

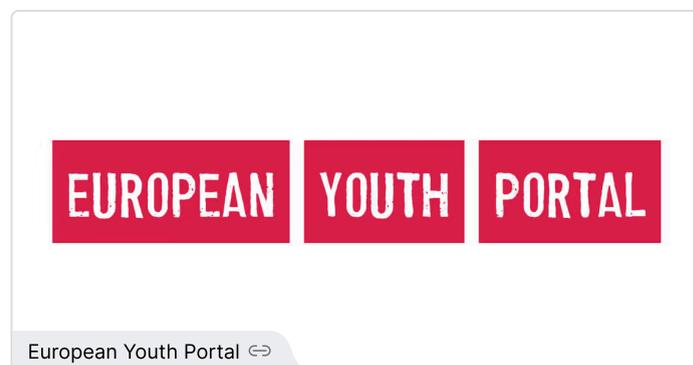
Volunteer in Germany with FWD DRS

ESC in Stuttgart/ Esslingen

Long-term ESC with us

↻ What is the European Solidarity Corps?

- a European Union initiative
- gives young people an opportunity to volunteer or participate in projects
- projects benefit communities and people around Europe



About | European Youth Portal

↻ Requirements for applicants (ALL positions!)

- you are permanently residing in an EU country
 - you are between 18 and 30 years old
 - for some projects additional requirements are applicable
 - you are available from September 2025 until July/August 31, 2026
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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.

↻ Duration of our projects

- start in September 2025
 - projects last 11 to 12 months
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↻ What is covered?

- Your accommodation in a women's dorm/ shared flat with single rooms and facilities in Stuttgart or Esslingen
 - monthly allowance for personal expenses and food (549€)
 - Your travel to and from the project is covered (up to 309€ round trip)
 - Contribution to a year pass for local transportation in Germany (40€)
 - complementary insurance
 - support services such as linguistic support and two weeklong trainings where you meet other volunteers
 - If you have specific needs (e.g. a disability), these costs may also be covered. Please contact us beforehand if you have specific needs.
 - The weekly hours indicated in each project's description are the hours working at the hosting organisation. In addition to that, you might have language learning opportunities up to a maximum of 38 hours per week total.
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⇒ Your coordinating organization

We are “Freiwilligendienste DRS gGmbH”! We are in charge of all administrative tasks (such as contracts, trainings, etc.), accommodation or helping with language classes. We organize regular evaluation meetings.

<https://ich-will-efd.de/volunteering-in-germany/long-term-volunteering>



Long-term volunteering

Who will support you?

⇒ Your sending organisation

- This organization is based in your home country.
- They will prepare you for your ESC and will keep in touch with you during your mission
- Please find a sending organisation before applying for a project!



List of accredited organisations

⇒ Your hosting organisation

- based in Stuttgart or Esslingen -> see info for each project in the columns to the right
- here you will do your project
- a mentor at work will support you

Cities of Stuttgart and Esslingen

⇒ City of Stuttgart

Stuttgart is the capital of the southwestern German state of Baden-Württemberg. 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 – Stuttgart has fascinating sites to visit.



⇒ What to do in Stuttgart

You'll never get bored in Stuttgart: There are various cultural institutions such as theatres, opera and museums as well as concerts, readings, 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.

⇒ Multi cultural 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.

⇒ Town of Esslingen

The medieval town next to Stuttgart is famous for its old town with more than 200 half-timbered houses, its wine and beautiful Christmas market. Right in the heart of the Stuttgart region and yet far away from the hustle and bustle of the big city, you can relax and unwind. Surrounded by the river Neckar and vineyards, criss-crossed by water canals and crowned by a castle that wasn't a castle you will enjoy your stay here for sure.



Application process

⇒ Green projects are available

⇒ Red projects are not available

⇒ IMPORTANT! Fill out this motivation statement!

