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This Work Profile gives you the possibility to know a bit more about our working placements within the ICYE programme.

We ask you to read the following information about our social projects carefully. You can make a selection of the project you prefer to work in and provide your list of preferences to your Sending Organization.

Please, do not hesitate to contact us if you have more questions about the work placements:
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We are looking forward to welcome you here in Brazil!

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ICYE Brazil Team

VOLUNTEERING IN BRAZIL

Volunteering is a unique experience especially when it is done by people who are willing to become involved in another social and cultural reality. In Brazil, most social projects are located in needy/poor communities, where volunteers can participate in social work looking for the benefits of their actions towards those types of communities. Being a flexible, active and dynamic person makes it easier for the volunteer to find more opportunities to become involved at and facilitate his/her adaptation process.

Useful information about the social projects

The candidates coming to Brazil in order to take part in the Long Term Program have to choose and inform the Sending Organization in which placement they would like to work at and why. They should write as much information about their skills, habilities and ideas as possible: in this way, it will be easier for us to place them in a social project according to their profile and preferences.

General information about working in a social project in Brasil:

- All the following work placements have already received volunteers in the past few years, but we cannot guarantee that all of them will be available when you come here. In case your “chosen” social project is not available, we will place you in another project that is the very similar to your first choice, according to your skills, profile and expectations.
- In social projects in Brazil, most people do not know a second language - such as English - and may not be able to help you so much at your arrival in the project... For this reason, a basic Portuguese knowledge (or Spanish) is required in order to get an ongoing communication: the more Portuguese you know, the easier work activities get and the more opportunities appear for you.
- The role of the volunteers in the social project is important. The educators are expecting a volunteer who will be enthusiastic and willing to become involved. As most projects DO NOT HAVE A SPECIFIC ROLE TO OFFER TO THE VOLUNTEER, you should strive, be creative and self-confident to develop you own activities/workshops, always keeping in mind

the responsibility of asking the people involved (project coordinators, staff) about the possibilities of doing such things.

- It can happen that, at the beginning of the program you could feel that there is not so much work to do in the project. This is normal in every adaptation process, because you do not know the work, the children and the educators' staff yet and probably your Portuguese knowledge is not so good. The things will change and get better soon, according to your flexibility and adaptation.
- As said before, most projects are located in the city peripheries or in needy communities. So, you have to be aware of possible dangers when walking around alone in these regions, especially during night time after the work. Always follow the advices that are given to you by your colleagues at work or by us.
- Long Term Volunteers normally will be working about 35 hours weekly, every day from Monday to Friday, with a free morning or afternoon. The projects provide the volunteer lunch at midday and snack during the morning and the afternoon, depending on how long volunteer will be staying at the project.
- An important point about working in a project as part of a team is that you will not receive a special treatment for being an exchangee. You must try to adapt yourself to the real demands of the project and not vice-versa. None of the projects offer any kind of training.
- We are responsible for the costs of volunteer's transportation from the living placement to the project (buses, metro, or sometimes you can go walking). You have to be prepared to catch buses alone, but do not worry because the bus system is a quite efficient mean of transport.
- We will always give you support when it is needed, but we expect that you want to join proposed activities and also will be interested in making your own proposals to develop different activities or workshops once placed in the project.

We are looking forward to meet you soon in Brazil!

LIST OF SOCIAL PROJECTS AVAILABLE



Associação Comunitária Criança Feliz

Location/City: Canoas (about 10 Km from Porto Alegre)

Project Area: Children Care and Education

Target Public: Children

Description:

Criança Feliz is a Non-Governmental Organization is a social philanthropic project born in 1999 in a very poor area of Canoas city, from the efforts of a catholic group of friends. They tried to avoid a big social problem that was the constant presence of children playing in dangerous places, such us on the street and closed to the tracks of the train.

