

Host Project Description – European Solidarity Corps	
<i>Name of the coordinating organisation</i>	ICJA / ICYE Germany
<i>PLANNED STARTING DATE</i>	5.October 2022-4.October 2023
<i>DURATION</i>	12 Months
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<i>Name and address of the project placement</i>	Stephanus Stiftung, Albertinenstr. 20, 13086 Berlin Location: Margarete-Steiff-Haus Activity: Assistance in a residential group for children and young people or in a residential group for adults with disabilities
<i>Activities of the project organisation (aims, objectives, actions)</i>	The Stephanus-Stiftung (Stephanus Foundation) is a Protestant charitable foundation that runs over 80 social welfare institutions and residential projects in Berlin and Brandenburg. We offer housing and support for people with disabilities – to children, youth, elderly and families in need. We are active in the fields of education, work, support and recreation. The nonprofit company "Stephanus gGmbH Wohnen und Assistenz - Living and assistance" is part of the Stephanus Foundation. The company offers housing and support for children, youth, adults and elderly people with disabilities. The inhabitants normally live there lifelong and therefore pass through different stages of living and support with us. The Stephanus-Stiftung wants to make a contribution towards achieving more equality for people with disabilities in their everyday life while creating more awareness of cultural as well as human diversity, also partly through their work with (ESC) volunteers since 2011.

<p><i>Description of the community the project is situated in</i></p>	<p>The volunteer will work in the Margarete-Steiff-Haus, a residential facility for adults and older people with disabilities in the Weissensee district in the northeast of Berlin. The traffic-calmed location and the proximity to the lake offer a high quality of living and, at the same time, good mobility thanks to an excellent connection to the public transport network. Many parks and green areas characterize Weißensee, the White Lake with a lido, many open spaces, multi-family, and many single-family houses. More and more young families are settling there because it is quiet and yet close to the center. There is a heterogeneous population structure. Stephanus gGmbH "Living and Assistance" sees itself as an important element of the urban quarter and has been linked to many people in the quarter as a center of life and work since it was founded. There are various sports clubs, cinemas, shops around the nearby Antonplatz, churches, and cultural associations. The going-out areas of Prenzlauer Berg (cafes, clubs, theaters, etc.) can be reached quickly and easily by bike or public transport. Berlin itself is a city that offers a wide range of opportunities for cultural, sporting, international, and political life. Berlin, the capital of the Federal Republic of Germany, has approx. 3.7 million inhabitants, of which approx. 1.3 million have a migration background. The city is surrounded by large forests and water areas that offer a lot of relaxation and nature.</p>
<p><i>Description of the tasks of the volunteer in the project</i></p>	<p>The volunteer will be deployed in our "Margarete-Steiff-Haus" residential building. 16 children and adolescents and 16 adults with intellectual disabilities between 5 and 45 years of age live there (children and adolescents live here up to 21, adults usually their entire life). In the sense of inclusion, the volunteer supports the residents of a residential group in everyday life to enable them to live as normal as possible and to participate in society in a variety of ways: The 8 residents live as independently as possible and take care of themselves, everyone has his / her own room. The residents should be accompanied and supported in this process and their everyday life, especially in situations in which they cannot cope independently. Here it would be nice if the volunteer would support the care staff. This includes leisure activities, household chores such as assistance with eating, shopping, and cooking, help with everyday activities such as getting up, getting dressed and undressing, evening activities, etc. Depending on their age and disability, residents also need support with light physical activities such as walks and mobilization. The volunteer will not support hygienic measures. The appropriate specialist staff is available for this. In addition, practical life activities such as cooking, baking and gardening, and creative and musical activities are funded. It would be nice if the volunteer could accompany a vacation trip. We welcome a variety of ideas for spending free time in the afternoon and at the weekend. These offers can be in the creative, sporting, or cultural areas.</p>
<p><i>Required skills and interests of the volunteer</i></p>	<p>The <i>Stephanus Foundation</i> has the following expectations towards the volunteer's required skills and interests: - motivation to work in the project</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ready to work and live with people with mental disabilities (experience in this field would be welcome but not necessary) - willing to take responsibility and work independently - be prepared to work in individual care and support - basic knowledge of the German language would be an advantage - reliability and punctuality
<i>Working hours, working time:</i>	The volunteer will have different working hours: Generally, two to three-shift times are possible: early shift (approx. 7 am – 2 pm); Afternoon shift (approx. 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.), and weekend shifts. The shifts can be coordinated with the volunteer, depending on the possibilities and interests. He/she will generally not do night shifts. The weekly working time is 30-35 hours. Two days a week are off. Vacation should be discussed with the team.
<i>Training and support for the volunteer</i>	There is an English-speaking mentor, responsible for answering any questions and supervising the volunteer's work. The volunteer can take part in the regular training for staff members. The project has a lot of experience with German volunteers and has been a host project for the European Voluntary Service for several years.
<i>Pocket Money</i>	The pocket money will be 5 Euro/day in monthly payments.
<i>Public Transport</i>	The volunteer will be reimbursed for the costs of a monthly public transport ticket.
<i>Description of the accommodation</i>	The volunteer will be living in an apartment (2 rooms, kitchen, and bathroom) at the project. Maybe the apartment has to be shared with another volunteer or intern; each one gets a single room.
<i>How will the food arrangement be?</i>	The volunteer will receive food at the project.
<i>International travel costs</i>	The volunteer will receive financial support for the travel costs from his/her place of origin to Germany and back. The amount depends on the distance travelled. Travel distances from 500 km to 1999 km: 275 Euro, from 2000 km to 2999 km: 360 Euro etc.
<i>Insurance</i>	The volunteer will receive health insurance, third-party liability insurance and general accident insurance via the group insurance of the European Commission.