



## Internationales Café, Düren

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### Description of the project

The Evangelische Gemeinde Düren is a public corporation and is the largest Protestant congregation in Germany. The congregation is characterized by a very open and broad commitment through professional and voluntary services in the social, cultural, intercultural as well as ecological fields. It is guided by the values of peace, justice and the integrity of creation. This becomes concrete in the areas of work in which volunteers are also deployed:

"Café International" is a meeting place for refugees from the city and district of Düren. "Café International" is coordinated by a full-time employee; the team includes about 8-10 volunteers and interns. The café also serves as a place for low-threshold counselling on the topics of asylum procedures, residence, social welfare law and integration. It is planned to expand the Café International by the end of 2022 so that the services of the neighbouring One World Shop can be integrated and the café can be opened to visitors from the community.

### Work areas and tasks of the volunteers incl. possibilities to bring in own ideas and interests

Café International is an international meeting place. Therefore, we consider it useful to involve staff members with different cultural backgrounds and language skills in our work. Working in the "Café International" mainly involves helping to run the café. Maintaining contact with the visitors is of central importance. In addition, there will be information events and cultural events where the volunteer will work. One afternoon a week, when special activities are organised for women, the volunteer will be involved in childcare. Every day, accompanied homework help is offered for the children of the migrants, and the volunteer is also expected to help with this. In addition, there will be tasks in the area of public relations and various small tasks to support the visitors of the meeting place (e.g. help with applications or help with filling out forms). In order for the volunteer to gain an insight into the department as well as into other fields of social work, job shadowing is possible and desired. Support is also provided if the volunteer would like to design and implement his/her own small projects.

### Special requirements

- Knowledge of German or at least the willingness to learn German
- Motivation and aptitude for work in the social sector
- Openness in dealing with people of different cultural backgrounds
- Willingness to take on responsibility
- Willingness to integrate into a foreign environment
- Independence and the ability to organize daily life on your own responsibility



## Accommodation and infrastructure details

The volunteer is accommodated in an apartment, which is shared with another volunteer (separate and furnished room) and food is provided.

Your living address will be Tivolistr. 80 in 53249 Düren. The way from your living place to the working place which is situated in the center and near to the train station of Düren is about 10 minutes to go.

## How to get there

If you come by plane, you will arrive at Köln/Bonn There you will be met by your mentor.

If you arrive in Frankfurt airport or in Berlin Airport you have to take a train to Cologne, where you will be met by your mentor.

