

## EVS Volunteering in Denmark – Nicolai for Børn

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- Hosting organisation: Nicolai for børn - <https://nicolaiforbørn.kolding.dk/>
- Location: Kolding, Denmark
- Deadline: 14/07/2017
- Activity start: 01/02/2018
- Activity end: 01/08/2018

### Context

Nicolai Kultur is a unique cultural complex in the heart of Kolding city. It is situated in a 19th Century latin school complex and renovated by acclaimed architect Dorte Mandrup.

It consists of 6000 square meters surrounding the old school courtyard.

As a cultural complex, Nicolai functions as an incubator for cultural production in the city. We facilitate the creation of new cultural practices, as well as taking a central role in Kolding's self-image as a city of design and culture.

Nicolai is a comparatively small organization with 8 permanent employed people and 15-20 part time employees.

The complex is striving towards:

- Encouraging attendance of cultural activities ( we want to stimulate people to come to cultural events)
- Engaging citizens in actual decision-making (we want citizens to take ownership of activities happening in Nicolai)
- Material co-creation (we want to make events together with citizens)
- Creating communicative publics (we want people to meet and talk)
- Individual/social empowerment (we want people to engage)
- Social inclusion (we want to include people and create the sense of being part of a community)

Our activities covers a wide range of cultural and artistic expressions, within all age groups.

6 buildings create the indoor possibilities of the complex.

1. The Cinema (Nicolai Bio is an art cinema, also housing a small café).
2. The Archive (Stadsarkivet is the local archive, preserving local knowledge and artefacts).
3. The Children's Cultural House (Nicolai for børn is a unique attraction for children and their families).
4. The Art Exhibition (Kunst & Design is an exhibition hall for professional arts and crafts).
5. The Stage (Nicolai Scene is an acoustic stage with primarily classical program).
6. The Young Entrepreneurs (Bygning 5 is facilitating events and activities with, by and for young people aged 15-35).

The courtyard is our 7th space, being used for outdoor activities, as well as a public recreational space for the citizens in Kolding.

### About volunteering at Nicolai for Børn

When volunteering at Nicolai you will be working alongside cultural coordinators, artistic personnel, and cultural professionals of all kinds.

You will have the opportunity to develop and facilitate your own projects within Nicolai's existing framework, working from a perspective of co-creation and design thinking.

Specifically we are looking for a volunteer to take on the task of creating cultural events in our beautiful courtyard, directed towards a younger demographic aged 15-35. With Kolding being an international student city, we are looking to attract students from abroad as well as locals to our events in Nicolai, and let our courtyard specifically, be the natural meeting point and melting pot for the wide range of young people in Kolding.

*Nicolai is the place for meetings in open air*

*Its where your go for the unknown cultural experience*

*Where you can get a free concert with the stars of tomorrow*

*Where you can see an exhibition you didn't know existed*

*Where you can encounter art and cultural productions, alone or with friends*

*Where local volunteers create cultural productions for the citizens of Kolding*

You will be able to work alongside our cultural professionals in Nicolai Kultur as well as our friends from culture- and student organizations in the city.

As part of your introduction to the complex, we will also introduce you to some of the cultural organizers in the area, giving you a solid foundation for you to develop your own courtyard projects.

We are looking for a volunteer to join us in the period from February-July 2018. We imagine that projects in the courtyard will commence during the spring from around April or May, with the possibility of creating a largescale event before departure in July.

We are hoping for around 3-5 events planned during the volunteers stay.

The courtyard projects can take any shape or form, though the following guidelines should be taken into account:

- The events should relate to the demographic aged 15-35.
- The events are open air, and thus subject to changing weather conditions.
- The events should embrace co-creation and design thinking, with a primary focus on cultural and artistic expressions.

Together with applications for the volunteer position at Nicolai you can admit general ideas for your courtyard projects, though it is not mandatory.

As part of the project we will give a thorough introduction to the cultural life of the complex as well as Kolding as a whole, from which to start generating specific ideas for events.

Tell us about your work until now, your general ideas on culture and expressions through art, and what you believe makes a cultural event worth visiting.

We are looking for a volunteer that;

- Brings a creative mindset
- are able to work independently
- have a mature understanding of work ethics
- wants to create events and activities for the larger public
- wants to know more about the inner workings of cultural structures and event planning
- are comfortable communicating clearly in English.

Any questions about volunteering at Nicolai Kultur can be send to:

Cultural Organizer, Jacob Galtung-Melchior (+45 79 79 10 05 / jacga@kolding.dk)

In order to apply please fill out the application form attached and send it along with your CV to [maria.palmvang@afs.org](mailto:maria.palmvang@afs.org) as soon as possible and before the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017. If you have been shortlisted for the project we will contact you for a skype interview before the 21th August 2017.

- *Regards, Maria Palmvang, EVS Coordinator at AFS Interkultur.*