Description:

The youth center/open point for children and youth OFT is open-minded, open for all religions and without prejudice towards anyone. The OFT is situated in an area in Leipzig which shows a high percentage of unemployment and immigrants. There are many social projects for the inhabitants of the district. Those projects are done with the purpose of creating a life worth living for all inhabitants.

The OFT Rabet is an open youth meeting point where young people design there leisure time supported by the staff. Apart from games, sports and music job orientation and learning to lead a self-sustained life are important topics of the work with the youths.

Leipzig is located in the northwest of the Free State of Saxony. The city and its 500,000 inhabitants became known throughout the world in the fall of 1989 as the center of the peaceful revolutionary movement in East Germany. It is home to the second oldest university in Germany as well as serving as an important trade fair center. Around 1 million people visit Leipzig every year, enjoying the city's lively atmosphere and diverse cultural offerings. The volunteer will stay in a living community with up to six other EVS-volunteers.

Tasks:

The volunteer support the youths and the staff designing and carrying through leisure activities on a daily base as well as special projects which have a longer duration. The volunteer shall bring aspects of his or her own country into the work, e.g. music, games, sports, language, cooking or handicraft. Usually we start working at 13:00 pm but because of a big variety of networking and projectwork in the district, there are some appointments in the morning. At 19:45 pm we say goodbye to all our guests and users and sum up the day's work. We discuss our schedule once in a week, different projects take place at the weekend. In addition, there will be realised several project days towards topics of solidarity in europe / participation / social projects for all EVS volunteers. The volunteers have to take part, learn and to realise an own social idea. They should also inform about social project in their homecountry and present it to the others.

Selection process:

Please complete the online questionnaire you find on our page. We collect all applications until the deadline, then all applications that are complete will be forwarded to the responsibles of the hosting organisation who decide about the candidate. The selection process takes 1-2 months. You will get an answer during or latest after 2 months.

Selection criteria:

We would like to see the following: open-mindedness for all religions and social backgrounds, interest in working with youths and some practical experience in this field, asertiveness, friendliness and humour, German knowledge is needed.