

EVS Volunteering in Denmark – Middelaldercentret

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- Location: Nykøbing Falster, Denmark
- Deadline: 14/07/2017
- Activity start: 02/05/2018
- Activity end: 31/10/2018

The Context

The Medieval Centre is situated near the town of Nykøbing Falster, app. 5 km. from town centre, in a partly rural/forrested area. The town of Nykøbing has some 35.000 inhabitants, Infrastructure consists of roads, busses and train. The travelling distance to Copenhagen is app. 135 km. The area around Nykøbing is a popular holiday area in summer. Nearby is found a large area of holiday cottages and camping areas. The Medieval Centre is a self-containing foundation, financially supported by state and county authorities. The Centre has some 50.000 visitors p.a. The foundation of the centre states a duty to perform research in early technology and craftsmanship, and to present the results to the public. The Medieval Centre is a non-profit institution, dedicated to the research in and educational presentation of 14th century urban culture in Denmark. Physically, the centre consists of a reconstructed medieval town, in which the educational work takes place as re-enactment – by staff dressed in reconstructed clothing and houses, acting as medieval people. The work is widely dependant on voluntary work, but has a number of regular employees. Educational work takes place from May to September every year, but research is performed the entire year round. Events at the center include knight tournaments, knight shows, trebuchets, canon and bombards, markets, midsummers eve, autumn Vacation activities as well as private events.

Tasks

The Centre expects the volunteers to take an active part in the daily educational work, dressed in reconstructed clothing and acting as citizens of the medieval town. Informal training will be provided as needed, and the volunteers may among other things be required to take part in tournaments, demonstrations of siege engines, and similar activities – depending on the personality and abilities

of each individual. The work at the centre will provide the volunteer with an indepth knowledge of medieval life in Denmark and at the same time it will give the EVS volunteer the possibility of developing a wide range of abilities and experience within the various areas of activities of the Middelaldercenter. It's important that the volunteer understand that the work at Middelaldercentret is only practical. We have no tasks in the administration or any academic work to offer the volunteer. In between the activities we expect that the volunteer work with some of the handcraft we show the guests. The volunteer can choose between dying, rope making, sewing or carpenting. The volunteer have the possibility to help prepare the horses for the tournament. A typical working day will be from 9.15 am to 16.15 pm and the volunteer will also do occasional work at weekends. However, the working week will not exceed 35 hours per week.

The work in the medieval town is team work, it's important that everybody can rely on each other, so it demands responsibility to the work and the tasks which is given.

Criteria and how to apply?

We expect the volunteer to be flexible and willing to try different kinds of work. The volunteer must be openminded, curious and interested in learning more about nature and history. The volunteer must like to spend time outdoors, as many of our activities are outdoor activities. The vounteer must be able to speak English at a conversational level and willing to learn Danish (Scandinavian).

In order to apply please fill out the application form attached and send it along with your CV to maria.palmvang@afs.org as soon as possible and before the 14th 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.*