

EVS@IB: Placement at Youth Club BLAUPAUSE

Youth Club BLAUPAUSE

The youth club BLAUPAUSE is the only youth institution in Neuenhagen (near Berlin). BLAUPAUSE was founded over ten years ago by Internationaler Bund which runs it on behalf of the municipality.

BLAUPAUSE employs two full-time social workers, assisted by a full-time volunteer. Additionally, there are several experts, such as artists, social workers, technicians etc, who assist on a volunteer basis.

20-40 children and youth visit BLAUPAUSE every day. Open activities, such as concerts, music evenings, youth disco, projects and events usually have a much higher number of participants.

BLAUPAUSE is open for children and youths during the following hours:

Tuesday: 1pm – 6pm

Wednesday: 1pm – 8pm

Thursday: 1pm – 6pm

Friday: 1pm – 10pm

Saturday: 2pm – 8pm

The youth club is closed on Sundays and Mondays.

In the context of projects, it is possible that events take place over several days or on weekends. During holidays, there is a holiday schedule with different opening hours.

Focus of BLAUPAUSE's activities is non-formal education for children and youth, the stimulation of talents and abilities as well as projects fostering participation and inclusion. For these activities, BLAUPAUSE has several rooms at its disposal: a music room, an art room, a hall for events with a stage and technical equipment, a wall for graffiti and the possibility to use a local gym for sports activities.

Every month, a disco for children and a concert takes place. The concerts offer an opportunity for young bands to show their talent. Other music projects include Hip-Hop workshops, Jump style dance, rap and many more.

During the summer holidays, a several-days-long outdoor activity takes place, for example a canoe tour. Another annual event is a skate contest in Neuenhagen. At the moment, the international work of BLAUPAUSE is expanded, activities in this area will include international youth exchanges, youth initiatives and, of course, the European Voluntary Service.

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Tasks of the Volunteer

Volunteers will be involved in all activities, administrative duties and will be offered the opportunity to come up with own activities to interact with the youth. They will assist in the open youth work by playing with youth, organizing activities such as sports games, crafting activities and similar activities. They will also help at events with organizational support and assisting to take care of the youths during the event. Similarly, project work will be part of their tasks. They will help to organize small and large-scale projects such as excursions, week-long canoe tours, youth exchanges and more.

The volunteer will be able to contribute his/her own ideas and take on responsibilities under the guidance of our staff.

The following learning experiences are possible: team work, taking on responsibility, working with socially disadvantaged youths, working with young people with disabilities, pedagogical skills, experiences in event management and project management.

Tutor/Mentor

The volunteer will have a tutor who will help the volunteer to feel welcome, explain and guide the volunteer in his / her tasks. The tutor will be the first person to talk to if there are any problems.

Each volunteer will also be assigned a mentor of the coordinating organization IB Berlin-Brandenburg. The mentor will make sure that the EVS runs smoothly and is contact person should there ever be any issues with the hosting organisation.

Accommodation/Food

The volunteer will receive free accommodation and food at the boarding house of the organization IB Brandenburg Nordost which runs the youth club Blaupause. The boarding house is located in Neuenhagen and is in walking distance from Blaupause. The volunteer will have an own room. There are cooking facilities in case the volunteer wishes to prepare his/her own food.

Pocket Money

The volunteer will receive 110€ per month pocket money.

Duration

The voluntary service should last 12 months. Shorter durations can be discussed.

Desired Candidate

Candidates must be at least 18 at the start of the EVS. The volunteer should be motivated to work with youth and children. Experience in youth work is a plus. He or she should also have skills or talents with which he or she can contribute to the work of BLAUPAUSE. Either a basic knowledge of English or German is necessary.