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European Solidarity Corps

Motivation Statement

1. Personal Data

Name, Surname		
Name of the project/ place you are applying for		
Name and email of your sending organization		

2. Do you face some of the following obstacles in your life?

Disability/special needs (medical conditions, handicaps, etc.)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Health problems	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational difficulties - e.g. learning difficulties, early school-leaver, poor school performance	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Cultural differences - e.g. immigrant, refugee or with immigrant or refugee family background, belonging to a minority	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Economic obstacles - e.g. low income, dependence on social welfare system, long-term unemployment or poverty, debt or financial problems of the family	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Social obstacles - e.g. facing discrimination because of gender, sexual orientation, religion	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Geographical obstacles - e.g. from remote or rural areas (limited public transport, poor facilities), living in urban problem zones	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Please explain further if you have answered "YES" to any of the questions above.

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Motivation Statement ESC -
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↪ How to apply

- Please fill out the **application form** on our homepage: <https://ich-will-efd.de/volunteering-in-germany/appilcation-process/application>
- Fill out our template for **motivation statement** (**download document template in the next post**)
- attach both the **motivation statement** (see template below) and your **CV** to the application form on our homepage
- please fill out one motivation statement for each project you're interested in

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European Solidarity Corps

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↪ Are you from a less privileged background?

E.g. due to chronic health issues, disabilities, religion, gender, financial constraints, learning difficulties... We highly support inclusivity of less privileged volunteers in our projects and encourage you to apply for a project!

↪ Selection of applicants

We will review all applications and forward the most suitable ones to the hosting organisations.

They will invite you to an online interview or a phone call to find out more about you and your motivation for working in the project.

If both parties agree, a contract will be signed.

Please note that the selection process might take up to four weeks after the application deadline.

Kinderhaus Don Bosco: Have fun with kids

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↪ Position is available

- looking for two volunteers, age 18 to 30, EU-residents

- dates of ESC: Mid September 2026- 21. August 2027
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⇒ **Your hosting organisation**

The Kinderhaus Don Bosco is a daycare center for kids aged one through six run by the Catholic Church in Esslingen and located in a neighbourhood close to nature.

The religious education concept is visible in the daily structure: festivals in the church year,

religious education activities and church services. Participation and democratic co-determination

are an important part of their work - the children are actively involved in the planning of activities throughout the week and the year - so they learn to take responsibility for themselves and others.

The team consists of fifteen professionals and trainees - become part of it - they look forward to getting to know you and your cultural background. You do not need to be Catholic to volunteer in this project.

⇒ **Your tasks as a volunteer**

- You will support the team in their educational work: you are welcome to contribute your own ideas!
 - Housekeeping tasks (e.g. preparing the afternoon snack)
 - You will support the children with everyday activities
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⇒ **Requirements for volunteers**

- Basic knowledge of German
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⇒ **Key facts**

- 30 days of annual leave
 - 35 weekly hours
 - Hours may vary depending on the shift (morning shift or late shift)
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Urban Kids Academy: Volunteer in a bilingual daycare

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↪ Position is available

- looking for three volunteers, age 18 to 30, EU-resident
 - dates of ESC: Beginning of September -27.08.2027
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↪ Your hosting organisation

The Urban Kids Academy (UKA) is a private, bilingual nursery/daycare with 3 locations in Stuttgart (City west/Killesberg/Degerloch). One for kids aged 8 weeks to 3 years near the Kriegsbergturm and one for kids aged 8 weeks to 6 years. Their intercultural team of professionals and students look after children in pedagogically appealing group rooms as well as big indoor play spaces and large garden areas. The gardens offers a protected space for year-round outdoor activities. With lovingly furnished indoor areas, they create an ideal environment for the children's development and a place that feels like a second home.

