open positions at the end of this document.

Villa

The socio-cultural centre “Die VILLA” is a modern youth, cultural and social institution close to the centre of Leipzig. VILLA has been active in the field of European volunteer service since 2001 and gained very good experiences.

Meanwhile we are coordinating organisation for different ESC projects in Leipzig and abroad, we send around 15 people per year abroad in ESC projects and host 16 people per year in projects all over the town (youth centres, kinder garden, Waldorf school, youth art centre).



Leipzig



The city of Leipzig is located in the north-west of the Free State of Saxony. The city and its 600,000 inhabitants became known throughout the world in the fall of 1989 as the center of the peaceful revolutionary movement in East Germany. It is home to the second-oldest university in Germany, as well as serving as an important trade fair center. Around one million people visit Leipzig every year, enjoying the city's lively atmosphere and diverse cultural offerings. In addition, Leipzig has beautiful parks and two lakes that can be reached by public transportation.

General information

The volunteering program is the European Solidarity Corps (ESC) by the European Union. The program covers the costs of your volunteering like traveling, food, accommodation and insurance. Your volunteering will last for 12 months. During this time your support your

project in everyday work, bring in your own ideas and learn a lot of new things and competences.

You'll have a single-bed room in a flat share with about 5 other volunteers (mixed genders) in the Leipzig city center. You share common rooms like kitchen and bathrooms. You are responsible for your own room and as group you keep the common rooms clean and tidy. You'll receive about 150€ pocket money + money for food + transportation and access to our German language class. The travel costs to Germany and back will be covered, as well as VISA costs. During the volunteering you are insured and have a health insurance.

Contact & application

You can apply for the volunteer positions here <https://villa-leipzig.de/european-solidarity-corps/hosting-volunteers> (scroll down for open positions). You also find here the application form, which has to be filled up. If there are any problems or questions, please contact us and we try to help you @ info.esk@villa-leipzig.de.

Who can apply?

You have to be between 18 and 26 years old and live in the European Union. At the moment we cannot accept further applications from VISA countries, because we already reached the limit of applications.

Open volunteering positions

Volunteering in child care in kinder gardens from "BBW group"



- work in a group with children between 2 and 7 years
- kinder gardens have different specializations like creativity, sports or inclusion
- support the pedagogues in their daily routines with the kids
- attend creative projects that are carried through the different spaces of the kindergarten (handicrafts, theatre...)
- set up own small or bigger projects in the kindergarten
- get to know and co-arrange the work with the parents and participate in important processes like preparing elder kids for school
- volunteer shall actively enter aspects of his/her own culture into the daily life with the kids and create special projects around this

Volunteering in after school care at “Freie Waldorfschule Leipzig”

- The volunteer will mainly be active in the day nursery (grades 1-4 / 6-10 years) to support the staff during the lunch times and the afternoon activities (games, special projects).
- According to the interests of the volunteer, he/she may also carry through special creative projects with the kids (singing, dancing...). The volunteer shall present aspects of his or her own country, e.g. music, language, games, handicraft or cooking.
- The volunteer's own ideas can be realized in every-day work during the afternoons as well as in various projects, parties etc. The volunteer also has the chance to develop an own project during the year.
- The opportunities for children and teenagers to acquire intercultural competence are scarce in the East of Germany

