



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

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The European Solidarity Corps is the new European Union initiative which creates opportunities for young people to volunteer or work in projects in their own country or abroad that benefit communities and people around Europe.



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COME AND WORK WITH US!

Österreichische Kinderfreunde is a children and youth led organisation. It has about 300 local groups that are organised in 9 federal branches. Kinderfreunde and Rote Falken run children's groups, kindergartens, indoor-playgrounds, family and youth centres and a lot more.

Our education approach is strongly connected to children's rights and focused on education towards democracy.

Österreichische Kinderfreunde and Rote Falken are looking for an enthusiastic and motivated person to volunteer with the European Solidarity Corps full time mainly in Vienna, Austria for 5 months from **end of May 2020** until **end of October 2020**.

Österreichische Kinderfreunde will apply to the European Commission to cover the living costs for one volunteer. Please note that the grant is not guaranteed. The European Solidarity Corps is the new European Union initiative which creates opportunities for young people to volunteer or work in projects in their own country or abroad that benefit communities and people around Europe. We anticipate applying for the grant at the beginning of February 2020.

Please be aware that when applying, filling out the questions below is mandatory in order for you application to be taken into consideration.

1.1 Kinderfreunde/ Rote Falken

The Rote Falken (Red Falcons) is the youth branch of the Kinderfreunde organisation. During 2020 we will host our annual summer camp among other smaller events.

For these activities we see a strong value for volunteers to look behind the scenes of such big happenings. You will have the opportunity to get to know project management on a big scale. For this we invite you to participate in the creative planning process beforehand. This means helping us create a diverse, meaningful and fun program for different age groups by using non-formal education and stepping out of your comfort zone when it comes to

implementing your own ideas. Not only that but also working together with a team of Falken volunteers will be a part of your schedule as an ESC volunteer.

1.2 Connect

Since 2015, Connect is a new branch within our office which aims to provide free and meaningful leisure time activities for refugees and unaccompanied minors. The foundation of this work is learning by playing with a strong non-formal-education focus.

In this area you will strengthen the team and support them in providing the activities, such as after school clubs, which will mainly happen in Vienna and in the afternoon.

1.3 Falkencamp Döbriach

During the summer time it gets really quiet in our office in Vienna because everything is happening in Döbriach, in our beautiful Falkencamp in the south of Austria, close to the Millstätterlake.

For the summer time it is planned that you will support the team in Döbriach and also get the possibility to escape the hot capital to the really green area of the camp. During the summertime loads of different groups, families of our local branches and international sister organisations are visiting the camp and are spending time as a group onsite. We are also hosting Erasmus+ projects in this period.

There you can support the team while getting to know the organisation even better and creating some new impressions about the international work of Kinderfreunde and Rote Falken. There will be a variety of tasks available and we will find your favourite field of work for the time you will be spending in the mountainous area.

LOGISTICS

1.4 Accommodation and Food

Accommodation will be organised by us and you will get food money each month. This means there is nothing left for you to do except to stay in good contact with us.

1.5 Language course and Travel costs

According to your distance you will get a certain travel budget which aims to support you in your travel booking.

During your stay we will make organise a German language course for you to learn or improve German.

1.6 Training and Support during the Project

Within the organisation you will have one full time colleague who will support you in your tasks and you living here (so called mentor). In addition, our office is nice and welcoming and everyone will be there to answer your questions. Support will be given if you need it and you won't be left alone for any tasks.

1.7 ESC Schedule

By the end of May/beginning of June we hope that you will have arrived safely in Vienna. Within the first week you will start getting to know the teams you will work with throughout your ESC experience. Within June you not only will get to know Vienna and the German language but also, how our Connect-project works and its schedule. Additionally, the preparations for the summer camp team will be happening. In July you will then move to Döbriach/Millstättersee to our Falkencamp to slowly start the preparations with our Döbriach team for the summercamp guests. Until the end of August approximately you will be part of the Döbriach Camp-team and work in a diversity of fields, many related to crafting and non-formal education.

Within your last two months, you will work in the office Headquarter of Österreichische Kinderfreunde, situated in the centre of Vienna, close to the Stephansdom and prepare together with the team the leisure activities for the participants of the Connect-projects.

HOW TO APPLY

Please send all the required documents,

- CV
- Motivational letter
- Questionnaire (included to the infopack)

until the 10th of January to christina.schauer@kinderfreunde.at. The complete documents are a requirement in order to be part of the vetting process. We will then start the vetting process and take note that we might ask you for an interview via Skype.

If you do not have a supporting organisation yet, please indicate so clearly in the e-mail!

1.8 Motivational Letter

Why would you like to volunteer with Kinderfreunde in a diverse educational field?

1.9 Application Form + CV

You can find the Application Form and the CV attached to the website. Please fill it out and send it together with the other documents to the stated e-mail addresses. Make sure you are within the deadline. All applications after the deadline will most likely not be taken into consideration.

1.10 Questionnaire

We created a small questionnaire to get to know prospective volunteers a bit better. Please take time to answer the questions with consideration. The answers to these questions is mandatory.

1.10.1 WORDRAP

Write your associations to the words mentioned below in full sentences.

FREEDOM
DIVERSITY
SOCIAL JUSTICE
EQUALITY
PEACE
SOLIDARITY

1.10.2 What would you do

Please describe what your actions would look like in the following situations:

- WE ARE AT THE SUMMERCAMP AND YOUR TASK IS TO CREATE AN EVENING PROGRAMME FOR 100 PEOPLE. AVERAGE AGE = 14 years. WHAT PROGRAMM WOULD YOU OFFER? (Also explain your approach and the programme further)
- YOU ARE PART OF A LEISURE TIME PROGRAM WITH KIDS AGED 5-10 AND YOU ARE NOT SPEAKING THE SAME LANGUAGE. HOW WOULD YOU INTRODUCE YOURSELF?
- WHAT SKILLS DO YOU HAVE AND WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO?

1.11 Additional questions

- Which skills (hobbies, instruments, technical skills, social skills/attitude, creativity) do you bring to this voluntary service?
- What are your experiences in the field of children and youth work?
- Which animal do you most identify with – why?
- Please list at least three aims/expectations linked with your ESC?