↪ Your tasks as a volunteer

- support the care of bilingual children (German/English) and work closely with professionals
 - playing and learning with the children, creative activities
 - support the team with housekeeping tasks (e.g. preparing breakfast, putting away the dishwasher)
 - participate in training and team events
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↪ Key facts

- 35 hours per week
 - working days: Monday through Friday
 - 30 days of annual leave
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↪ Requirements for volunteers

- at least intermediate level of English or German
- excited to work with and support children in their development

Haus St. Elisabeth: Support adults with special needs

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↪ Position is available

- looking for one volunteer, age 18 to 30, EU-resident
 - dates of ESC: Beginning of september 2026- 27. August 2027
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↪ 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
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↪ Requirements for volunteers

- Willingness to participate in personal care activities
 - Basic knowledge of German (A2-B1)
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↪ Key facts

- 30 days of annual leave
- 35 weekly hours, 8.30am to 4pm
- Training courses will be provided by the hosting organisation
- Discounted meals are available

YMCA: volunteer with kids and teenagers after school

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↪ Position is available

- looking for one volunteer, age 18 to 30, EU-residents
 - dates of ESC: Beginning of September 2026 - 27. August 2027
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↪ Your hosting organisation

The Esslingen YMCA is a Christian organisation and has its roots in children's and youth work. They organize activities (cultural, musical, creative, sportive) for young adults, families and senior citizens. They run two youth clubs in the suburbs of Esslingen where you can contribute and volunteer. Support the staff in activities for the kids and teenagers visiting the youth clubs after school. YMCA Esslingen are experts in working with young people – become an expert, too and have a lot of fun!

↪ Your tasks as a volunteer

- Collaboration in various children's and youth activities (supervising play stations, designing programs, ...)
 - Participation in various events and projects
 - Supporting staff in the preparation and implementation of the offers
 - Running errands
 - Assistance in the house (preparing rooms, minor manual work, tidying up)
 - Assistance in administration
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↪ Key facts

- 36 hours per week
 - Working days are Monday – Friday
 - 30 days of annual leave
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↪ Requirements for volunteers

- Knowledge of German or willingness to learn German
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↪ Accommodation

- The volunteer is accommodated in a youth/student flat share directly in the city center on the YMCA premises
- Students and volunteers live together in a 7-person or 3-person shared flat. This type of accommodation makes it easy to make friends

Early Bird Club: Support kids in a bilingual daycare

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↪ Position available

- looking for one volunteer, age 18 to 30, EU-resident
 - dates of ESC: Beginning of September 2026 -20.08.2027.
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↪ Your hosting organisation

The Early Bird Club runs different private and bilingual (German/English) daycare centers, mainly for international expat families. They lovingly support and encourage each child individually according to their stage of development and offer them the space to constantly expand their social, creative and intellectual wealth of experience. Children are being cared for in small groups from the age of 8 weeks to 3 years in the nursery as well as in the kindergarten for 3-6 year old children. You will be working in the facility in Stuttgart.

↪ Your tasks as a volunteer

- Supporting the educational staff in caring for the children
 - Designing active and creative activities with and for the children
 - Supporting the staff with everyday tasks such as keeping rooms tidy and organized
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↪ Requirements for volunteers

- advanced level of English OR German (at least B2)
 - enjoy working with kids
 - motivated to work and contribute in an international team
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↪ Key facts

- 24 days of annual leave
- 35 weekly hours, from 7:30am to 5:30pm
- Training courses and team events will be provided by the hosting organisation

Ecole Maternelle: French pre-school



↩ Position available

- looking for one French-speaking volunteer, age 18-30, EU-resident
- dates of ESC: Mid september 2026 -31. July 27
- **Application deadline: 24. May 2026**

↩ Votre organisation d'accueil

L'École maternelle Georges Cuvier est une association privée enregistrée. Les parents des enfants inscrits sont automatiquement membres de l'association. Les décisions sont prises en assemblée générale. Notre école maternelle bénéficie d'un environnement attrayant, en face se trouve le parc des chênes où l'on peut faire de petites promenades avec les enfants et où l'on peut bien se reposer pendant la récréation. Nous sommes 26 employés. La scolarité à l'École Maternelle s'étend sur trois ans (crèche à partir de 2 ans, 3-5 ans). Accueil tardif à partir de 15h jusqu'à 17h (des activités sont proposées telles que des jeux de mouvement, des activités créatives de bricolage ou encore des jeux libres) et 20 jours d'accueil pendant les vacances.

