

Call for European Voluntary Service in Austria

Vacancies: 2

Location: Kötschach-Mauthen (Kärnten), Austria

Dates: beginning of May 2015 - end of October 2015

Attention! This project has not yet been approved by the Austrian National Agency. The application will be issued on February 4th 2015 and we may have to wait until April 2015 for approval or disapproval.

Project description:

This is an EVS project. The NGO Friends of the Dolomites (Dolomitenfreunde) was formed in 1973 in order to restore and re-open old wartime paths in the mountains between Austria and Italy into paths of remembrance. Their motto became: "Paths which once separated us, shall unite us today" and the name "Paths of Peace". Thus the main aim of the association is to provide intercultural understanding between former rivalling nations of World War I by doing research on 1914-1918 as well as by organising intercultural and peace-related education and art projects surrounding the topic. Since 1983, the "Friends of the Dolomites" have been most active around the Plöckenpass area. The beautiful mountain landscape of the Carnic Ridge creates a marvellous backdrop to show visitors the soldier's frontline environment in which such senseless suffering and hardship took place. Up in the mountains the Friends of the Dolomites maintain an impressive open air museum. The Museum 1915-1918 in Kötschach-Mauthen, an anti-war museum focusing on the former war site closeby between Italy and Austria-Hungary, is the second big institution maintained by the association. More information on their website: <http://www.dolomitenfreunde.at/>

Tasks:

EVS volunteers will mainly help out in the Museum 1915-1918, which is open from Monday to Friday from 10:00 til 13:00 and from 15:00 til 18:00 and on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 14:00 til 18:00. There is at least one person always needed in the museum for cash duty and giving guidance to visitors and the 2 EVS volunteers will be a great support in this. Other tasks include helping with digitalising the museum's inventory and keeping track of the inventory, PR activities (writing texts for exhibitions and press releases, maintenance of website, maybe social media etc.), helping with the layout and texts for the magazine of the association, accounting, filing photos etc. There might also be coordinational and organisational work for volunteering projects such as workcamps and study camps in cooperation with SCI Austria as part of the European World War I remembrance campaign "Memory beyond Rhetorics". EVS volunteers are free to start their own educational projects, organize new activities and contribute with their experience.

The volunteers will participate in a German course.

Requirements:

Volunteers should be interested in History, especially in World War I and its remembrance, and should be motivated to spend most of the working part of their voluntary service inside a museum. They should be open-minded, friendly and shouldn't mind living in a rural area. Knowledge of English, German or Italian is an advantage.

Accommodation and Food:

Accommodation will be in an own small apartment for the volunteers, each having their own room. We will fix the details on this in the next few weeks. Volunteers will be responsible for cooking themselves.

Pocket money: 115 € per month

Insurance: AXA insurance covered by the EVS programme.

Visa: Visa costs, if any, will be covered by money of the project.

Application procedure: Please send your CV and specific motivation letter for this project by 23rd of January 2015 to incoming@sci.or.at.