



Information on IB Volunteers

The Internationaler Bund (IB: <http://internationaler-bund.org>) is one of the big manager operators of youth, social and educational work in Germany. Its main principle “MenschSeinstärken“ (empowering humanity) is a motivation and orientation for its almost 14.000 members of staff in its offices in 300 areas in Germany. They accompany annually 350.000 children, young people, adults and elderly people on the way to a sovereign life.

In the area of North Bavaria during the volunteer social year FSJ (Freiwilliges Soziales Jahr) we serve approximately 250 young people from within the country and from abroad. Apart from this, we offer young people from Germany the opportunity to do voluntary work abroad: Within the frame of **our programs for voluntary work abroad, IB VAP** (Volunteers' Abroad Programs) approximately 80 young adults annually complete an international voluntary service. Our team consists of five social workers for pedagogical support and an administrator. We have all been active in the sector of international voluntary service for a few years now and, thus, we are both linguistically and interculturally capable. We like working in an international environment and we are proud of the great collaboration with many different partner organizations all around the world!

You can find more information about us and our work on <http://ib-freiwilligendienste.de/mainnavigation/freiwilligendienste-im-ausland/information-for-partner-organizations> and www.facebook.com/ib.vap.

Until now we have mainly been working with the programs, weltwärts und IJFD, sponsored by the German government and in this context we offered young people between the age of 18 and 27 a voluntary service for 12 months.

However, we realized that there are other people who are also interested in voluntary work abroad: many young adults are interested in a voluntary service of less than one year. Also many people above the age of 27 would like to travel abroad, significantly contribute to an organization and through this experience they get to know the country and the people in a different way compared to a trip they would take as tourists.

Due to the high demand of these groups, we are now developing a new project that will cover these needs. The new project is called **IB Volunteers** and it is targeted for individuals that are at least 18 years old.

To carry out the project IB Volunteers, we are now looking for partner organizations that will be interested for the above mentioned target groups or for one of them. This is why we are turning to you and we wish to give you some background information so that you can decide if cooperating with us would be of your interest. We would be happy if we can both provide awesome experiences for the volunteers and at the same time make possible for them a form of support for their work!

Selection of the volunteers

Interested volunteers should contact us and we will forward the application to you. You will decide yourself which volunteers will come to you!

Duration of the service and desired characteristics of the volunteers

The age of the volunteer, the minimum or maximum duration, the time of the year they will come to your organization as well as the experience they will bring with them are all to be decided by each partner organization and the selection criteria are to be agreed with us.

Fields of activity of the volunteers in your organization

Also, the fields of activity that the volunteers will be active in are to be determined after agreement. This, for example, can be support in animal care, in the public sector, in environmental projects, working as caretakers or other activities. When it comes to looking after and accompanying people, we examine together the frame and which activities would be suitable as this is a very sensitive type of work.

Accommodation and meals for the volunteers

The accommodation and the meals for the volunteers are provided by you as the host organization. There are many opportunities, for example you may accommodate the volunteers in your organization, provided that they fulfill the appropriate conditions or in a guest house. We will happily provide advice.

Costs for the volunteers, for you and for us

For the project IB Volunteers we do not have any financial support from the Federal Government or other departments that support the service so the volunteers are responsible for their own expenses:

- The volunteers are passed on from us to the host organization abroad (that means you!) and they individually prepare for their service. For this and for other activities (see below) there are personal and material costs that we charge the volunteers as a participation fee.
- The volunteers also pay for the flight costs, if necessary for visa, possible vaccinations and other costs that may arise.
- In case there cannot be free of cost accommodation and meals from your part, they will have to be included in the participation fee of the volunteers. Also, possible expenses for transportation of the volunteers or the guidance of the volunteers are all included in the participation fee. For these costs we calculate a maximum **amount of 500 € per month**.
- If your organization does have the financial background we would like to encourage you to pay some pocket money for the volunteers. Paying pocket money is not obligatory but would be an appreciation for the volunteers. Pocket money is paid directly by the organization to the volunteers.

All costs that may arise from your part will be paid to you from us. The volunteers sign a contract with us and they pay the participation fee to us. We transfer an amount to you that will be needed to cover any expenses that arise from the residence of the volunteers in your organization.

Our services:

We offer the following services to you and to the volunteers within the frame of the project IB Volunteers:

- Secured quality: As a certified sending organization with a quality stamp we have long-term experience in the sector of international voluntary service
- Individual consulting, personal contact person from the IB VAP-Team
- Intensive preparation of the volunteer for the service
- Abroad insurance, health insurance, insurance against civil liability and accident insurance for the volunteers
- Emergency number (24/7) for crisis and emergency situations for the volunteers

I would be very happy if this offer sounds interesting to you! Let's think together if and how we can work together with the IB Volunteers.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Kathrin Leo