As the general cause was the lack of structures and places in which the children could play and the lack of opportunities for them, the project was born with the idea of giving a safe place in which they could pass the day by playing, doing interesting activities, socializing and developing their selves. The children are between 6 to 15 years old.

The Activities:

The volunteers will be asked to promoted workshops in one of the areas:

Games and recreational activities, Pedagogical area, Artistic area (also music like percussion could be interesting for the children). They also will have to: deal with the preparation of the



material and the spaces for the lesson or workshops; provide support to the children in their activities; participate in the meeting with the children and the staff; occasionally the volunteer will have to participate and help in some trip or excursions, visit some families, help to organize some parties (for Christmas, Birthdays,...).Beyond the personal workshops, the

volunteer will help the educators during the normal recreational and leisure activities organized in the project, such as story telling, games, visit outside the community, informatics lessons, help during the meals and if necessary, in the kitchen.Observations:

Small and very poor project with few resources; the volunteer will have few material available to work with, but he/she will have independence and space to propose some activities.

Casa Madre Giovanna



Location / City: Porto Alegre

Project Area: Education of children and adolescents

Target Public: Childrens and Teenagers

Description:

The project Casa Madre Giovanna was born in 1995 with the objective of receive and support children who used to stay on the streets of Campo da Tuca District, a poor area with many social problems such as child work, adolescent pregnancy and drug abuse. The project has grown considerably since then and counts with a new and better structure since 2000. Nowadays it receives more than 70 children from 5 to 15 years old, divided into 3 age groups and coming from families under risk (drug addiction, lack of male figures at home, strong poverty, etc). The mission of the social project is to help the children from the local community to develop skills, knowledge and values and to give them the change for a better future.



The idea is to avoid children staying on the streets, to stimulate their awareness, responsibility and will to get over the limits of their family situation; they can be reckless but are very sweet and needy for love

The Activities:

The educators try to encourage the skills and interests of the kids through different activities, such as educational and pedagogical activities, music and art workshops, sports, lectures and debates (about social themes, drugs, sexuality, health...), Capoeira and dance, English lessons and the promotion of activities for their inclusion in the community. The volunteers will help the educators during these activities; will participate in the games and sports with the entire group; they will have to



stay sometimes just with a small group of kids, helping them in some specific activities (reading, start to write, homework...) or proposing some new workshops (story telling, simple music, arts, English lessons, sports...). They will also help in the kitchen or with administrative work, if necessary, or visit the families of the children at home.

Observations:

Small and simple project placed in a favela, one of the poorest areas of the city. Good for volunteers who prefer a more “familiar” situation, as the staff is small and very receptive.



Fundação Casemiro Bruno Kurtz / ACM Cruzeiro

Location / City: Porto Alegre

Project Area: Education, youth, children

Target Public: Children and teenagers

Description:

Associação Fundação Casemiro Bruno Kurtz is part of the YMCA organization and since its foundation in 1976 is a charity project seeking to offer a program focused on human, cultural and social development education for children, young people and families from the local community. It offers many activities to kids from 7 to 18 years old, such as sports, music, theatre, capoeira, pedagogical activities, languages, computer and art classes and other manual workshops such as recycling paper, making candles and soaps. It also has in the same structure a kindergarten for little children until 6 years old and organizes workshops for older people.

The team consists in about 25 paid staff, trainees and volunteers (pedagogue, experts on nutrition, social workers, psychologists and administration staff).

The Activities:



To know the project, the volunteers will be initially asked to assist and participate in all the different areas: sports, recreational, pedagogical and artistic area... He/she also will get to know the different age group. Later, according to his/her experiences, skills and project’s needs, he/she will be able to choose to help in some workshops and activities such street dancing, sport, music, capoeira, theatre and corporal expressions, informatics, pedagogical activities, art and painting, ecological workshops...He/she will have the possibility to organize some

personal workshops or activities too (eg. previous volunteers have organized origami workshop, box, baseball, visit to local parks...)

