

European Solidarity Corps

Welcome to Stuttgart!

**Volunteering in Germany
with Freiwilligendienste DRS**

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Individual volunteering

What is the European Solidarity Corps?

The European Solidarity Corps is a European Union initiative that gives young people an opportunity to volunteer or participate in projects that benefit communities and people around Europe.



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Why you should volunteer:

Our individual volunteering projects are an excellent opportunity to contribute to the daily work of a local organisation that is actively benefiting the local community, learn new skills, spend time in Germany, learn German – and definitely come back with unforgettable memories that will last a lifetime.

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Who can volunteer?

People between the ages of 18 and 30, who reside in participating and partner countries



Duration

Our projects begin in September 2023 and last between 11 and 12 months.

What is covered

- Your accommodation in a dorm with shared rooms and facilities
- Your travel costs (limited budget)
- Your complementary insurance
- A monthly allowance for personal expenses and food (455 Euro)
- Year pass for local transportation in Stuttgart and Baden-Wuerttemberg



Who will support you?

Different partners will support you during your individual volunteering experience in different ways.

Sending organisation

This organisation is based in your home country. They will prepare you for your ESC and will keep in touch with you during your service.



Hosting organisation

This organisation is based in and around Stuttgart. Here, you will do your mission with a tutor who will support you.

Coordinating organisation

We, "Freiwilligendienste DRS gGmbH" are your coordinating organisation. We are in charge of the administrative tasks (like contracts, accomodation, language courses) and support you throughout the whole service!



Check out our website: www.ich-will-efd.de

Where you volunteer & live: City of Stuttgart

Stuttgart has fascinating sites to visit.

Stuttgart is the capital of the southwestern Germany state Baden-Wuerttemberg. It offers a high quality of life, cultural diversity of worldwide reputation, and a spectacular panoramic setting. The city not only has grand castles, but bold new buildings - from the automobile museum to the baroque castle and the world's first steel-structure television tower.



You'll never get bored in Stuttgart.

There are various cultural institutions such as theatres, opera and museums as well as concerts, parties, festivals and markets. Some 80 national and international festivals are waiting for you. The Stuttgart Spring Festival and Cannstatter Volksfest are annual events, each of which attracts some four million visitors from home and abroad. The Wine Village, the Christmas Market or the Summer Festival of Cultures are also much loved and well-attended events.



Multicultural and international city.

People from more than 170 nations live here together and enjoy their everyday life. That is what makes the city special. Get to know the world by enjoying international restaurants and participating in activities of international clubs.



Overview of our projects

You'll find the description of the hosting organisation, your tasks, requirements and other key facts of every project on the following pages.

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Volunteer in a secondary school

Königin Katharina-Stift



Your hosting organisation

The Königin-Katharina-Stift is a school in the heart of Stuttgart. It is located centrally, in the immediate vicinity of the main railway station and on the so-called cultural mile (opera, theatre, state gallery, planetarium, house of history, art museum...). It is a secondary school with bilingual Italian classes and a class for the gifted. It is an all-day school which offers afternoon care with homework time and study groups.

Your tasks as a volunteer

- Support staff at school, e.g. by supervising students during study hours, with office tasks or in the Italian club
- Support individual students according to their needs
- Contribute your own projects and ideas for after-school clubs etc.

Requirements

- At least intermediate level of Italian (ideally native)
- You need to be between 18 and 30 years old

Key facts

- 24 vacation days
- 35 weekly hours
- Usually no work during school breaks
- Start in September 2023, volunteer for 11 to 12 months
- Deadline for applications is 10 June 2023

Learn from and with disabled children

Margarete Steiff Schule



Your hosting organisation

The KBV (association for disabled people) offers various services for people with disabilities including an assistance service at the municipal Margarete Steiff School for disabled children. The school covers all grade levels. It has a unique support system for its students: 140 employees care for roughly 170 students.

Your tasks as a volunteer

- Support children with physical disabilities in mobility, e.g. helping them go to the bathroom or use their wheelchair.
- Work together with the special education teacher and a team of physiotherapists, nurses, assistants and accompany the children and young people in a class of five to six children in their daily school lessons.
- In the Alex Club area, you can choose for yourself whether you want to focus more on the leisure activities during the week, at the weekends, or the leisure activities during school breaks.

Requirements

- Willingness to participate in personal care activities
- You need to be between 18 and 30 years old

Key facts

- 26 vacation days
- 36 weekly hours on average, may vary due to school breaks
- Lunch available in the school cafeteria (to pay)
- Start in September 2023, volunteer for 11 to 12 months
- Deadline for applications is 10 June 2023

Volunteer in a bilingual kindergarten

Stuggikids



Your hosting organisation

Stuggikids is a bilingual daycare in the Europaviertel of Stuttgart, a few minutes from the main station. The centre cares for 60 children from eight weeks of age to preschool. The daycare consists of two groups for smaller children and two for the older kids.

Your tasks as a volunteer

- Play with the children
- Plan and realise projects, events, celebrations of special occasions, etc.
- Take responsibility for the tidiness and cleanliness of the rooms and the outdoor area

Requirements

- Intermediate knowledge of German and/or English (at least B2 CERF)
- You need to be between 18 and 30 years old

Key facts

- 28 vacation days
- 35 weekly hours
- Hours will vary depending on the shift
- Free lunch provided
- Start in September 2023, volunteer for 11 to 12 months
- Deadline for applications is 10 June 2023

Support adults with special needs

Haus St. Elisabeth



Your hosting organisation

Haus St. Elisabeth is a day care centre for adults with disabilities. 20 adults are cared for by the centre. The focus is on offering individual support and providing activities that suit the guests' needs. The guests are all adults aged 25 to 80 with different physical and mental disabilities. Activities include individual and group activities, seasonal events, day trips as well as special occasions. Since you will be working with other volunteers, the hosting organisation will offer monthly activities for the team.

