



INTERNATIONAL YOUTH WORK THROUGH SPORT

Project Description:

We are currently searching for 1 European volunteer for our project in the International Cooperation Department of the Brandenburgische Sportjugend in Potsdam. The project will start on **09.10.2023** and **will last 12 months**.

The "**Brandenburgische Sportjugend**" (**BSJ**, Sports Youth Brandenburg) is an independent working youth organization operating within the "Sports Federation Brandenburg" (LSB, Landessportbund Brandenburg e.V.). Its members are children and teenagers, as well as, their youth representatives, organized in more than 2.500 sporting-clubs. It has more than 137.000 members under the age of 27. It is therefore the largest youth association in the state of Brandenburg. The "Sports Youth Brandenburg" is of public benefit and is recognized as an independent supporter of the 'freie Jugendhilfe' (youth welfare service). The organisation aims at the cooperation and co-determination of young people in sports clubs and associations and acts as a representative of their interests. The work of the 'Sports Youth Brandenburg' aims at ensuring that as many children and teenagers as possible find their way into sports clubs. It promotes recreational activities and guarantees young people the right to have a place to spend their leisure time in a meaningful way.

Thanks to a close co-operation with other supporters of the "Jugendhilfe", such as the "Landesjugendring Brandenburg", and to the support of politics and commerce, the organization contributes to the design of society and provides assistance on social and youth-political problems. The organisation offers numerous projects concerning sport, youth-work and social-youth-work.

Within this ESC project, 2 different organization will be closely work together:

- 1) The receiving and coordinating organization: the Brandenburgische Sportjugend (<http://sportjugend-bb.de/>)
- 2) The sending organization from the participant´s home country.

ACTIVITIES

Through his/her daily engagement, the volunteer will support the co-workers in their daily activities. The Department imparts knowledge on planning, organization, implementation, finance possibilities and evaluation of international activities such as staff and youth exchanges, international seminars, workshops, meetings, study visits and conferences. Cross-functional tasks of the department are to internationalize social projects, to provide international seminars and learning opportunities for the educational department and to organize exchange visits and workshops for young people and disseminators, who are involved in the project development.

The main fields of activities are the following:

- Supporting the planning, preparation and organization of international projects
- Looking after young people from abroad and international guests
- Reporting (social medias, documentation, Power Point, etc.)
- Supporting the colleagues with the administrative daily tasks
- Cooperating with other volunteers (FSJ = Free Social Year, BFD = National Voluntary Service), young people from clubs and federations

Furthermore, the volunteer should have the possibility to develop his/her own project idea.

Learning opportunities for the participant

The International youth work through sports can offer the following learning opportunities to the volunteer:

- Making acquaintance with funding opportunities in international youth work and with EU programs and funding
- Learning international/European sports structures and youth organizations in Germany
- Getting to know international/intercultural communication
- Making acquaintance with the social projects and the pre-school activities of the organization
- Developing his/her teamwork ability

- Learning and improving German skills
- Getting to know more about German culture
- Developing soft and hard skills

Background and profile of participant

In order to take part to this project, the volunteer should be:

- Interested in international social youth work and sport oriented youth work
- Interested in the conception and implementation of local and international sports events and projects
- Interested to work with children and young people
- Dedicated, committed and creative
- Interested to gain knowledge about EU policy and the funding opportunities provided by EU programs in general
- Sociable, friendly, patient and open-minded
- Willing to learn new skills
- Curious and interested in German culture and language
- Willing to learn about other countries, cultures and their languages

Weekly plan of possible activities

(to be adjusted according to the organizations needs and the volunteer's abilities)

Monday

Morning

- Monday team meeting and planning for the week
- Office work (searching new volunteers for projects, contacting our partners, etc.)

Afternoon

- Preparing documents for the new volunteers

Tuesday

Morning

- Office work (Supporting the colleagues with the administrative daily tasks)
- Preparing and checking the folder of the new volunteer

Afternoon

- Preparing workshops and developing ideas for youth exchanges

Wednesday

Morning

- Picking up at the airport the new volunteer and accompanying him/her home
- Welcoming him/her, giving him/her the folder, undersigning documents

Afternoon

- Office work (bringing the documents of the new volunteer, helping with financial tasks)

Thursday

Morning

- Appointment at the city hall and at the bank with the new volunteer
- Going to the service center and helping the volunteer with the monthly ticket

Afternoon

- Office work (preparing workshops, new documents, checklist, etc.)

Friday

Morning

- Preparation of documentation for social media
- Report and posting on social media (Facebook and Instagram)

Afternoon

- Office work (supporting colleagues with their daily tasks)