
ERASMUS+

PomCoop - Long-term EVS in Greifswald



Greifswald

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About Kultur- und Initiativenhaus Greifswald/ STRAZE:

After many years we have finally got there: since December 2013 the house dubbed the STRAZE, an abbreviation of its location at 10-11 Stralsunder Straße, belongs to us! A hotbed of ideas for Greifswald and the surrounding region; much-needed space and independence for people and groups, who want to make a difference; a house at the centre of things in geographical and social terms for the town and local region. What happens here will be noticed by the general public and will definitely have an impact.

We are a loose amalgamation of initiatives and individuals, both adults and children. Some of us have been living in Greifswald for many years, others are more recent arrivals. We are involved in local affairs: in youth work, refugee support networks, human rights initiatives, environmental groups, in the arts and the culture sector, and in local politics

About the EVS-Project:

Being a volunteer at our association (Kultur-und Initiativenhaus Greifswald e.V.) means to work with many different people on very different projects. Your exact weekly schedule depends on no one but you!

Accordingly we are looking for a volunteers who identify themselves as a teamplayer but also have no problems with working on their own. You will have a lot of freedom to implement your own projects and make your own learning experiences.

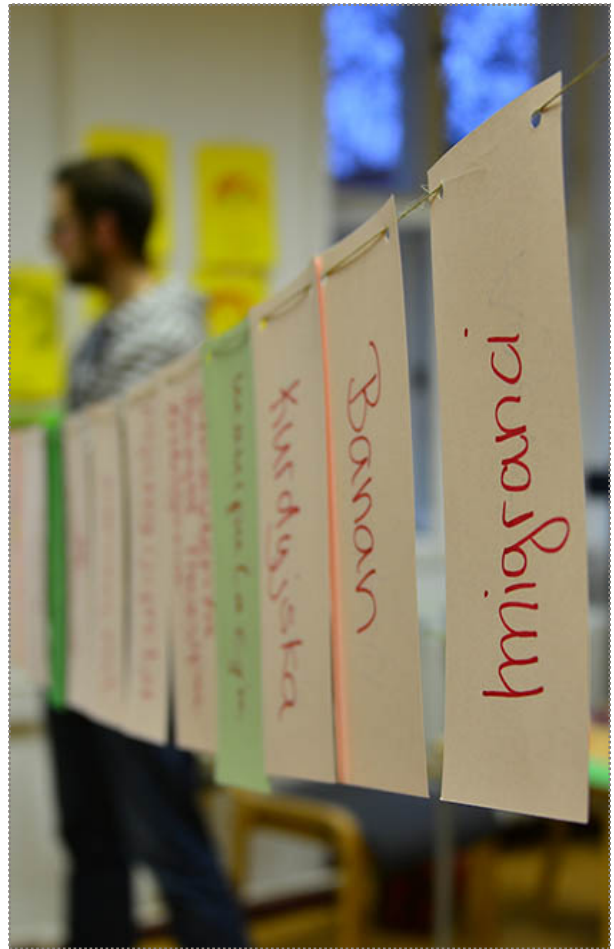
At the beginning of your voluntary service you will have a „getting to know phase“, in which you will be introduced to the different projects we work on and different people you might work with. Your tutor will explain how we work and answer all your questions. You can get to know the different fields of work by staying at each project for a couple of days.

Here are some of the tasks for volunteers at our association, you can choose from when you are in Greifswald:

- **Youth club** – in a small team you help to prepare meetings for young people in Greifswald or Anklam (small town 30 km from Greifswald). The programme of the meetings is focusing on alternative consumption and Do-it-yourself culture.

- **Project days** – we work with schools and youth groups on a regular basis. Applying a participatory and learner-focused methodology we look at topics of global justice (e.g. migration and asylum, human rights, international trade and fair trade). You are welcome to be a part of this.

It is mandatory to take part in a one-week preparation course in October in order to do „project days“.



German-Polish Workshop



Straze

- **STRAZE: Our house** – we bought a house and now we are rebuilding it. A group of people is taking care of the reconstruction process sharing different tasks. If you want to, you can help with constructions, fund-raising or public relations

- **Polish-German voluntary service in the Pomerania region** – civil society activities and volunteering should not stop at the borders of nation states! You can help us enlarging our network in Szczecin and the West Pomeranian Voivodeship and implement cross-border cooperations and projects.