↩ Vos tâches comme volontaire

- Soutien des professionnels dans l'encadrement des enfants
- soutien lors du déjeuner, aux soins et à l'économie domestique (par ex. : balayer la salle du groupe après le petit déjeuner)
- encadrement pendant le programme des vacances

↩ Requirements for volunteers

- able to speak French fluently (advanced to native level)

↩ Faits essentiels

- 30 jours de congé
- Participation à des formations continues 36 weekly hours
- Le déjeuner est inclus



↻ Position available

- looking for one Italian speaking volunteer, age 18-30, EU-resident
dates of ESC: mid September 2026- 26. August, 2027

↻ 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 for volunteers

- intermediate or advanced (ideally native) level of Italian

↻ Key facts

- 30 days of annual leave (have to be taken during school breaks!)
- sometimes work on weekends or in the evening
- 35 weekly hours

Europa Zentrum: work in political education about EU



↻ Position available

- looking for one volunteer, age 18 to 30, EU-resident
 - dates of ESC: beginning of September, 2026- 30. July, 2027.
 - **Application deadline:** 24.04.2026
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⇒ **Your hosting organisation**

Changing Europe for the better. That is Europa Zentrum's mission! The NGO is dedicated to European political education. Located right in the heart of Stuttgart, they serve as the host for the EU's local information office and offer a diverse range of programs, including seminars, workshops, lectures, and study trips, aimed at fostering a deeper understanding of European integration. They operate throughout Baden-Württemberg with an enthusiastic, friendly team of 7 employees, up to 3 interns – and maybe soon you as their volunteer!

⇒ **Your tasks as a volunteer**

- assistance with the organization of events, i. e., workshops, discussions, seminars, etc.
 - content creation for social media
 - administrative tasks and assistance in project management
 - research and preparation of content-related input
 - support in the planning, organizing, and conduction of study trips
 - upon interest: conception of (multilingual) projects in the field of EU-related political education
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⇒ **Requirements for volunteers**

- at least B2 level of German
 - citizenship of a EU-member state
 - flexibility, open-mindedness and genuine curiosity
 - independent, team-oriented way of working
 - interest in the EU as well as in working in political education
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⇒ **Key facts**

- 35 hours per week
 - working days are Monday to Friday, occasionally evenings and weekends – extra hours are compensated by time off in lieu
 - 22 days of annual leave
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⇒ **Benefits for volunteers**

- training courses
- insights into the area of project management
- opportunity to participate in study trips to the European institutions in Strasbourg and Brussels
- unique opportunity to build a wide network in the field

Kulturzentrum Merlin: volunteer in a café for culture, music and literature



↶ Position available

- looking for one volunteer, age 18 to 30, EU-resident
- dates of ESC: Mid September 2026- 27. August 2027

↶ Your hosting organisation

Merlin is a socio-cultural center in Stuttgart. It's a stage for popular concerts, unusual literature, exciting films, thrilling festivals, and a charming café with no charge for food. Initiatives and ideas find time and space here, committed individuals, and culture enthusiasts get involved, finding space, a voice, and a stage. Merlin focuses on an exciting cultural program outside the mainstream, supporting young artists, bringing political issues to the stage through cultural means and combining them with aesthetic enjoyment.

