

Voluntary Year in Monument Preservation and Care

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European Solidarity Corps (ESC)

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Working field: restoration and preservation of historic parks and gardens

The Voluntary Year in the field of restoration and preservation of historic parks and gardens had been initiated by the German Foundation for Monument Protection (Deutsche Stiftung Denkmalschutz). It is carried out since September 2009 by the International Youth Community Services (Internationale Jugendgemeinschaftsdienste – ijgd).

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One year in our project as part as an ESC-volunteer offers the chance to work at the interface of the preservation of cultural heritage, conservation and environmental protection.

Activities of the volunteers:

- Locate historic parks paths and their restoration, maintenance
- Reconstruction of historic water systems and water features
- Reconstruction of park architectures, reconstruction of sight line
- Brickwork, paving, natural stone work, woodwork
- Gardening and park care tasks
- Handling of a power saw, string trimmer,...

Participants of ESC receive:

- monthly pocket money and maintenance costs (currently approximately € 513)
- free participation in 6 seminars (ESC + additional seminars)
- Health insurance through HENNER
- free arrival and departure from / to homeland
- free accommodation
- The ESC starts on 1st of September and lasts one year, till 31st of August next year. A later start and earlier end is also possible.
- It is a full-time occupation mainly outdoors in the castle park.
- Every participant is entitled to 26 days of holidays.

Seminars:

30 Days divided in 6 seminar weeks over the year with workshops and lectures by experts as well as a language course and workshops on regional history and cultural and economic background and excursions accompany the voluntary service.



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ijgd has been organising volunteer service programmes since 1949. We are an independent, non-profit association for international youth work, a recognised independent youth welfare organisation and one of the largest and oldest volunteer service organisations in Germany. Each year we assist around 5.000 young people into volunteer work in Germany and abroad. We give them the opportunity to be creative, act in solidarity, take responsibility for themselves and discover their own potential and strengths. Our principles: Ecological learning, voluntary contribution, self-organisation, social development, intercultural learning, gender equality, anti-racism/antidiscrimination and political education.



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