

Community Service Program in Denmark

Examples of hosting projects

Børnehuset Æblehaven (kindergarten)

The Børnehuset Æblehaven is a combined nursery/kindergarten, and it has a high proportion of immigrant children and children of underprivileged people.

The volunteer activities will be adapted to the qualifications and interests of the individual volunteer and he/she will be working together with one of the staff members who will support and guide him/her when needed.

It will be possible for the volunteer to assist both in the kindergarten and the nursery.

We believe that the volunteer position at our institution offers the volunteer the opportunity to learn about Danish kindergartens and the philosophy on which daycare centres for children in Denmark are based.

The volunteer is very welcome to make his/her own activities with the children, and we will do our best to help and support the volunteer so that the stay with us will meet his/her expectations.



Lodging and boarding

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Kirkens Korshær (organization helping vulnerable people)

Kirkens Korshær is a major non-profit church organisation.

The branch in Sønderborg has a meeting place for lonely or homeless people and four second hand shops which raise money for their work to help vulnerable people.

The volunteer will work both at the meeting place and in the shops and generally help the staff and other volunteers.

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Øster Skoles SFO (after-school care)

Øster Skoles SFO is an activity club for pupils at the primary school (Østre School) which they can attend in the afternoon after school finishes.

The activity club is in conjunction with the government primary school "Øster Skole". There are approx. 75 pupils in the age of 9 to 12 years. The club is divided into two sections but all the pupils spend the time together. It is voluntary for the children to attend the club after school.

The staff offer various activities and many activities are started at the initiative of the children. Such activities can be playing games, playing ball, role plays, club evenings, swimming, cooking and eating around the outdoor fire place, making sweets, going on trips, sewing, knitting, playing music, playing in the gymnastic hall and computers. Only the fantasy (and finances) set the limitations to what we do and many activities are done by the children themselves with the supervision of staff. Our primary concern is that the children are having a good time and develop their social skills. Our aim is that our children develop into independent human beings who treat each other in a proper way.



The volunteer will take part in the various activities at his/her own choice, and hopefully start new activities on his/her own initiative with input from the children. All the people working at the activity club help each other so the volunteer will receive the proper support.

The children have just started English classes or have already had English in the school for one year. Some of the staff do not speak English very well. However, we hope that the volunteer will talk a bit of English with the children. After some time we expect that he will naturally also talk Danish which will further facilitate his/her integration in the club.

The contact person will be in daily contact with the volunteer but in addition to that the contact person will aim to have a weekly conversation with the volunteer regarding the work and progress and an in-depth talk after the first 4-5 weeks.

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Tandsbjerg Plejehjem (Nursing home)

Denmark is quite renowned for its approach to care of the elderly and the volunteer will get a unique opportunity to get to know the Danish aged care system in depth.

Tandsbjerg offers a number of services to elderly, such as:

- a nursing home with 48 residents.
- assistance to elderly living at home (personal hygiene, medication, nutrition, cleaning, etc)
- activity centre and a day center

The volunteer will primarily work in the activity center and daycenter for elderly and handicapped people and people with Alzheimer. There will also be an opportunity to assist the nurses and help in the physical training activities.

This volunteer position requires a relevant education and/or experience, e.g. in the field of aged care or health care.

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Projects at Danish Folk High Schools

The Danish Folk High Schools offer non-formal adult education. Most students are between 18 and 24 years old and the length of a typical stay is 4 months. Students sleep, eat, study and spend their spare time at the school. There are no academic requirements for admittance and there are no exams - but students will get a diploma as a proof of your attendance.

Performers house (folk high school)

Website: www.brandbjerg.dk/

Performers House is a modern Danish folk high school. With its exceptional scope and an unique cross cultural international environment, the school offers the best opportunities to develop personal and professional skills. The working language of the school is English. We are aiming for a student ratio of 55% Danish to 45% from the rest of Europe.

Beside that Performers House organises local and international cultural activities -such as performances, concerts, festivals, workshops, master classes etc.



The volunteer will participate in performances produced by the students, as a technician, organiser etc. In the organisational work the volunteer will have specific tasks and responsibility towards artistically productions, festivals, etc. done by the students and/or cultural activities and/or public performances organised on and by the Performers House.

The volunteer will be involved in cultural networking activities. That can imply making contact and connecting cultural and/or individuals to the Performers House network.

A typical working day:

On a typical working day the volunteer will take part in classes and follow the teacher in lessons in the morning, in the afternoon there will be practical tasks and other work in relation to public performances and concerts on our stage. And in the evening the volunteer can take part in courses like language, sports, music and so on together with the students. The normal working week will not extend more than 37 hours.

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International People's College (folk high school)

Website: www.ipc.dk

The study program of IPC offers a wide range of global issues and classes. We focus on world politics, but stay independent of religious or political ideologies. The main idea of IPC is to bring as many different cultures together and to create dialogue, understanding, interest and mutual respect in a world, where tolerance is a necessity and diversity is an adventure.