[instagram.com/cafe.merlinstuttgart](https://www.instagram.com/cafe.merlinstuttgart)

↶ Your tasks as a volunteer

- cultural management and event organization
- sound and lighting technology
- bar and café service during the week and during concerts, book readings and festivals
- support back office and social media

↶ Key facts

- 35 hours per week
- working days are monday till sunday
- working hours vary during the day, evening and weekend
- 30 days of annual leave
- free dinner during evening services, free drinks all day

↶ Requirements for volunteers

- Basic knowledge of German
- strong communicator, responsible and friendly nature
- confident handling of digital and social media
- experienced use of MS Office
- open, happy to take initiative and bring your own ideas to Merlin

Heidehof-Gymnasium: Support middle and high school students



↶ Position available

- looking for one French volunteer, age 18 to 30, EU-resident
- dates of ESC: Mid September 2026 - 28. Juli 2027

↶ Your hosting organisation

The Evangelisches Heidehof-Gymnasium is a private school run by the Protestant Church of Baden-Württemberg. It is state-recognized as a general secondary school and leads to the Abitur. At the Evangelisches Heidehof-Gymnasium, 650 pupils are taught by 60 teachers. It is situated in a beautiful half-height location on the outskirts of Stuttgart.

The school has two profiles, a science profile and a language profile, in which students can learn up to three languages (English, French or Latin and Spanish).

One of the focal points is intercultural learning, regular exchanges with Spain and France, study trips to Eastern Europe and in cooperation with a school in Togo.

In addition, the EHG is a school of democracy, where students experience the basics of democracy and thus become responsible citizens. They also place a strong emphasis on the artistic and aesthetic education of their students, who have more art and music lessons than other schools. They attach great importance to sustainability, both in everyday school life and through various working groups.

↶ Your tasks as a volunteer

- supporting foreign language lessons, for example by doing conversation exercises with students
- supporting the exchange programs and events at host schools for Erasmus+ projects and supporting the school office
- support in extracurricular activities depending on interest

↶ Requirements for volunteers

- native French speaker
- flexible and happy to work in an environment that changes often
- experience in working with children/youth
- optional: experience in teaching, motivated to work/study in that field

↶ Key facts

- minimum of 35 days of annual leave (have to be taken during school breaks!)
- 30 weekly hours
- some events are on the weekends (max 1/month on average), working days are accordingly flexible

Kulturinsel: Contribute in an intercultural garden/art space



↔ **Position not available for 2026-2027**

↔ **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 for volunteers**

- Interest in ecological activities
- Willingness to work weekends (about 1/month)

↔ **Key facts**

- 28 days of annual leave
- 35 weekly hours
- Some events are on the weekends (roughly one per month), working days are accordingly flexible

KBV Stuttgart: Support adults with special needs in their daily lives



⇒ **Position is not available**

- looking for one volunteer, age 18-30, EU-resident
- dates of ESC: as soon as possible, ending August 31, 2026

⇒ **Your hosting organisation**

The Körperbehinderten-Verein Stuttgart e.V. aims to enable people with disabilities to lead a self-determined life and participate in society. KBV Stuttgart provides various outpatient services as well as a day care center for adults with complex disabilities and high care needs. Its main areas of focus include leisure activities, family support services (FED) and services in people's own homes.

⇒ **Your tasks as a volunteer**

- Organization and implementation of leisure activities such as games, handicrafts or excursions.
- Support with basic care, e.g. serving meals or helping with dressing, support with household tasks such as laundry and cleaning communal areas.
- Communication and promotion of social contacts within and outside the shared flat.
- Participation in team meetings and internal training courses.

⇒ **Key Facts**

- 35 weekly hours plus German class
- work in shifts and on two weekends per month
- 26 days of annual leave

⇒ **Requirements for volunteers**

- willingness to participate in personal care activities
- **basic level of German (A2)**

Margarete-Steiff-Schule: Learn from and with disabled children

⇒ **Position is not available**

- looking for two volunteers, age 18 to 30, EU-resident
- dates of ESC: as soon as possible, ending August 31, 2026
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⇒ **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.

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↩ **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 consisting 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 for volunteers**

- Willingness to participate in personal care activities
- Willingness to work weekends (about 1/month)
- Basic level of German (A2)

↩ **Key facts**

- 26 days of annual leave (have to be taken during the school breaks!)
- 36 weekly hours on average, may vary due to school breaks
- Optional lunch available in the school cafeteria (not free)