Observations

The project is very organized and big and it was the first one to receive ICYE volunteers: from 1987, it receives 1 to 3 ICYE volunteers every year. Good project for who loves playing sports.



CESMAR – Centro Marista

Location / City? Porto Alegre

Project Area: Education, youth development

Target Public: Children and teenagers

Description:

Founded in 1996, CESMAR is a Catholic Social Centre that provides alternative education and social opportunities for under social risk children and adolescents aged from 3 to 19 years old. Cesmar main aims are to promote physical integrity for children and adolescents, a regular intellectual and emotional growth and a happy childhood in a safe environment; to provide psychological and pedagogic advise: every child and teenager receives professional advice when necessary; to offer learning opportunities through informal education and leisure time activities. The project assists directly about 1500 people, offering to the community also an internet point, library, dentist assistance, legal and psychological support for the families and so on for free. It is a very big social project with many buildings, sports facilities and a good structure, so it can provide many kinds of activities and workshops (sports, informatics, language lessons, dance, art workshops, theatre, ecological workshops, music, capoeira, special trip and so on...). It has a lot of open space, nature and animals, so there are recycling and ecological workshops and children learn to take care of animals; in some special dates, the educators organize dance, theatre or music performances with the children too. Located on the same grounds as Cesmar, there is a marista high school that offers education to about 360 students. The school is the result of a



long-standing demand of the local community . It provides quality education for children and young people in situations of social vulnerability There is also a Technological Education center comprises a part of human development , economic growth, social justice and environmental protection. There are developed various leadership projects and empowerment of young people and adults of the community

The Activities:



Volunteer will assist staff with general non-formal education, being involved in all recreational and sport activities. According to the project needs and the volunteer's experiences and skills, Cesmar offers a wide space of several proposals of activities that can be developed by the volunteer. There is the possibility to give English lessons at the high school. Volunteers with very good language skills and work experience might be able to join projects at the Technological Education center.

Observations

Very big and good structure inside a very poor community, it has many activities of different areas; it gives space to the volunteers (until 2) to organize and propose new activities.



Associação Evangélica Luterana de Caridade – AELCA

Location / City: Porto Alegre

Project Area: Education, youth development

Target Public: Children and teenagers

Description:

AELCA - Associação Evangélica Luterana de Caridade - was founded in 1968 with the name "Casa Lares" and worked in a family house attending 15 children. Nowadays it provides alternative education and social opportunities to more than 150 children aged between 0 and



14 years old who are under social risk and from poor families. AELCA assists and provides alternative education to the little children (0-6 years old) with a program called “Educação Infantil” and to the older children (from 7 to 14 years old) with a program called “Serviço de Apoio Sócio-Educativo”; it also offers meeting point and workshops for youngsters aged from 15 years old.

Many different activities and workshops are regularly organized depending from the age group, such as sports, dance, games, computer and language classes, social assistance and art project activities, with the objective of developing the psychological, affective, cognitive, social and spiritual system of the children.

The Activities:

The volunteer will participate in the daily work of the project like the rest of the staff and he/she will be able to propose his/her own activity/es. He/she could prefer work with little children or the oldest ones, that will means different activities for him/her to do.

Some typical activities developed with the little children will be: assisting and taking care of the children in the basic activities, playing together (simple sports, music, dance...), do pedagogical games (story telling, drawing...) and trips and simples activities.

Some typical activities developed with the older ones will be: participate and help in the existing workshops sports, in particular soccer, help in the homework, create recreational activities and workshops (manual works, chess, percussion, games, music...), do English and informatics lessons or special events and trips.

Observations :

Nice project that give the possibility to work with babies, children and young people.

