

Call for Volunteers at Caritas Upper Austria INVITA

(Oktober 2021/February 2022)

1. VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: Caritas Upper Austria INVITA has different projects, that are looking for volunteers. The volunteers will support our Activity Groups and Assisted Living groups in Engelhartzell and in the near surrounding in Engelhartzell. The accommodations for all volunteers are situated in Engelhartzell. The volunteers, who will support our groups in the near surrounding in Engelhartzell will commute to and from the project group with our shuttle service or via a provide car.

Total volunteer opportunities at invita: 10

- **5 volunteers (location: Engelhartzell, Project Start: February 2022)**
 - 1 project place at the Activity Group “Laundry Shop”
 - 1 places at the Activity Group “Beschäftigung 1”
 - 3 places at the Assisted Living Groups
- **1 volunteer (location: Haibach ob der Donau, Project Start: February 2022)**
 - 1 project place at the Assisted Living Group
- **1 volunteer (location: St. Ägidy, Project Start: October 2021)**
 - 1 project place at the Activity Group „Pamingerhof“
- **1 volunteer (location: Waldkirchen, Project Start: October 2021)**
 - 1 project place at the Activity Group „Wimm/Waldkirchen“
- **1 volunteer (location: Waldkirchen, Project Start: October 2021)**
 - 1 project place at the Assisted Living Group „Moserhof“



Engelhartzell



Haibach



Mitterndorf



Moserhof



Pamingerhof

2. OVERVIEW CARITAS UPPER AUSTRIA INVITA

In the beautiful countryside of Upper Austria – just next to the Danube – in a small village called Engelhartzell – the headquarter of Caritas INVITA is located. INVITA is part of the Caritas Upper Austria, and **attends to people with psychological and physical disabilities** in living, working and educational interests. The overall aim is to include people with disabilities into the society and to enhance their autonomy in daily life. The offer of INVITA to its clients is based on the principals of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Disabled and on the Upper Austrian Equal Opportunities Act.



Staff and Clients at a Summer Party

INVITA’s clients are female and male grown-ups, with different psychological and physical disabilities. We offer to our clients living opportunities at the Assisted Living Groups and work opportunities at the Activity Groups, as well as Mobile Care. The volunteers will support the team on the groups in their daily work for the clients. Each team has a teamleader, and the size of the team varies according to the need of the clients. The team consists of qualified staff members, with proven qualifications and professional experience in the field of working with people with psychological and physical disabilities. Some groups also get support from trainees, civil attendants, and other volunteers.

3. THE PROJECTS

ASSISTED LIVING GROUPS: This are the groups where our clients live. Volunteers in the Assisted Living Groups support our staff in their daily work routine. The daily routine is to support our clients to run their household, prepare food, support with dressing, cooking, writing, reading, talking,



Gemma from Spain

cleaning, etc. Also typical maybe to accompany clients to their work places, and to accompany them during their leisure time (e.g. taking a walk, out- and indoor activities, handi-craft work, etc.). For detailed description of each groups see



Dinara from Russia



the profil sheets “Steckbriefe” of the groups.

ACTIVITY GROUPS: This are the groups where our clients work. The daily routine is to support our staff and clients in their work environment and their activity tasks and given chores. Depending on a client’s condition the tasks will vary. For detailed description of each groups see the profil sheets “Steckbriefe” of the groups.



Armagan from Turkey



Enver from Turkey

OWN PROJECT: The volunteers are invited to bring in their own ideas, set up projects within their project groups and/or together with the other volunteers. Whatever the project idea is, we will try to support to realize it.



GERMAN LESSONS: Every volunteers, who has no sufficient knowledge of the German language will take part in the arranged German language course (level A1). Volunteers are also asked to proceed with learning the German language via the OLS (Online language support).

NATIONAL AGENCY TRAININGS AUSTRIA: It is also mandatory for the volunteers to participate at the trainings of the National Agency in Austria (On-Arrival-Training, Mid-Term-Training).

ACCOMONDATION: The accomondations for all volunteers are located in Engelhartszell. Every volunteer will have his/her own furnished bedroom in an shared apartment with a shared bathroom/toilet, living room/kitchen. The shared rooms are equipped with a TV, and free WiFi, washing machine.

FOOD: Caritas INVITA in Engelhartszell has an operational kitchen for the staff and for the clients. You will have the opportunity to get 7 days a week free lunch in Engelhartszell. Those who are at the locations outside of Engelhartszell, will have the possibility to have lunch at those locations on your working days. For breakfast and dinner you have an equipped kitchen in your apartment, to cook on your own or with your co-volunteers.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT: From Caritas invita you will receive a monthly food and pocket money.

Set up a ESC-VOLUNTEERS FAMILY: Right from the beginning it is very important, that you set up good forms of communication with each other, a good social network with your co-ESC-volunteers. You should see yourself as part of the ESC-Volunteers-family. You will spend your

time together, live together, socialize together, share commons and differences, support each other, etc. Also to be self-motivated, and self-reliant will help in different aspects.

THE LOCATION - ENGELHARTSZELL:

To give you an idea about where Engelhartzell is: it is about 56 kilometers from Linz, the capital of Upper Austria and about 29 kilometres from Passau, Germany. The place where you will be accommodated, Engelhartzell or “Ezell” (how we call it), has about 1.000 inhabitants



Engelhartzell

and is a village in the countryside, just next to the Danube. It may be small but especially for lovers of the countryside and the outdoors it has plenty to offer. Engelhartzell has a few shops, a supermarket, a doctor with an in-house pharmacy, a fire department, a police station, an emergency medical service, and a lot of air to breathe.

By car, the next bigger cities are about less than an hour drive away. Passau (Germany) is within 29 km, Upper Austria's capital Linz is 56 km away. In these cities you will find malls, movie theatres, nightlife, etc. Smaller cities are Peuerbach or Schärding. Engelhartzell has also a public transportation system (buses), which runs on a regular basis on weekdays to Linz or Schärding, and on a reduced schedule on weekends/holidays.

COMPANY CAR/BICYCLES: Volunteers will have the possibility to use our company car for leisure time activities on the weekends. Therefore it is necessary, that the volunteers are in possession of a valid driving license class B, that they have driving experiences, and are also able to handle a car with shift gears. We also have some bicycles that you can use, if needed.



ESC-Volunteers 2019

PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL STABILITY: As you are volunteering in the field of people with physical and psychological disabilities, and as you are also facing a new culture, a new language, a new surrounding, new people, different challenges – **it is MANDATORY, if volunteering for INVITA, that you have physical and mental/psychological stable health conditions!**

We are looking forward to your application, if you are motivated to spend one year volunteering at Caritas Upper Austria INVITA!



