



European Solidarity Corps - Volunteering Activities: **project description –** **OJA Hohenems**

Voluntary Project: OJA Hohenems (PIC 947834725)

Number of volunteers: 1

Project Topics:

- Youth (Participation, Youth Work, Youth Policy)
- Creativity and culture

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Supporting/Coordinating organisation:

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Project description:

The "Verein Offene Jugendarbeit Hohenems - Association für Youth Work Hohenems" was founded in July 2005. The association is non-commercial and politically unaffiliated. Aim of the association is the advancement of youth work as an additional contribution to youth education provided by schools and other youth-orientated associations.

We provide opportunities and activities for young people to discover their own personal aims und limits especially regarding creativity and

developing their own personality. Our work should support young people in the phase of adolescence and with the complex task of growing up. To fulfil our goals, we provide two youth centres (s'Kästle and Fair Future), where young people have the opportunity to socialise or participate in all kind of workshops.

The target group are young people between 12 and 18 years old - but also open for "up and down". For example: 10 years old and 20 years old. We also set our focus on young people with migrant origin, young people with disabilities or educational shortcomings and young people facing poverty. We also provide gender specific youth work and offer a special programme for girls every month. We see ourselves as a family.

Tasks of the volunteer:

The volunteer will work five days a week, 34 hours a week including German course. S/he will have two days holidays per month.

S/He will assist us in our work in the youth centers and will also participate in our mobile youth work programme - a kind of streetwork, if the German or English language is good). Another part of the job are different projects with focus on sports, education, creativity (mainly for girls) and culture topics. The volunteer will be able to make her/his own projects, bringing in his/her own talents. It ist also possible to attend trainings and workshops regarding youth work where s/he can refine skills in social work.

In the first line s/he supports the following work areas:
working in the youth cafe, working behind the bar, playing games with the youngsters, communicating and giving advice, street work (walking around the city meeting young people and talking to them informing about our work), helping to do some workshops.

We show her/him our work, explain our work, our importance's. S/He must ask for various details to get explained and show interest in the work to understand our work. We explain her/him our operations and the "why" and learn her/him the handling with youngsters.

Volunteer profile:

We would like to invite people who enjoy and love the work with youngsters. Also the person should have fun to help in outdoor and

sports activities or in our workshops. S/he should be open minded and interested in getting to know our organisation and work. Our work is sometimes very easy. Anyhow, the volunteer should realize that it means work. Interest in social work, young people and youth culture and understanding to have other working hours as other jobs is very important! As the target group in our youth centres is between 10 and 20 years, we would prefer a person who is least 20 years old.

How to apply:

Please write a mail with your CV (incl. picture of you, date of birth,...) and motivation letter to susanne.sparr@aha.or.at. After the application deadline we will have selection rounds with the staff! During those selection rounds it's possible that we will contact you for further information through mail, phone calls or Skype!

Don't forget to add the name of the project when you apply for it!

Living conditions:

The volunteer will live in a student housing, where also other volunteers live. It is organised by the host organisation. S/He will have a room with bathroom on her/his own and share a kitchen with other residents. The infrastructure with trains and buses is easy, quick and frequent and s/he

will probably also have a bicycle at her/his disposal. The volunteer will receive a ticket for free use of any public transport in the whole region of Vorarlberg during the complete time.

Support during the voluntary service:

S/He will have regular meetings with her/his mentor in our organisation to talk about problems or critical incidents among other things.

Additionally, s/he will have a junior mentor (=former EVS volunteer) at her/his side to support her in situations of crisis. The Supporting/Coordinating Organisation will hold a monthly evaluation meeting with all volunteers in Vorarlberg. In the end of the project we will together with the volunteer evaluate the project, what s/he has learned and which competences s/he has gained and as a result fill out the Youthpass. Furthermore, there will be a final personal evaluation meeting with the Supporting/Coordinating Organisation.

Related links:

Website:

<http://ojah.at/>

Project description on the European project databank:

https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity/placement/17547_en