Centro Diaconal Evangélico Luterano - CEDEL

Location / City: Porto Alegre
Project Area: Youth, Education, Children
Target Public: Children and teenagers



Description:

Centro Diaconal Evangélico Luterano - CEDEL, is a philanthropic project born in 2000 and based on the social and assistant work with about 100 children and adolescent from 6 to 16 years old. The mission of CEDEL is to contribute to the global development of the society, with a

learning based on respect, love, autonomy with responsibility. The objective is to develop educational processes and actions which can transform the local culture in a no-violence culture and to strengthen the familiar and communitarian ties of children and families living in the area, all in social risk situation. CEDEL provides a safe space in which the children are listened and stimulated to reflect and interact. Children who study at school in the morning, stay in CEDEL in the afternoon and vice versa: they are attended through a program called Programa de Serviço de Apoio Sócio Educativo (SASE); there are other two programs turned to integrate the families and the local community: Núcleo de Apoio Sócio Familiar (which support more than 40 poor families) and Telecentro (informatic centre open to the community).

The Activities:

CEDEL offers alternative education through different activities, such as informatics, language lessons, sports and games, art workshops, dance... All these activities want to permit to children to understand the importance of autonomy, of sense of responsibility and cooperation, to exercise their citizenship. Beside the normal activities, there are several projects in which



the volunteer will be able to participate and help: Citizenship and computing school; Environmental Education; Bio-dance; bring the kids to a Tennis Project; Integration among schools; gardening; increase the self-confidence through sport (depending to the semester). He/she will also be asked to promote workshops in one of more areas: Sports and recreational areas (in particular tennis and soccer), music (singing, playing instruments, dance, theatre...), arts (drawing, painting, handcraft...), language and informatics lessons.

Observations

The only project close to the city centre; good for active volunteers, it has many workshop possibilities.

Movimento Escola da Vida



Escrevendo o amanhã.

Location / City: Porto Alegre
Project Area: Education, Children
Target Public: Little Children

Description:

Movimento Escola da Vida is a Non-Governmental Organization originated upon the initiative of a social educator who, in 1984, started to gather poor kids in the streets of Porto Alegre and to teach them how to read and write. By doing this, she was not only helping the kids, but she was also aiding the community as a whole, since the parents of those kids gained time to look for jobs, pursuing to end their unemployment condition. Escola da Vida (School of Life) has been moved to a new and bigger structure in 2007. Nowadays, the project aids over 80 children from 2 until 6 years old, working as a kindergarten where needy kids from the community spend the whole day so that their parents can go to work. The school also promotes, on Saturday, formation of young people, organizing educational workshops of assistance and professional orientation as well as handcraft workshops for women. Today the main goal of the social project is to develop awareness that the support to the needy people is an essential component to a better society, in which people can live together within a more supportive and peaceful environment; an important objective is to develop the psychological, affective, cognitive, social and spiritual system of the children.

The Activities:

The children receive in the project food, attention, love and can participate in activities appropriate for their ages, such as drawing, painting, dance, games, corporal expression, simple language classes, art project activities, trip and visits to local interesting places.



The volunteer will take care of the children during these activities but also in the daily moments (distribution of meals, teeth brushing...), will play together (games, body expression, simple sports, music, dance...), help in the pedagogical games (story telling, drawing, plastiline...) and participate in the activities and workshops in which his/her presence is necessary. Working with the older children, he/she will also work with sport, English and informatics lessons, manual works, etc. The volunteer will be able to propose his/her own

activities too.

Observations

The project is a kindergarden placed in a simple structure in a very poor area, it only receive very poor children from problematic families.



Centro de Formação Teresa Verzeri

Location / City: Esteio (about 20 Km from Porto Alegre)

Project Area: Education, Children

Target Public: Children and teenagers

Description:

The Teresa Verzeri Project is a non-profit institution aiming to provide social assistance to children, teenagers and their families within a needy community. The mission is to develop a social-educational process, promoting a dignified life, aiming the plain exercise of citizenship through values such as respect, cordiality, justice and charity. The project was created in 1999, taking into account the need for pedagogic and psychological assistance showed by the local kids and, at the same time, the lack of such initiatives in the area. The institution is placed in a big structure and assists on average 150 children from 2 to 13 years old, offering many kinds of workshops and activities (music, sports, games, pedagogical support, beauty workshops, dance...).