As a rule we have students from several dozens of countries, for example: Australia, Bangladesh, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ethiopia, France, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iran, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Nepal, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Uganda, USA, Uzbekistan, Vietnam or Zambia.

Teachers and staff come from a variety of countries too: Bosnia, Canada, Cuba, Czech Republic, France, Lebanon, Denmark, Hungary, Japan, Mexico, Philippines and Sweden.



To a large extent the tasks of the volunteer will depend on the interests and abilities of the individual volunteer. However, your tasks may include:

- arranging social events for the students in cooperation with the staff
- giving the students information about your country and cultural background
- socializing with the young Danish and international students to give the students an intercultural experience
- assist the teachers in areas of education in which you have a special interest
- assist in the kitchen – perhaps making food from your home country?
- help with practical work in the gardens and fields of the school
- generally help the staff at the folk high school
- taking part in an international course of interest

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Vestjyllands Højskole (folk high school)

Website: www.vestjyllandshojskole.dk

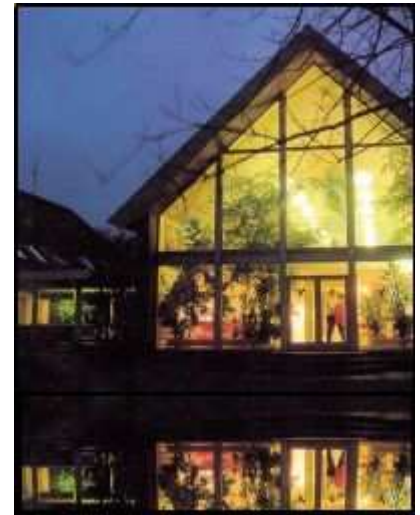
A stay at a folk high school means a meeting between many different people. You are together with people from all parts of Denmark and the whole world at Vestjyllands Højskole. You will meet a team of strongly committed teachers, who meet you as equals and give you challenges.

The mission of the school:

1. The creation of new social and cultural networks between Danes and foreigners through courses in ecological gardening and the use of ecological products in the kitchen.
2. Strengthening the knowledge in the local community about the importance of good food in relation to health and healthy living.
3. Creating an ecological research and display garden that will inspire to form the basis of a new way of living.

There are 8 teachers and various guest teachers at the school with different educational backgrounds e.g. actors, designers etc.

Vestjyllands Højskole is situated in the unique - beautiful, but also rough and powerful - nature in the Western part of Jutland. We are surrounded by Ringkøbing Inlet, The North Sea, moors, plantation, but are still close to the county capital of Ringkøbing.



As most of the participants are girls, we prefer a male volunteer and the volunteer must have a great interest in organic farming as well as like to use his hands.

The volunteer will learn how the unique Danish concept: "Danish Folk High School" works by participating in the the daily life at the school.

The volunteer will work in the ecological display garden where he will do both garden work and assist in our ecological building project.

The volunteer will also have the opportunity to participate in a folk high school course of his choice together with the students.

As the programme is quite intensive, there are often activities at the High School also in the weekends. If the volunteer works during the weekend, he will have time off at another time during the week.

The average working hours per day will be about 7-8 hours.

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Nordjyllands Idrætshøjskole (folk high school)

Website: www.nih.dk

Nordjyllands Idrætshøjskole is a folk high school for young people and it specializes in all kinds of sports.

The tasks of the volunteer will to a large extent depend on the interests and abilities of the individual volunteer. However, your tasks may include:

- arranging social events for the students in cooperation with the staff
- giving the students information about your country and cultural background
- socializing with the young Danish and international students to give the students an intercultural experience
- assist the teachers in areas of education in which you have a special interest
- assist in the kitchen – perhaps making food from your home country?
- help with practical work in the gardens and fields of the school
- generally help the staff at the folk high school
- taking part in an international course of interest



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Brandbjerg Højskole (folk high school)

Website: www.brandbjerg.dk/

Brandbjerg Højskole is a folk high school specializing in arts, music and sports.

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However, your tasks may include:

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- giving the students information about your country and cultural background
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Vrå Højskole (folk high school)

Website: www.vraahojkskole.dk

“Vrå Højskole” educates young people between 18 and 30 years.

We offer:

- School line: Among other subjects: Danish as a second language
- Design and Textile: Preparatory course for a tailor education at a technical college.
- Photography: Everyone can take a picture. Making photos must be learned.
- Music: We have the facilities for all kinds of music, including digital recording

We often have concerts, lectures and other arrangements in the evenings.

Activities for the volunteer:

- Different kind of practical work such as helping in the kitchen, cleaning, gardening etc.
- Being a part of the students group. The volunteer can choose one of our main subjects
- Participating in the Danish classes (min. 6 lessons pr. Week) with other foreign students from Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania and Russia

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