

Host Project Description – European Solidarity Corps	
<i>Name of the coordinating organisation</i>	ICJA / ICYE Germany
<i>PLANNED STARTING DATE</i>	1. September 2022-31.August 2023
<i>DURATION</i>	12 Months
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<i>Name and address of the project placement</i>	Stephanus Stiftung Katharina-von-Bora-Haus Albertinenstr. 20 13086 Berlin-Weißensee Homepage: www.stephanus.org
<i>Activities of the project organisation (aims, objectives, actions)</i>	<p>The volunteer will work in the Katharina-von-Bora-Haus, a residential project for people with disabilities run by the Stephanus Foundation.</p> <p>The Stephanus Foundation coordinates over 80 institutions all over Berlin and Brandenburg for people with disabilities, children and youth, and older people. It offers social services, such as living and care, educational workshops, a day-care center, a school, an elderly home, a gym, and a large garden. The Katharina-von-Bora-Haus offers diverse living and support opportunities for people with severe disabilities. Six residential groups are living in the KvBH, with eight residents each. The residents are between 25 and 82 years old. Still, most of them are older people with severe physical and mental disabilities, e.g., dementia, in need of a lot of care.</p>
<i>Description of the community the project is situated in</i>	<p>The Katharina-von-Bora-Haus is located in Berlin, in the district Weißensee. The North of the city center, Weißensee is characterized by the various park and green areas, a lake named Weißensee and its swimming station, open spaces, and many well-conserved buildings and single-family houses. More and more young families move here as this area is calm, green and close to the center. There are different sports clubs, cinemas, shopping possibilities at the nearby Antonplatz as well as churches and cultural associations. Prenzlauer Berg, one of the night-out areas with pubs, clubs, cafes, etc., is close and easy to reach by bicycle or public transport. Berlin itself is a city that offers a huge variety of cultural, sportive, international, and political life.</p>

<p><i>Description of the tasks of the volunteer in the project</i></p>	<p>The volunteer will support the staff in one of the residential living groups. About eight mostly elderly residents live there together as independently as possible. The volunteer will assist them in situations where support is needed: offering and supporting leisure activities such as playing music or guidance when going shopping and helping in their daily activities such as getting up and getting dressed. Due to their age and disabilities, the residents also need support for light physical activities such as walks and mobilization/physio. Additionally, the volunteer will support housekeeping/domestic chores like grocery shopping for the group, helping in the kitchen, cooking, and handling laundry. The volunteer will not be working in the field of hygiene. She/he is welcome to propose ideas for free time activities, according to the residents' possibilities (creative or cultural activities). The volunteer will not be working night shifts. The first and second language course will be considered as working hours. In case the volunteer desires to join an additional language course during work hours, he/she has to consult the project before registration. Vacation days have to be approved by staff and the director.</p>
<p><i>Required skills and interests of the volunteer</i></p>	<p>The Stephanus Foundation has the following expectations towards the volunteer's required skills and interests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - motivation to work in the project - ready to work with people with mental disabilities (experience in this field would be welcome but not necessary) - be open to work in a responsible, independent way - be open to living with people with disabilities - be prepared to work in care and support - basic knowledge of the German language would be an advantage - reliability and punctuality
<p><i>Working hours, working time:</i></p>	<p>The volunteer will work in shifts regularly, also on weekends. The morning shift lasts from 7:00-14:00, while the evening shift lasts from 14:00-20:00. Weekly working hours are 30-35; Two (usually consecutive) days per week are off.</p>
<p><i>Training and support for the volunteer</i></p>	<p>A mentor is responsible for answering any questions and supervising the volunteer's work and who speaks English. The volunteer can take part in the regular capacity training for staff members.</p> <p>The project has much experience with German volunteers. It has been a host project for the European Voluntary Service for several years now.</p>
<p><i>Pocket Money</i></p>	<p>The volunteer will receive 5 Euro/day as pocket money in monthly payments.</p>
<p><i>Public Transport</i></p>	<p>The volunteer will be reimbursed for the costs of a monthly public transport ticket.</p>

<i>Description of the accommodation</i>	The volunteer will be living in one apartment (2 rooms, kitchen, bathroom) in the living home. Maybe he/she has to share this apartment with another volunteer or intern; each one gets a single room.
<i>How will the food arrangement be?</i>	The volunteer will receive food from the project
<i>International travel costs</i>	The volunteer will receive a financial contribution to his/her travel costs from his/her place of origin to Germany and back. The amount depends on the distance traveled. For travel distances between 500 km and 1999 km: 275 Euro, between 2000 km and 2999 km: 360 Euro, etc.
<i>Insurance</i>	The volunteer will receive health insurance, third-party liability insurance as well as general accident insurance via the group insurance of the European Commission (free of charge for the volunteer).