



# Call for Volunteers

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The European Solidarity Corps is the new European Union initiative which creates opportunities for young people to volunteer or work in projects in their own country or abroad that benefit communities and people around Europe.

# 1 Come and work with us!

Österreichische Kinderfreunde is a children and youth led organisation. It has about 300 local groups that are organised in 9 federal branches. Kinderfreunde and Rote Falken run children's groups, kindergardens, indoor-playgrounds, family and youth centres and many other.

Our education approach is strongly connected to children's rights and focused on education towards democracy.

Österreichische Kinderfreunde and Rote Falken are looking for an enthusiastic motivated person to volunteer with the European Solidarity Corps full time mainly in Vienna, Austria for 7 months from **beginning of May 2019** until **end of November 2019**

Österreichische Kinderfreunde will apply to the European Commission to cover the living costs for two volunteers. Please note that the grant is not guaranteed. The European Solidarity Corps is the new European Union initiative which creates opportunities for young people to volunteer or work in projects in their own country or abroad that benefit communities and people around Europe. We anticipate applying for the grant at the beginning of February 2019

## 1.1 Kinderfreunde/ Rote Falken

The Rote Falken (Red Falcons) is the youth branch of the Kinderfreunde organisation. During your ESC you have the possibility to get to know and support the organisation's youth agenda in quite diverse formats.

In 2019 we are hosting several huge projects such as a 3-day-camp during Pentacost for approximately 1.500 people, a 2-week international summer camp with approximately 700 participants and a 2-day-seminar for about 120 young people.

For these activities we see a strong value for volunteers to look behind the scenes of such big happenings and get to know project management on a big scale. For this we invite you to participate in the creative planning process beforehand that means also helping us in creating a diverse, meaningful and fun program for different age groups and stepping out of your comfort zone when it comes to implementing your own ideas. But also working together with a team of (international) Falken volunteers will be a part of your schedule as an ESC volunteer.

## 1.2 Connect

Since 2015, Connect is a new branch within our office which aims to provide free and meaningful leisure time activities for refugees. It has a strong focus on young refugees and unaccompanied minors. The foundation of this work is learning by playing with a strong non-formal-education focus.



In this area you will strengthen the team and support them in providing the activities which will mainly happen in the afternoon.

### **1.3 Falkencamp Döbriach**

During the summer time it gets really quiet in our office in Vienna because everything is happening in Döbriach, in our beautiful Falkencamp in the south of Austria, close to the Millstätterlake.

For the summer time it is planned that you and your co-ESC-mate will support the team in Döbriach and also get the possibility to escape the hot capital to the really green area of the camp. During the summertime loads of different groups or families of our local branches or international sister organisations are visiting the camp and are spending time as a group onsite. We are also hosting Erasmus+ projects in this period.

There you can support the team and get to know the organisation even better and create some new impressions also about the international work of Kinderfreunde and Rote Falken. Next to a variety of tasks available we will find your favourite field of work for the time you will be spending in the mountainous area.

## **2 Logistics**

### **2.1 Accommodation and Food**

Accommodation and Food will be organised by our coordinating organisation. This means nothing is left for you to do except staying in good contact with us.

### **2.2 Language course and Travel costs**

According to your distance you will get a certain travel budget which aims to support you in your travel booking.

During your stay the coordination organisation will plan and organise a German language course for you to learn or improve German.

### **2.3 Training and Support during the Project**

Within the organisation you will have one full time colleague who will support you in your tasks and you living here. But in general our office is nice and welcoming and will be there to answer all your questions. Support will be given if you need it and you won't be left alone for any tasks.



## 3 How to apply

Please send all the required documents,

- CV
- Motivational letter
- Questionnaire (included to the infopack)

until the 14<sup>th</sup> of January to [christina.schauer@kinderfreunde.at](mailto:christina.schauer@kinderfreunde.at) and [evs-application@melange.at](mailto:evs-application@melange.at).

**If you do not have a supporting organisation yet, please indicate so clearly in the e-mail!**

We will then start the vetting process and take note that we might ask you for an interview via Skype.

### 3.1 Motivational Letter

Please also write a motivational letter, answering the question of expectations why you want to experience the ESC with Kinderfreunde/ Rote Falken.

### 3.2 Application Form + CV

You can find the Application Form and the CV attached to the website. Please fill it out and send it together with the other documents to the stated e-mail addresses. Make sure you are within the deadline.

### 3.3 Questionnaire

We created a small questionnaire to get to know prospective volunteers a bit better. Please take time to answer the questions with consideration.

**3.3.1 WORDRAP**

Write your associations to the words mentioned below in full sentences.

FREEDOM

DIVERSITY

SOCIAL JUSTICE

EQUALITY

PEACE

SOLIDARITY



### 3.3.2 What would you do

Please describe what your actions would look like in the following situations:

WE ARE AT THE SUMMERCAMP AND YOUR TASK IS TO CREATE AN EVENING PROGRAMME FOR 100 PEOPLE. AVERAGE AGE = 14 years. WHAT PROGRAMM WOULD YOU OFFER? (Also explain your approach and the programme further)

YOU ARE PART OF A LEISURE TIME PROGRAM WITH KIDS AGED 5-10 AND YOU ARE NOT SPEAKING THE SAME LANGUAGE. HOW WOULD YOU INTRODUCE YOURSELF?

WHAT SKILLS DO YOU HAVE AND WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO?