

Anton

My name is Anton and I'm 18 years old. I come from Germany (near Hannover) and finished school last summer. I grew up in a big family with three younger sisters and practised a lot of different hobbies: karate, theater, art, working as a circus teacher for kids, playing piano, taking part in musicals... So I had NO idea what to study after school. But since I always wanted to go abroad after school and the EVS was a really cheap opportunity, I decided to take part in the program.

I actually wanted to go to Spain and already had a project, but it was unfortunately not approved by the Spanish National Agency. So Denmark and the Ungdomsskole here in Brønderslev was my "emergency solution". BUT: It is incredible how much I already gained and learned! Of course it really depends on the own initiative, and surely enough there occurred at some point problems where I wanted to skip the program. But it is worth to get through the tough times, because the kids show me that they appreciate my work and ideas. It really helps not to live in comparison to the other volunteers and their clubs, and to just focus on your own stuff and projects.

The Ungdomsskole and "my" Fritidsklub in Brønderslev are really AWESOME, because it is really hyggeligt and I feel absolutely comfortable. The organization is top and you have the feeling that they are really reliable (compared to my Spanish project), so I am really glad to have been chosen as an EVS here in Brønderslev! Tak for det!



Jessica

Hi! My name is Jessica and I am from Spain. I decided to be a volunteer because I always wanted to live and work in another country for a while. Furthermore I really wanted to get some work experience in media and this was a great opportunity to do it because I work in TV Ungdom recording and editing video. I also wanted to broaden my horizon and to get into an intercultural exchange with people from different countries.

The process of adaptation was facilitated thanks to my tutor and coordinator, who were always ready to help me and answer all the questions I had. That's one of the greatest things, you are never alone and there is always someone you can talk to, no matter if it's your co-worker, flat mate, or other volunteer.

This project allows me to practice my skills, to develop according to cultural differences, but also to face my weaknesses and my mistakes. It also helps you to appreciate new things in life, adapt yourself to new situations and to learn a new language. You will also make new friends and visit a lot of great places around Denmark and other countries next to Denmark. I learned a lot about other cultures and languages since I am here. It is such a great experience meeting so many different people from different countries, exchanging experiences and getting to know their cultural traditions.

I think that the most memorable thing was all the absolutely wonderful, friendly, hospitable and helpful people I met.

I highly recommend this experience if you are an openminded and active person. It is totally worth it!!



Alexis

Hej ! Jeg hedder Alexis jeg kommer fra Frankrig. In fact I don't speak Danish so I will follow in English. I'm 22 years old. Before to come here, I worked in an insurance company « La Macif » I handled physical claims. Step by step this life bored me so I decided to move to another country but I didn't know which one. I was just sure I would like to go to a Nordishs country because the culture attracts me.

I finish my job contract the 31th of August and I had no plan for the time after. But in the middle of July, my French coordinator asked me if I was interested in a project in Denmark.

I said why not let's go and I got a phone interview with the Danish coordinator in English but I didn't speak English neither Danish so it was so hard to understand everything. I just remember my interlocutor telling me « Can you promise me to improve your English before to come here ».

But I didn't and when I came here it was exciting just the language barrier was hard. Also this problem was incredible because I used another way to communicate with people like trough my body language and I understood i can do lots of things without the language, just being open minded and being patient.

Now after 5 months I speak English currently, of course it's not perfect but I can share with other people. It was one of my goals when I came here because I wished to speak English.

My project consist to work in a youthclub with kids between 8 and 16 years old. Also with a Danishs colleagues. My colleagues are nice because they help to adapt me and to improve my English. I wasn't alone at the beginning so it's perfect and I learnt a lot about myself and there is more to come.

Step by step I learnt about this culture and I like the solidarity, the « Hygge » things, and drink beer. Of course at the beginning Danishs peoples keep distance because they are very shy. Don't care about that because if you come here means you want to discover people and to discover the country so you will travel and met lots of foreigner and other EVS people ! So my adapt skills help me lots of.