The project has a regular activity very important for the ecological consciousness and musical skills too: children learn to create musical instruments with rubbish and recycling objects and to play music with these instruments ("Som Na Lata"); it also provides computer classes to young people from 14 to 24 and develops a wide range of workshops – such as hair dressing and serigraphy – for younger, besides promoting monthly meetings with the families for psychological assistance.

The Activities:

The volunteer will be mainly involved with the daily activities and workshops promoted and he/she will get to choose the area in which prefers to work; he/she will also have the necessary space and support from the project to implement his/her own project, in order to



promote a more enriching experience for both volunteer and kids. The project is waiting for someone able to give flute, drum, piano, percussion or guitar lessons; he/she has to be interested also in the work with musical instruments built from recycling materials, with theater or dance, with pedagogical support (games, homework...), English lessons, health and beauty workshops (to teach how to take care of themselves...), sport and recreational games.

Observations

Great project for who desires to work in music area, as it has an interesting course and internal music band.

Clínica Esperança



Location / City: Northern Porto Alegre

Project Area: Children, Health

Target Public: Children and teenagers; kids with HIV or health problems

Description:

It is a charity project founded in 1997 that works as an orphanage and provides a house, cares and a new family for kids who have big personal and social problems (abuses at home, drugged mother, father in jail...); some of the children also have health problems (HIV, physical problems, or mental disorders...).

It is actually hosting about 30 kids, from 0 to 15 years old, who are waiting to be adopted or to return to their families, when possible.

The little children stay all day long there, as it works as a kindergarten too; the older children attend school part time and the rest of the time they have activities at the project or outside.. The



staff is considered as a family by them. The project is open all day long; it has a simple structure, with a big building with common spaces, rooms for activities and meetings, kitchen and dining room, bedrooms and the kindergarten; outside there is a little park and open space to play. It is located in a poor community about 40 min from city center by bus.

The Activities:

Volunteer basically assists staff in day care and supervise children in their daily activities, games, studies and meals; the children live at the project so it is important to make them feel good and well accepted, to listen to their histories and needy, to play with them. The project needs a volunteer who could create and develop some activities alone (inside or outside) with cheap materials: it could be with sport, games, reading histories, proposing simple art works, sing, dance... any kind of activity is welcome!

Observations

The volunteer needs to have patience, maturity and not to be afraid to work with children with health problem and HIV. As it is an orphanage/home, there are also moments without activities, in which the kids just stay together (the volunteer cannot expect a rich programation with many workshops).

Educandário São João Batista

Location / City: Porto Alegre

Project Area: Education for disable children

Target Public: Disable children and teenagers



Description:

Especialized centre that provides education for disabled children and adolescents (physical and mental) in Porto Alegre. The project wants to provide support for disabled children and promote the ideas of independent life philosophy and social approach to disability. Some children sleep in the centre during the week. It is located up south of Porto Alegre. It takes about 45 minutes to get there by bus from city center. There is place for 1 volunteer work around 25-35 hours per week.

The Activities:

Volunteer will assist the children during the recreation and the games time and he/she will help in workshops such as music (piano and guitar), arts, alternative communication workshops, simple language classes, special movement activities (in the swimming pool), recycling paper and handcraft activities, according to volunteer's skills.



Each child needs individual attention and care: the volunteer will be asked to help individually a child to

learn, paint, read, write or play a musical instrument, to do a game to develop the physical coordination, etc.

Observations:

The volunteer must have a commitment to education of disadvantaged children and will need patience, maturity and responsibility to realize the work with these special children.



Integração dos Anjos

Location / City: Porto Alegre

Project Area: Education, youth development

Target Public: Children

Description:

Integração dos Anjos is an organization founded in 2005 aimed at the development of the children from needy communities. It works as an informal and complementary educational environment that stimulate the kids to develop abilities and skills, providing them support and assistance.

