

EVS Volunteering in Denmark – AFS Interkultur – PIC: 948326226

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- Location: Frederiksberg (Copenhagen), Denmark
- Application deadline: As soon as possible
- Start: 01/09/2017
- End: 28/02/2018

Resume

We would like to welcome one EVS volunteer to share our everyday life at the office in Copenhagen. For 5 months the volunteer will be living with a Danish host family or in a shared house and working fulltime at AFS Interkultur. The tasks will consist of a combination between marketing and campaigning as well as a great deal of supporting our network of Danish volunteers. We are looking for a candidate motivated to learn Danish and preferable with skills in communication and coordinating.

Tasks

You will assist our communication officer in the campaign to recruit host families for AFS participants coming to Denmark in January 2018.

The volunteer will become involved in many aspects of AFS Interkultur's activities in Denmark. You will job-shadow key staff members and volunteers to get an in-depth understanding of the way AFS Interkultur is organising its activities in Denmark.

This implies the following service and learning opportunities for the volunteer:

- Will get knowledge about structuring a big marketing campaign.
- Will develop a good understanding of communicating through different platforms; ads, posters etc.
- Will get hands-on experience with developing creative materials for marketing such as ads, posters, videos etc.
- Will get experience in recording videos and interviewing different participants and host families
- Will have a good opportunity to put a personal touch in the creative process: Both in the graphic look of materials and in creating new ways to reach our target group for host families

We are open for input to brand layout, and your potential suggestions will be taken into consideration. In the development of a new layout, you should be the one producing

new video materials to promote the organization and the nice stories being told by participants and host families.

Criteria

The volunteer should have some experience with marketing work.

He/she should know how to take good pictures and make videos for promotional purposes. It is an advantage if the volunteer has experience with desk-top publishing such as Adobe Indesign and Photoshop. Also a good command of English as well as PC literacy (Word, Excel) are essential.

We prefer a creative person, who is motivated to work in a dynamic intercultural atmosphere. The volunteer should also be diligent and reliable and willing to work overtime in peak seasons.

Besides the job it is crucial that the volunteer is motivated to live with a Danish host family or shared house and take an active part in the family life or with his/her roommates. This might also mean that there will be some commuting between home and office.

Naturally it will be an advantage if the volunteer has experience working in volunteer-drive organisations – e.g. in a youth organisation such as AFS.

AFS Interkultur

AFS Interkultur is partner in the world-wide youth exchange organisation, American Field Service, represented in over 55 countries all over the world. Our programmes include:

- 12 months high school stay abroad for young people between 15-18 years (hosting and sending)
- 1-12 months programmes for people between 18 to 30 years doing voluntary work in Europe, Africa, Asia, Central America, South America and Australia (hosting and sending)

AFS is a voluntary based, non-profit NGO, independent of political and religious interest. In Denmark AFS started in 1957 and is today the oldest and largest exchange organisation in Denmark with 16 staff members, more than 46 local chapters (including Greenland and the Faroe Island) and more than 2.000 members, many of whom work as volunteers for the organisation.

For more than 50 years AFS Interkultur has organised exchanges between almost 50 countries of the world. We have extensive experience in intercultural learning and a network throughout the country to ensure proper support to all participants hosted in

Denmark. AFS Interkultur has been involved with the EVS programme since 1997 both as a sending, hosting and coordinating organisation.

Practicalities

The EVS volunteer will spend a considerable part of his/her time at the office of AFS Interkultur which is located approximately 5 kilometers from Copenhagen city centre, which is the capital of Denmark. Copenhagen has approximately 1 million inhabitants.

The volunteer will stay with a host family during or in a shared house. Living with Danes will facilitate the integration in the local community and will accelerate the process of both language and intercultural learning.

The working language is Danish and the EVS volunteer will be expected to learn Danish to a certain degree.

Working time is flexible and consists of an average of 37.5 working hours per week (including language training). On top of working at the office the volunteer will also be expected to take part in orientations and other volunteer-based activities during evenings and weekends.

AFS will pay pocket money to the volunteer according to the tariffs fixed by the national agency, and will give the volunteer any necessary information about the project (organisation, working conditions, tasks) to the volunteer. We will also cover all local transportation costs the volunteer might have.

Besides the mentor at the work place, the volunteer will also be given a local contact person through the AFS local chapter.

Both the local contact person and the hosting organisation will take care of the well-being of the volunteer and offer him/her the appropriate learning opportunities in the social, cultural and personal field. As well as assisting the volunteer with questions and providing general support in case of problems in relation to his/her project work.

The intercultural dimension will be present throughout the whole EVS experience, given that the volunteer will live in Denmark and will be able to explore a new culture on a daily basis. He/she will be able to attend a Danish language course at a local learning institution.

The EVS volunteer will be invited to participate in various activities which are offered by the local AFS chapters and volunteer committees to all AFS participants in the area. In this way the volunteer will have face-to-face encounters with young people and youth workers from a variety of backgrounds and gain further intercultural competence.

How to apply?

Please find our application form attached. If you cannot find or open the form please write Maria Palmvang an email to request the form.

In order to apply, please fill out the application form and send it along with your CV to maria.palmvang@afs.org as soon as possible!

The recruitment process is open to all.