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»kulturweit« Program Description

Program Objectives

»kulturweit« is an international cultural volunteer service for young adults. »kulturweit« is a project of the German Commission for UNESCO and is financed by the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

»kulturweit« offers young people the opportunity to become active in the Foreign Cultural and Educational Policy of the German Foreign Office. »kulturweit«'s primary objective is to enable intensive educational experiences for young people. Through their voluntary commitment, the volunteers support the partner institutions implementing the Foreign Cultural and Educational Policy.

Program Structure

The German Commission for UNESCO is responsible for and coordinates the »kulturweit« volunteer service. »kulturweit« is realized through its partner organizations in the Foreign Cultural and Educational Policy domiciled in Germany. Participants in the program include the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the German Archeological Institute (DAI), Germany's international broadcaster *Deutsche Welle* (DW), the Goethe Institute (GI), the Pedagogical Exchange Service (PAD), the Headquarters for Primary Education Abroad (ZfA) and the German Commission for UNESCO (DUK).

The »kulturweit« volunteer service is based on the "Voluntary Social Service Year" as defined by the Youth Volunteer Services Act (*Jugendfreiwilligendienstegesetz; JFDG*). As required by this regulation, the German Commission for UNESCO takes out insurance for the volunteers and pays all social security insurance contributions. All volunteers moreover receive € 150 in monthly spending money and an additional € 200 monthly grant toward food and lodging.

Profile of Volunteers

To apply, applicants must be at least 18 but no older than 26 years of age. They must have completed their Abitur (and thus be qualified to enrol in a German university), or have obtained a high-school diploma (Haupt- or Realschulabschluss) in combination with a completed formal vocational training. All applicants must live in Germany and speak German at a native-speaking level.

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