Turbina Pomerania Team, Greifswald

About Greifswald:

Greifswald is a small town (around 50.000 inhabitants) in the north eastern part of Germany. It is located close to the Baltic Sea and the Polish border. Greifswald is a university city, about 12.000 young people study all kinds of subjects at the local university. Although it is quite small, there are many things to do in or around Greifswald. Especially in spring and summer it is really nice. There are some interesting event series like "Nordischer Klang", "Polenmarkt" and "Weltwechsel" and a big international students festival, "GrlStuF" every second year (next will be in June 2018).

Because it is small, most of the people travel by bike in the city. You can bring you own one, or we

can organise one for you. By bike you can also explore the surrounding of Greifswald, which is very nice as well. In summer you can go for a swim in the "Greifswalder Bodden", which is part of the Baltic Sea. Altogether Greifswald is a small but lively city, that is worth getting to know!

How to apply?

For your application we need the following information:

First name:

Surname:

Gender:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Adress:

E-Mail:

Phone:

Nationality:

Language skills: (European Reference Framework)

German:

English:

Others:



School project

We also want to know more about you and your motivation.

Please answer the following questions in some sentences:

How can you contribute to the project (experience, interests, skills, knowledge...)?

What is important for us to know about you?

And most important: What is your motivation for the project:

Why do you want to do this project?

Please send your answers to: evs@straze.de

Contact us if you have any questions!

F.A.Q.

WHO CAN APPLY?

If you are between 18 and 30 years old, have not participated in EVS before and are willing to take part in the various activities of our organisation, there are no other premises.

WILL I GET FINANCIAL SUPPORT DURING MY STAY?

During your long-term EVS in Greifswald you will receive pocket money (120 €/ month) and food allowance. You can spend this money on your personal expenses.

CAN I EARN MONEY ADDITIONALLY? CAN I WORK DURING MY EVS?

Sorry, it is not allowed for European volunteers to earn extra money, while taking part in the volunteer service, but you will get accommodation, board and pocket money during your volunteer service.

WHERE AND WITH WHOM WILL I LIVE IN GREIFSWALD?

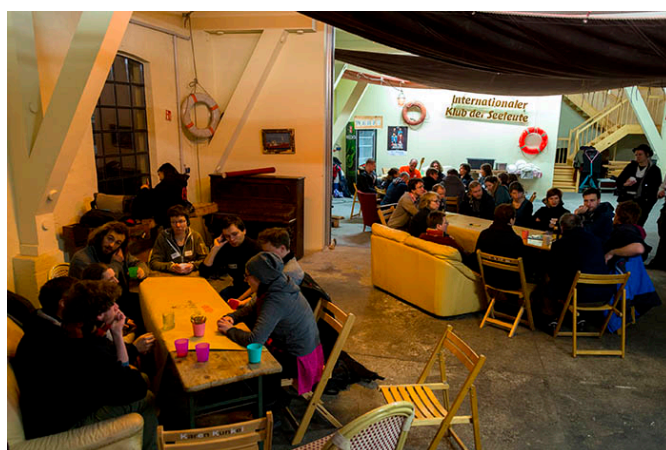
In Greifswald you will stay in a rented flat. You will have your own room but share the flat (bathroom, kitchen and other common rooms) with other people. The kitchen will be equipped with all the necessary items, such as pods, cuttlery, dishes. The rent will be paid by Kultur- und Initiativenhaus Greifswald.

WILL I HAVE HOLIDAYS DURING MY VOLUNTARY SERVICE?

During your EVS you will have two free days per month. You can accumulate these days and have a longer holiday if you want to. Many volunteers and employees in our association accumulate their holidays and travel for one, two or three weeks. Of course you can also take single days off every month.



Youth project



Project meeting

HOW WILL I TRAVEL TO GREIFSWALD?

You will organise your journey to Greifswald on your own. You can choose to travel by train, bus or car. We will pick you up after you have arrived and show you everything. Your travel expenses to and from Greifswald will be reimbursed.

CAN I PARTICIPATE IN ANOTHER EVS?

You can only take part in an EVS programme once. However, there are other volunteering programmes, internship options or study programmes in which you can take part. It is also possible for you to participate in other activities which are funded by the ERASMUS+ programme.

DO I NEED VISA TO TRAVEL TO GERMANY?

Citizens of the European Union do not need visa to come to Germany, other nationalities usually do.

Please contact POLITES (sending organisation) and us (Kultur- und Initiativenhaus Greifswald) if you need visa, we will support your visa application process.

WILL I HAVE A HEALTH INSURANCE?

Yes. If you need medical treatment the expenses are covered by the CIGNA insurance. Your sending organization will enroll you at least two weeks before your EVS starts. Please read the information provided by CIGNA carefully. If you are a EU citizen: please bring your European Health Insurance Card.

Contact information

COORDINATING/ HOSTING ORGANISATION IN GERMANY:

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