



*I am learning a lot of things about my self, and an opportunity to do the things I really liked to do. Got the time to think, discover my passion for cooking and self sustainable energy and figure out how to proceed in life.
(Allen Francis from Vadodara. India)*

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Voluntary service in Germany with CEE and KURVE Wustrow

*In 2014, two young volunteers from India came to Germany for a one-year voluntary service for the first time.
This programme is being implemented by the "Reverse Group" of KURVE Wustrow –
a group of former volunteers that lived and worked in India , Macedonia or Germany for a year.
In 2022, they will offer this opportunity again. To find out more, continue reading!*

To us, volunteering means...

- ... to work in a non-governmental organisation for human rights, against discrimination and war or for ecology
- ... to make things happen
- ... to contribute something to a better connection between north and south or east and west, to feel this connection directly and to contribute to a world based on more solidarity and justice
- ... to become an ambassador of your way of life and to take your new knowledge and learnings home to your personal environment
- ... to spend some time in a different country, to widen your horizon and to extend your boundaries
- ... to become more self-reliant and to find your own place in the world
- ... to learn something new and use that later on for social commitment or working life

Volunteering with CEE and KURVE Wustrow means peace service!

Basic information

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| Age: | 18 – 28 years old |
| Duration of the stay: | 12 months |
| Departure: | Beginning of August 2020 |
| Application Deadline: | April 09^h, 2022 |
| Date of Orientation Day: | On the weekend of the 16/17. March |
| Application Documents: | Completed Questionnaire and Copy of Passport / Birth Certificate |
| Adress of Sending Organisation: | Center for Environment Education Nehru Foundation for Development Thaltej Tekra, Ahmedabad 380 054 |
| Contact persons: | Madhavi Joshi for CEE and Markus Liebl and Allen Francis for Reverse Group |
| E-Mail Address: | exchange@kurvewustrow.org |

About the Sending Organisation

The sending organisation Centre for Environment Education was established in August 1984 as a Centre of Excellence supported by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India. CEE, a national institution with its headquarters in Ahmedabad, has a mandate to promote environmental awareness nationwide. CEE has been hosting volunteers from KURVE Wustrow / Germany since 2009. In 2015, CEE will act as a sending organisation for the German volunteer service program "worldwards South-North" and cooperates with KURVE Wustrow, which is one of the admission organisations for this program in Germany.

About the Host Organisation and the Reverse Group

KURVE Wustrow - Centre for Training and Networking in Nonviolent Action e.V. was founded in 1980. It envisions a world which is based on nonviolence and which finds itself in a social and ecological balance. Turning concern about violence and military conflicts, ecological destruction and social injustice into deliberate nonviolent action is what it aims to support. This wish is expressed in its slogan "spreading nonviolence" - "Gewaltfreiheit verbreiten".

The Reverse Group of KURVE Wustrow is a group of former volunteers who completed their international voluntary service with KURVE Wustrow during the last years. Their aim is to offer the opportunity to young individuals from KURVE Wustrow's partner countries to participate in a voluntary service abroad similar to the one they have completed in the Global South. Since 2016 a group of former volunteers from India, who participated in the programme, are part of the Reverse Group. The Reverse Group is the main organiser of this programme.

Placements in 2022

One placement is offered by the host organisation KURVE Wustrow itself. It's in the head office, supporting the training unit of the organisation.

One more placement is offered by Freie Schule Wendland, a school that follows an alternative concept of learning.

The next Placement is at Solidaridad, a fairtrade Organisation in Freiburg.

The last two Placements are with Neue Wege gUG, a organisation dedicated to environmental education in Arendsee

For more details on the placements, please see the detailed Placement Descriptions on the website of

KURVE Wustrow under the following link: <https://www.kurviewustrow.org/was-wir-tun/freiwilligendienst/weltwaerts-south-north/placements/?lang=en>



It's a truly unique learning experience, This allows me to interact and See a New Culture from the Inside, and also Helps me to become more courageous, more adventurous and more concerned and aware of the problems facing the world today.

(Hiren Panchal, volunteer from Ahmedabad, India)

Prerequisites: you should...

... have graduated high school, reached a similar level of education or be personally qualified for a voluntary service in some other way

... be able to cope with the general challenges of an extended stay abroad.

... be willing to learn German prior to and during their voluntary service. Furthermore it would be desirable that you have at least basic knowledge in English as this would help communicating in the beginning and also makes the process of learning German easier

... have a basic interest in politics and sustainability, and be conscious about globalization-related issues and the desire to work towards social change

... be able to learn informally and understand the opportunity to learn about another culture provided by this program. Therefore you should have an interest in the type of work the host organization is doing and be motivated to support it

... show tolerance towards other cultures as well as a willingness to understand and integrate yourself into a different one. To support a successful exchange you should be open to share your own culture and reflect upon your experiences.

How to apply

If you are interested in doing a voluntary service in Germany through CEE, please read the description of the voluntary service placement first. If you think that this matches your expectations, fill out the application form, which is also attached to this document. Together with a copy of your birth certificate or passport, please send it to this e-mail address: exchange@kurviewustrow.org by April 09th, 2022.

Based on this application, we will decide whether we will invite you to an Online orientation day.

Orientation day

During the orientation day, which will be held Online, on the 16. or 17. of April, you will

- get in touch with the sending organisation, which organises the voluntary service (together with the german partner)
- get information about the program and the volunteer placements in Germany
- learn about the next steps, e.g. the visa process, preparation seminar, etc.

Also there will be time to ask questions and discuss topics, which are relevant to you. Plus there will be a short interview about you and your motivation for doing a volunteer service, which will also be part of your application.

At the end of the day you will decide if you want to do the voluntary service and which placement you would like to work at. If we also find you are suitable, we will forward your application to that placement.

For more information about the organisations involved, please visit:

- CEE: <http://ceeindia.org/>
- KURVE Wustrow: <http://www.kurviewustrow.org/>

We are looking forward for your application!