There project receives 60 to 80 children from 6 to 15 years old, divided in two big age groups (6 to 9 and 10 to 15 years old): in these groups, the educators promote pedagogical and recreational activities. Volunteers (local or international) can promote workshops according to the projects needs and resources.



The children who study at school during the morning stay in the project during the afternoon and vice versa; all are from poor communities close to the project. There is also a kindergarten with a good structure, where the little children from 0 to 6 years old receive assistance all day long so that their parents can go to work (only female volunteers are accepted in the kindergarten)

The Activities:

The volunteers will participate in the educational activities and sports, helping the educators; in particular, it could be interesting if he/she likes football, as it is the favorite sport that the children always want to play. Very welcome are volunteers who would like to realize one or more workshops like building and playing with recycling material - Music, percussion, dance, theatre - Games (inside or outside) and sports.



Associação Legato

Location/ City: Canoas (about 10 Km from Porto Alegre)

Project Area: Inclusion of People with Disabilities through Art

Target Public: Children from 2 years on and Youth (physical/mental disabilities)

Description:

Associação Legato is an organization aimed at inclusion of people through art. In order to create opportunities, this association was established in August 2008 for the community. The Legato Association with projects aimed at inclusion of Persons with Disabilities through Music, Dance and Theatre. It consists of children, youth and adults who are or are not included in canoense community, Porto Alegre and the Metropolitan Region. It's President Renata Flores da Silva, who has a degree in music from UFRGS and specialist in Relational Psychomotricity and since 2000 has served as a major supporter of the inclusion of People through art. There is an inumeros number of activities and workshops offered tu the kids.

The Activities

Program and activities:

WORKSHOPS and TRAINING to prepare the teens for the labor market (from 16 years old). In the morning - Preparation for the Work for 20 teens with low disabilities. Afternoon – activities for 15 kids with medium disabilities.



ADAPTATION and REHABILITATION through Art (kids from 2 years of age) Afternoon- workshops for about 25 kids with diferent disabilities and difficulties in school learning; Arts Group (performances and shows with handicapped kids and monitors and teachers to promote the integration) and Arts Workshops; Educational Service with

Specialists. Activities to reinforce the Health and Environmental awareness and the Integration into the local community, Groups of parents (to share experiences and to learn a job)

Activities the volunteer could do: English lesson, Culture, activities that promote the Socialization, Arts workshops (music, theatre, dance, acrobacy), stimulation for the achievement of autonomy.

Observations: The volunteer must have a commitment to education of disadvantaged children and will need patience, maturity and responsibility to realize the work with these special children.



Centro Franciscano Pedro Chaves Barcelos

Location/City: Alvorada (about 10 km from Porto Alegre)

Project Area: Children Care and Education

Target Public: Children and Teenagers

Description:

The Franciscan Center Pedro Chaves Barcellos began its activities on July 25, 2005 and it is maintained by the Charitable and Literary Society of São Francisco de Assis. Zona Central - SOCALIFRA. It is located in Alvorada.

The Franciscan Center acts as a charity, providing social assistance services with the communities of São Pedro, Piratini, Tijuca and others located near the institution.

The main aim of the program is to offer the people that receive Social Assistance effective quality care which provides the training of the beneficiary through structured team planning. To enable the pursuit of autonomy and fight in defense of life, opposing the social risks and the social reality in which the individuals are inserted.

The Activities:

The volunteers will be able to attend the groups and will help the educators to minister their classes and their workshops.

Each group has a reference educator and a specific work schedule matching the children and teenager's development step.

Beyond their activities with the reference educator, workshops as informatics, crafts, dancing, music, sport, English, graffiti, serigraphy and audio-visual are also offered. Nonetheless, optional workshops are offered (weekly given by specific teachers): dancing, painting as anime and mangá, percussion, table tennis, music, art and decoration.