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# European Solidarity Corps Volunteering



## VOLUNTEER AT FREE MONTESSORI SCHOOL STAMS

 Stams, Austria



15. September 2025  
- 10. July 2026

 for EU residents



apply by 29. June 2025, 23:59

# Your Hosting Organisation: *Freie Montessorischule Stams*

Freie Montessorischule Stams is a small private school with a **self-directed learning** focus for about 40 children, ages 6-17. The children are free to **independently choose** their activities in accordance with their individual development plan. There are no evaluations, no grades, and no exams at our school. The school does not offer regular classes.

The activities of the children in our school are based on fulfilling their own development plan. For the younger students this means mostly free play. As they get older, their needs change the wish for a more structured time arises in order to reach their goals. We support this process and reflect together what is needed for their success. During this process we respect the child's individual pace and inner developmental plan.

The students are attended by three teachers with their main function being the observation of the children engaging in their activities in order to get a picture of their development. Most of the time the teachers stay in the background and help only when asked. In the afternoon the teachers have team meetings or talks with the parents and reflect upon the daily observations, interventions where necessary and changes in the children's development.

Instead of classrooms and classes we provide and continuously adapt a **'structured environment'**. This means that the children can choose from different materials and activities arranged in structured rooms. The teacher's role is to ensure that the purpose of each room remains clear and that the children remain relaxed and connected. This happens through rules and conflict support as well as through interactions with other children. At our school there is a room for language and Mathematics, a room for creativity, a project room with a library, diverse materials and work tables, a kitchen, a room for movement, a workshop room, a role playing room, a music room, and a big garden with its own fire place and sand box.

— FREIE MONTESSORISCHULE —  
STAMS

Hosting Organisation

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# Your Tasks & Activities

The volunteer will be engaged in a variety of tasks and activities,

## YOUR MAIN TASKS



- Observation of the children & reflection of the observations in the afternoon with the teacher team.
- Organisation and preparation of learning materials.
- Maintenance and adaption of the school and its garden.
- Workshops and activities in the mother tongue of the volunteer.
- Independent activities designed by the volunteer.
- Simple administrative tasks.
- Support during school trips and excursions.
- Participation in the parents training programs.
- Participation in the activities organised by CUBIC.

Working hours with children are from 7:45 till 12:30. Team meetings take place in the afternoon. At the beginning you will have the possibility to observe how the school works with and to get to know the team. **In our school the children are the focus.** The activities of the adults are oriented towards the children's interests and development. The teachers and the volunteers stay in the background.

You will work five days a week, for around **35 hours a week** including a **German language course**. There will be a weekend, this means two consecutive days off every week. You will have your vacation days during school holidays. National Holidays are free days for you.

You will receive a **public transport ticket** that allows you to discover beautiful Tyrol. The school is located close to the train station and the journey to Innsbruck takes about 30 minutes.

## Your Profile

You can apply for this project, if you legally reside within an EU country. For this position people **between 18 and 30 years** are eligible. You must be available for the project full time. (You must not study, work, be in training or any other side occupation that keeps you from volunteering.)

We are open to host volunteers with different backgrounds and especially encourage participants who face challenges in their lives to send their application.



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## WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO HOST A VOLUNTEER WHO

- wants to work in a school that has self-directed learning for children of ages 6 to 17 years
- is willing to work within an educational framework without grades and learning pressure
- is interested and wants to get to know another culture and its people
- has initiative and can share their ideas, values, and abilities
- is motivated and would like to learn German (and Tyrolean German dialect),
- brings her or his own culture and interests into the project,
- is ready to volunteer for 10 months starting in September 2025.





## *Project funding & Lead Organisation: Verein CUBIC*

The lead organisation of this project is **Verein CUBIC**. CUBIC coordinates eight volunteers in the region of Tyrol at seven hosting organisations and oversees the administration, finances and the quality control of the project. CUBIC organises wide-ranging group activities for all volunteers about once a month (like a radio show, evaluation meetings, a charity cooking event etc.) These group events are part of the volunteering project and you should be prepared to **participate in all these activities**.

The duration of this project is **10 months**, expectedly **from 15. September 2025 until 10. July 2026**. We ask you to be committed to participate the whole duration, it's important for the project, your own learning development and for the hosting organisation!

CUBIC has submitted this project to the Austrian National Agency. As we are still waiting for the funding contract (grant agreement), these dates may change. However, we are optimistic, due to good experiences in the past. The EU, CUBIC and Freie Montessorischule Stams will finance this volunteering project. The only possible financial contribution that you may need to make is a small share of the **travel costs**.

The responsible coordinator is ready to answer open questions and to prepare the project with the hosting organisation, you and the Supporting Sending Organisation. The coordinator's name is Armin Mayr: [armin.mayr@cubic-online.eu](mailto:armin.mayr@cubic-online.eu) (send applications to Freie Montessorischule Stams, not to Armin!).

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Lead Organisation



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## *We support you*

You will have regular meetings with your **internal tutor, external mentor and with the hosting organisation** to talk about the wellbeing or about the project activities. In the hosting organisation, you will receive orientation and support for the activities from the main responsible person **Hanna Levy** and once a week there is an individual conversation with one of the teachers in the team

The lead organisation CUBIC will hold **regular group meetings** with all volunteers in Tyrol in order to share experiences, give support to one another and to stay connected. The Volunteers are involved in common projects and will receive a **language course**. You will get to know other volunteers from various countries and will be invited to participate in occasional free-time activities.

At the end of the project, we will evaluate together with you and look at what you have learned and which competences you gained and as a result, you can fill in the Youthpass certificate.

## *Location, Housing & Finances*

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Stams is a municipality in Inntal in Tirol with about 1500 people, for the daily needs there is a supermarket, a bank, restaurants and a train station, the next bigger town is Telfs and Innsbruck, both can be reached with the bus or train within 10-40 min. Stams is surrounded by mountains and nature. Local people speak a German dialect ("Tirolerisch"). The majority of people in Tyrol can speak English, especially young people.

Freie Montessorischule Stams will provide a room in a shared flat in Innsbruck. You will be provided with a **ticket valid for the public transport** in the region of Tirol. Additionally, you will receive sufficient monthly **food money** and EUR 6,- per day of **pocket money**.

# How to apply

To apply, send an e-mail with **your CV and the Application Form** directly to the hosting organisation.

**Contact person: Hann Levy**  
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The **deadline** to apply is 29. June 2025 at 23:59.  
Only complete applications via e-mail will be considered.  
Please do not apply online via the Solidarity Corps Portal!

The selection phase will start after the deadline and the final decision will be taken about two weeks later by the hosting team. Hanna Levy will be in contact with the ones that kept the deadline so please keep checking your e-mails. A selection will be contacted and arranged Skype or Zoom calls will be made.  
All applicants will be informed about their status.

*Embrace the challenge.  
Meet inspiring people.  
Try new things and learn for a lifetime!*