

Community Centres EggenLend and St. Peter

INFORMATION PACKAGE FOR VOLUNTEERS IN EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS



Live sustainable and strengthen neighbourhood!

About Community Centres EggenLend and St.Peter

Community Centres EggenLend and St. Peter offer the residents of the districts in Graz a space for information, participation, and networking. These centers are operated by the organization WIKI – Verein WIKI - Wir Kinder, Bildung und Betreuung. Everyone is welcome at our centers. Our diverse range of activities is aimed at enhancing the quality of life, developing social networks in the community, and fostering civic engagement.

Community centers provide district inhabitants with information about various services and serve as meeting places. Events and meetings, such as cooking sessions or game nights, are organized. The focus is on sustainability: there is a free-of-charge model run by volunteers; food sharing and zero waste initiatives are promoted. Activities promoting an active lifestyle, such as cycling, are also offered.

The volunteer is an integral part of a team and can assist in organizing community events in both centers. They will have the opportunity to connect with people from different backgrounds and generations, and participate in sustainability projects, such as the Free-of-Charge Shop, open bookshelves, and others. We expect them to be open-minded, sensitive to different cultures, communicative, and organized.



Role of EggenLend Volunteer

Volunteer-specific tasks include:

- Supporting the team with the current offerings of the community centers (events, media).
- Promoting different activities through designing and distributing flyers, sharing relevant events and news on social media.
- Taking many pictures! Of course, ask everyone involved beforehand.
- Engaging with different client groups (adults, parents and children, older people, migrants, marginalized groups, etc.), making visitors feel at ease, informing them of relevant activities. Offering coffee and tea, and assisting them with simple tasks.
- Ensuring that the rooms are welcoming for people to participate in the usual center activities. Preparing indoor and outdoor areas for visitors.
- Assisting with free-of-charge shop work: sorting goods, preparing for opening hours, and explaining rules to visitors.
- Participating in the food sharing network and helping save food.
- Participating in weekly team meetings and offering help where needed or appreciated.
- Planning and implementing your own project which aligns with the goals and values of the centers.

Profile of an EggenLend Volunteer: We are seeking a responsible and motivated young person who enjoys working with diverse groups of people. We appreciate assistance in photography, social media management, and event management. We're looking for an open-minded, active, initiative-taking individual with a specific interest in sustainability, community building, and promoting an active lifestyle.

Volunteer's Benefits: EggenLend will provide the volunteer with a room at a student dormitory. The Volunteer have the option to use a provided bicycle or public transportation (with tickets provided) to reach the organization. The locations are accessible by bus or tram. Food allowance and pocket money are provided according to program guidelines.

Training and Support: The Volunteer will receive at least an On-Arrival Training and a Mid-Term Training, organized by the Austrian National Agency. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to attend German courses. Ongoing support will be provided by experienced colleagues.

Volunteer's Experience

It was nice to witness that even the merest ideas might have enormous power. Before starting my journey as an ESC volunteer, I had a great interest and desire to work in the field of migration and asylum and contribute to the efforts for advocating for the most vulnerable people of our societies. During my volunteering services I met refugees and asylum seekers and listened to their personal stories: the dangerous journeys those people had to take to seek safety and better lives, the discriminations and hatred they faced - they were real, their sufferings were real. These confrontations made me want to devote my future career to humanitarian work. And at those moments I felt an enormous appreciation for being given the chance to serve as an ESC volunteer. This project helped me to discover how I want to live and which person I want to become. I feel proud of where I stand right now and what I achieved.



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