

# EVS PROJECT IN GERMANY

## Aktions- und Zirkusbüro Otto-Dullenkopf-Park

Topics: circus pedagogics, children and youth



**Hosting organisation:** Aktions- und Zirkusbüro Otto-Dullenkopf-Park

**Coordinating organisation:** Kreisjugendwerk of the AWO Karlsruhe-Stadt

**Location:** Karlsruhe, Germany

**Deadline:** 15.01.2020

**Project Dates:** 01.05.2020 – 30.04.2021

**Duration:** 12 months

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### Project description:

The “Aktions- und Zirkusbüro” develops and creates circus pedagogical offers, participation projects, events as well as actions on the big areal in the Otto-Dullenkopf-Park which is situated at the southeastern part of the city Karlsruhe. The “Aktions- und Zirkusbüro” is part of the “Stadtjugendausschuss e.V.” which is an umbrella association for children and youth organizations in Karlsruhe.

On the areal of the “Aktions- and Zirkusbüro” innovative possibilities are offered. Children and youngsters with or without special needs as well as educated athletes, musicians or artists are invited to try themselves out within the topics sports, arts or culture.

Big and small circus tents, different site caravans and small frame houses are part of the circus areal. An area for parcours, dirtbiketrails and a beach volley court, a fireplace, patches, a clay oven, a play yard – all these are parts of the terrain. The infrastructure offers many possibilities for projects and events for various age bands.

Children and youth can bring in their own ideas, follow their interests and have the possibility to co-determine what happens in the park. The concept is changeable and can be adapted to the current necessities. The ideas and the knowledge of the children and youth is an essential part of the planning for the future, they are involved in all steps.

A big and important part of the work of the “Aktions- und Zirkusbüro” is the circus “Maccaroni”. It’s a circus created by children and youngsters from Karlsruhe. Fixed training groups for children, youngsters and young grown-ups are besides pending offers for everybody, workshops, projects with schools and social organizations, holiday programs, performances, festivals and conventions. Within the trainings all circus disciplines are offered: Juggling, aerial art, acrobatics, balance, fire juggling, Chinese mast and clownery.

A European Volunteer will have the possibility to get to know all fields of activities of the “Aktions- und Zirkusbüro”. He\*she will support the circus pedagogically offers for children and youth and can depending to his\*her interests and experiences develop and realize own projects. The volunteer will work 30 hours per week.

### **Coordinating organization:**

The Kreisjugendwerk (KJW) of the AWO Karlsruhe-Stadt is the Coordinating Organization for this EVS project and responsible for the administrative tasks connected to the project.

[www.jugendwerk-awo.de](http://www.jugendwerk-awo.de) | [http://europa.eu/youth/volunteering/organisation/936962868\\_en](http://europa.eu/youth/volunteering/organisation/936962868_en)

### **Accommodation, food and transport arrangements:**

The volunteer will be living in a shared flat with others. You will have your own room but you’ll have to share kitchen and bathroom with the other flat mates. You’ll get a bike or a ticket for the local transport for your way to work and to move around in the city. During your EVS you’ll receive monthly pocket money and food allowances.

### **Training and language course during the project:**

The EVS volunteer will participate in an On-Arrival and Midterm-Seminar. He\*She has the opportunity to participate in a 4-week German language course.

### **Volunteer profile:**

- At least 18 years old
- Interest in pedagogical work, especially circus pedagogics
- Experiences in circus disciplines or circus pedagogics or any other pedagogical art (theatre, ...)
- Interest and some experiences in working with children and youngsters
- Good knowledge of English, basic skills in German would be helpful but aren’t obligatory
- You have an accredited sending organization (PIC number, accreditation number, name and contacts on sending organization)
- You’re open to get to know Germany, the German language and the German culture and you’re interested to live in another country for a year.

## How to apply:

Please send the following documents until 15.01.2020 to [a.foerter-barth@awo-reisen.de](mailto:a.foerter-barth@awo-reisen.de)

- CV
- **MOTIVATION LETTER:** Please describe in your Motivation Letter: why you want to work in a circus and what is your motivation for that kind of work? LETTER SHOULD BE CONCENTRATED TO OUR PROJECT OTHERWISE; IT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.
- **Important on your CV and Motivation Letter:** We are not interested on high qualifications, millions of certificates, presidents, queens or kings. We are usually selecting positive and creative young people ready to "offer" and learning in cooperation.
- **INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SENDING ORGANIZATION:** Name, PIC number and contact dates of your Sending Organization. We cannot consider candidates without sending organization. You can have a look after you apply.

**related links:** <http://stja.de/aktionen-und-zirkusbuero/>

## CONFIRMATION OF OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY

For the participation in a European Voluntary Service (EVS)

Name, Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

This document refers about my appropriate physical and psychological health for doing European Voluntary Service. I confirm my ability to complete a supporting activity e.g. in the pedagogical or organizational field abroad.

By signing I agree that I am aware about the responsibility in front of the hosting and coordinating organizations in case of providing wrong information about my physical and psychological health, no matter it affects the process of my project or not.

The term "my project" here refers to the EVS project the volunteer is applying for.

The term "physical health" here refers to the physical ability of a person to exercise his/her everyday work during the project.

The term "psychological health" here refers to the proper level of psychic welfare of a person, which will allow her/him to work with children or people with special needs, in the educative institutions, kindergartens, hospitals, orphanages etc

Entirely suitable       Limited suitable

In case you are limited suitable: What must we take into the consideration about you? Do you have any health restrictions or allergies that we have to take in account by placing you in an EVS project? (Allergies, physical or mental impairments, etc...)

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Place, Date, Signature

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Place, Date, Signature of the guardians for applicants under 18 years old

This information is important for us to offer the volunteers the optimal support during their EVS. Besides, we are obligated to inform the hosting organizations about restrictions of the volunteer which are important to know for the placement of the volunteer in advance.

We are responsible to use the information above only for stated purpose. The information will be deleted after the selection process.