

European Voluntary Service, Brønderslev Ungdomsskole

Project "Youth Leisure 2016"

Our project starts 1st of August 2016 – 31st of July 2017 including 4 volunteers from Germany, Spain, France and Italy (Sardinia).

"Brønderslev Ungdomsskole is located in the water edge of Denmark. Part of the municipality's children and adolescents have not previously established close acquaintance with people from another country - in some cases peripheral with children / young migrants at the school. Brønderslev Ungdomsskole wants to reconcile the objective of inviting the world inside of our fritids- and youth clubs, combined with the desire from young people in Europe, to expand their cultural horizons and achieve personal / professional experience. The majority of the Youth School is based on informal learning. We are working to promote this, and the practical experience of informal learning.

European citizenship and being a part of the European community made that currently questioned about in the European Union. We hope through the project that we can show the volunteers and children / young people that it makes sense to have a close European cooperation.

The project aims to combine the above themes, and creating value, learning, experience and not least the memories of a lifetime for both the children / young people and the volunteers.

Project environment

Brønderslev is located in the North of Denmark, has about 12.000 inhabitants and the third largest city in the region. The municipal has 36.000 inhabitants. It is located 26 kms. from Aalborg, the "capital" of the region and is connected with Aalborg by bus and train every hour. Aalborg airport has regularly flights to Copenhagen and abroad.

Description of the organisation

Brønderslev Ungdomsskole is a municipal organisation, and our assignment is:

"... to give youngsters the opportunity to consolidate and study thoroughly their abilities, give them an understanding and qualify themselves as citizens, and contribute in giving them an existence a increased content as well as developing their interest for and ability to an active participation in a democratic society".

Ungdomsskolen has a lot of different activities

- Clubs afternoon/evening
- Leisure time training/activities
- "Worldclass" – 7th.-9th grade immigrants/refugees from the public school
- Electives in secondary school
- TV Youth – broadcasting weekly and on www.youtube.com

Check our homepage www.usbd.dk/evs

Leisure time training;

The target group is from 13 – 18 years, and the training takes place in the afternoon, evening and weekends – always after school or on school holidays. The training is for free – unless there are expenses and is focused on non-formal learning.

Clubs

Fritidsklub

Club where children between 10-14 years come after school. The parents sign the children in, but they can come and go as they please.

The activities are based on the interests and mainly creative, but always with a focus on supporting activities within democracy and participation in preparing and making activities. We have 3 "fritidsclubs" located in the 3 biggest towns in Brønderslev Kommune where the opening hours is 14.00 – 17.00 Monday – Friday. The clubs are closed in July.

Ungdomsklub

Club for youngsters between 13-18 years, here they sign themselves in. Opening hours is typically 19.00 – 22.00 a few days a week, between September and April.

We have 11 "Ungdomsklubber" located around the municipal.

Volunteers at the clubs...

3 volunteers will be connected to the clubs, where he/she will make activities for and with the kids/youngsters age 10 – 18 years.

The primary aim for the volunteers is to ensure that the children/youngsters have the possibility to participate in activities for and with children of their own age. 1 volunteer will be working at our Youth TV station, where he/she will be filming and editing programs for and with children and youngsters from the whole municipal.

We expect from the volunteer

- *Highly motivated to work with kids and youngsters*; taking initiative to plan and carry out activities both indoor/outdoor, curious around the working field and clubs can provide to the kids/youngsters.
- *Ready to meet new people & culture*; you will be challenged in your way of thinking and the way things "used" to be done, how people think and act.
- *Act as a role model*; be aware that you represent our organization/the club in all your actions, the kids see you as an adult and expect you to do the right thing.
- *Skills or/and experience within sports, music, theatre, drawing or other areas*; our hope is that you can bring your passion about a certain topic/sport/hobby and make activities for the kids/youngsters around this.
- *Eager to gain new competences, skills & experiences*; be curious, try to learn Danish, challenge yourself into making this a lifetime experience.
- *Open-minded, social, good sense of humor and ready to solve challenges*; ask questions if you are in doubt, remembering everyone around you is eager to help, take any opportunity to socialize outside the frame of working – you will meet a lot of nice Danish people.
- *Can take responsibility, be at time and work by yourself*; we trust in you - our working method is handing out responsibility ex. Planning and carrying out own activities, while offered help and assistance, take initiative in situations you meet.
- *Love to spend 12 months in Denmark*; prepare yourself and you family/friends for this adventure; how to stay in contact with the ones "at home".
- *Living along with 3 foreign roommates – whom you havn´t selected*; take action when felling annoyed – talk with your roommate and tell them how you fell, get the best out of it – don´t create conflicts out of small things and let that overshadow the purpose of being an EVS.
- *English*; being able to communicate in English – spoken.
- ***Drivers licence B and experience in driving – indispensable!***

We can offer

- An organisation experienced in working with volunteers and EVS projects since 2008
- staff that is open-minded, has a big sense of humor and motivated into creating the best conditions for the kids/youngsters.
- Daily support (linguistic, task related etc.) from the staff
- Fully equipped apartment (inc. towels, sheets, washing maschine) with kitchen, living room and single rooms for each volunteer (including Wifi), located in the center of Brønderslev.
- "Rejsekort" to use for bus/train transport – each month 150,- kr.(20 euro)
- Pocketmoney 145 euro

- Foodmoney 200,- euro to cover food expences
- Danishcourse 60 hours - indispensable

We expect our volunteers to participate in the Danish course, On Arrival- and Mid Term Training at our NA.

Working schedule

Workings hours is 37 per week.

Working in the clubs:

Fritidsklub 13.00 – 17.00 and twice a week untill 22.00 (youthclub). Some weekends you will support the activities in the leisure time training ex. Driving the minibus, assisting in the activities.

Working at the Youth TV

Daily 10.00 – 17.00 furthermore there will be activities to film during weekends.

Regularly you will meet with your mentor, and there will be staff meetings.

More information

www.usbd.dk

www.youtube.com search for "Brønderslev Ungdomsskole EVS"