



Aktions- und  
Zirkusbüro



# ESC Project in Karlsruhe

Aktions- und Zirkusbüro Otto-Dullenkopf-Park

Topics: circus pedagogics, children and youth

Dates: 01.03.2023 – 28.02.2024 (12 months)

Open call for European volunteers

Deadline: 30.11.2022

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# Hosting organisation and project description

The “Aktions- und Zirkusbüro” **develops and creates circus pedagogical offers**, participation projects and various cultural events on the big area in the Otto-Dullenkopf-Park which is situated at the southeastern part of the city Karlsruhe. The “Aktions- und Zirkusbüro” is part of the “Stadtjugendausschuss e.V.” which is an umbrella association for children and youth organizations in Karlsruhe.

On the site of the “Aktions- und Zirkusbüro” a lot of possibilities are offered. Children and youngsters with or without special needs as well as educated athletes, musicians or artists are invited to **present and train within the topics of sports, arts or culture**.

**Big and small circus tents, different site caravans and containers** are part of the circus area. At the moment the site is in construction and the big office building and about 300 m<sup>2</sup> inside training area will be finished in spring 2023. **An area for parcours, dirtbiketrails and a beach volley court, a fireplace, patches, a clay oven, a play yard** – all these infrastructures are parts of the space. The area offers many possibilities for projects and events for various ages.

Children and youngsters can bring in their own ideas, follow their interests and have the possibility to co-determine what happens in the park. The concept is changeable and can be adapted to the current necessities. **The ideas and the knowledge of the children and youth is an essential part of the planing for the future**, they are involved in all steps.

A big and important part of the work of the “Aktions- und Zirkusbüro” is the **circus “Maccaroni”**. It’s a circus created by children and youngsters from Karlsruhe. Fixed training groups for children, youngsters and young grown-ups are besides organizing offers for everybody: **workshops, projects with schools and social organizations, holiday programs, performances, festivals and conventions**. Within the trainings all circus disciplines are involved and implemented: juggling, aerial art, acrobatics, balance, fire juggling, Chinese mast and clownery.

A European Volunteer will have the possibility to get to know all fields of activities of the “Aktions- und Zirkusbüro”. He\*she will support the circus pedagogical offers for children and youth and can depending to his\*her interests and experiences develop and realize own projects. The volunteer will work 32 hours per week, including evenings and/or weekends. **After some basic education in circus skills, the volunteer soon will be part of the trainer team and teach children in circus disciplines, basic level in German is an advantage and a high motivation to learn the language is expected. The participation in one of our youth/adult trainings is obligatory with the aim of learning German in an informal way as getting to know the circus people.**



# Coordinating organisation

The Kreisjugendwerk (KJW) of the AWO Karlsruhe-Stadt is the nonprofit childrens' and youth's department of the AWO (Arbeiterwohlfahrt). As independent organization, the KJW organizes leisure activities for children and young people between the ages of 6 and 20, extracurricular education and workshops, as well as intercultural encounters and projects for young people and young adults between 15 and 27.

Our work focuses on participation and personal development, and our activities are also deliberately offered to children and young people from socially disadvantaged backgrounds and to young people with a migration background. Besides coordinating the voluntary service, we are organizing a lot of camps and holidays for young people in Germany and abroad.

For more info, please check here:

<https://www.jugendwerk-awo.de/aktiv-werden/european-solidarity-corps-esc>



# About the arrangements and the extra activities

## **Accommodation, food and transport arrangements:**

The volunteer will be living in a shared flat near the circus and the city center with others. He\*she will have your own room but he\*she will have to share kitchen and bathroom with the other flat mates. He\*she will get a ticket for the local transport for the way to work and to move around in the city. During the ESC he\*she will receive monthly pocket money and food allowances.

## **Training and language course during the project:**

The ESC volunteer will participate in an On-Arrival and Midterm-Seminar. He\*She has the opportunity to participate in a 4-week German language course.

## **Live Culture**

The coordinating organizationis, together with all european volunteers, organizing an intercultural series of events. As a volunteer you will think about organizing an intercultural event connected to inclusion and exchange topics, such as presenting your home country, or doing cooking or sport activities together, and much more.



# Volunteer profile:

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- At least 18 years old
- Interest in pedagogical work, especially circus pedagogics
- Preferred: experiences in circus disciplines or circus pedagogics or any other pedagogical art or sports (theatre, parkour, ...)
- A lot of energies to spend with kids and in everyday physical activities
- Interest and some experiences in working with children and youngsters
- Good knowledge of English, basic skills in German will be helpful
- High motivation to learn German
- Having an accredited sending organization (PIC number, accreditation number, name and contacts on sending organization)



# How to apply:

Please send the following documents until 14.12.2022 to:

[evsawokarlsruhe@gmail.com](mailto:evsawokarlsruhe@gmail.com)

- CV
- MOTIVATION LETTER: Please describe in your Motivation Letter:
  - Why you want to work in a circus and what is your motivation for that kind of work?
  - Do you already have experience in circus, pedagogics, arts, sports?
  - What will be your biggest challenges in a year abroad? How do you handle them?The letter should be concentrated on the project, otherwise, it will not be considered.
- INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SENDING ORGANIZATION: Name, PIC number and contact dates of your Sending Organization. We cannot consider candidates without sending organization. You can have a look after you apply.

**Important on your application:** We are not interested on high qualifications, millions of certificates, presidents, queens or kings. We are usually selecting positive and creative young people ready to "offer" and learning in cooperation.  
Please only apply to the email specified above. Extra application will not be considered.

related links: [www.aktion-und-zirkus.de](http://www.aktion-und-zirkus.de)