Your tasks as a volunteer

- Accompany and support people with disabilities in their daily lives, e.g. baking and cooking
- Support residents in leisure activities: playing, music, sports etc.
- Housekeeping tasks

Requirements

- Willingness to participate in personal care activities
- You need to be between 18 and 30 years old

Key facts

- 30 vacation days
- 35 weekly hours, 8.30am to 4pm
- Training courses will be provided by the hosting organisation
- Discounted meals are available
- Start in September 2023, volunteer for 11 to 12 months
- Deadline for applications is 10 June 2023

Take care of young children

Kinderhaus Don Bosco



Your hosting organisation

The Kinderhaus Don Bosco is a daycare center with groups for children aged one through six run by the catholic church in Esslingen. The catholic profile is visible in the everyday running of the centre: Seasonal activities, church services and other regular routines are a big part of the children's days. Additionally, children are actively involved in the planning of activities and raised to take responsibility wherever appropriate.

Your tasks as a volunteer

- Accompany educational activities and contribute your own ideas
- Housekeeping tasks
- Support and assist the children in the daily activities

Requirements

- Basic knowledge of German
- You need to be between 18 and 30 years old

Key facts

- 30 vacation days
- 35 weekly hours
- Hours may vary depending on the shift (morning shift or late shift)
- Start in September 2023, volunteer for 11 to 12 months
- Deadline for applications is 10 June 2023

Volunteer for kids with special needs

Kindergästehaus zum Verschnaufen



Your hosting organisation

Parents of children and young people with mental or physical disabilities as well as sensory or multiple disabilities find a wide range of family support services at the Kindergästehaus (children's guest house), such as short-term care, assistance at home, accompaniment to school and daycare. These programs allow for a breather in everyday life and to gather new strength. For the children and adolescents, the stay becomes an unforgettable experience. The varied activities on offer are suitable for young guests from the age of 3 until the end of school.

Your tasks as a volunteer

- Support kids in schools and daycares (special needs as well as regular schools)
- Care for children and young people at home (focus on leisure activities)
- Care for and supervise children and teenagers with disabilities in the day care and short-term care facilities

Requirements

- Willingness to participate in personal care activities
- Intermediate level of English
- You need to be between 18 and 30 years old

Key facts

- 30 vacation days
- 36 weekly hours
- Hours may vary depending on the shift
- Start in September 2023, volunteer for 11 to 12 months
- Deadline for applications is 10 June 2023

Interact with kids and animals

Jugendfarm Esslingen



Your hosting organisation

The Jugendfarm Esslingen is an interactive outdoor playground based on a farm. Children of all ages can visit the farm, interact with animals, play, and learn in an engaging environment. Individuals as well as groups and classes up to the sixth grade are amongst the regular visitors. The farm is located in a small forest, a few minutes away from downtown Esslingen.

Your tasks as a volunteer

- Support the staff in all areas of work, such as caring for the animals, practical work around the farm as well as janitorial tasks
- Care for the visiting children, show them how to handle the animals and how to care for them (cleaning, feeding, etc.)
- Help plan, deliver and develop the camps during school breaks

Requirements

- Intermediate level of English or German preferred
- You need to be between 18 and 30 years old

Key facts

- 24 vacation days
- 36 weekly hours
- During school breaks, you will work Monday through Friday, while school is in session, you will work Tuesday through Saturday; hours will roughly be from 9:45am to 5:30pm
- Free lunch will be provided by the hosting organisation
- Start in September 2023, volunteer for 11 to 12 months
- Deadline for applications is 10 June 2023

Support refugees

AGDW e.V.



Your hosting organisation

AGDW e.V. was founded in 1974 by volunteers to support foreign workers, refugees and those seeking training. Its headquarters and workplaces are in Stuttgart. Today, AGDW e.V. employs an interculturally qualified team of about 50 people who work for refugees and migrants living permanently or temporarily in Stuttgart and Baden-Wuerttemberg without regard to age, gender, religion, political views, or ethnicity.

Your tasks as a volunteer

- Support social care in the accommodation for refugees
- Accompany refugees to appointments
- Support the home management in the shelters

Requirements

- Basic level of German
- Openness for other cultures
- You need to be between 18 and 30 years old

Key facts

- 32 weekly hours
- No shifts, no weekend work
- 30 vacation days
- Start in September 2023, volunteer for 11 to 12 months
- Deadline for applications is 10 June 2023

Volunteer in an intercultural garden/ art space

Kulturinsel Stuttgart



Your hosting organisation

The "Kulturinsel Stuttgart" is a diverse meeting place for: Neighbours, those interested in art and culture, people with and without a refugee background, makers and garden lovers. It harbours a green oasis and a learning garden: the urban gardening project Inselgrün combines the worlds of subculture and industry and is a platform for social and cultural projects/events of all kinds.

Your tasks as a volunteer

- Prepare and support events
- Urban Gardening
- Support in administration and documentation

Requirements

- Interest in ecological activities
- You need to be between 18 and 30 years old

Key facts

- 35 hours per week
- Working days are flexible since there are events on weekends or in evenings
- 28 vacation days
- Start in September 2023, volunteer for 11 to 12 months
- Deadline for applications is 10 June 2023

Interested? Questions?

Apply now!

Application process

You are convinced and want to apply for an European Voluntary Service in Germany?

Choose one of the projects and apply on our website until 10th of June latest!

More information about the application process and the application form:
www.ich-will-efd.de/volunteering-in-germany

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