One Year Voluntary Service with ConAct – Coordination Center German-Israeli Youth Exchange

ConAct – Coordination Center German-Israeli Youth Exchange is the federal organization working in the field of youth contacts between Germany and Israel nationwide. Its main task is to fund German-Israeli youth and professional exchange programs and to advise the organizations during the different stages of the partnership.

The placement

ConAct supports the creation of new German-Israeli partnerships and provides educational tools for the implementation of successful and meaningful youth exchange programs. These programs offer a valuable experience for young people in both countries and which allow social learning processes on an individual and a collective level. Furthermore ConAct administers the federals funds of German-Israeli youth exchange project.

Topics such as commemoration and remembrance, but also identity, diversity, environment or digitalization are only some of the topics which youth groups in Germany and Israel deal with. The Guidebook "Plan Together – Experience Exchange" (www.ConAct-org.de/guidebook) might help you to get a better understanding about topics and dynamics of the German-Israeli youth exchange projects.

ConAct works on behalf of the German Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women & Youth, and is structurally connected to the Protestant Academy in the city of Lutherstadt Wittenberg. ConAct's official partner in Israel is the Israel Youth Exchange Authority in Tel Aviv.



The office of ConAct is situated in the old town hall of the historic city of **Lutherstadt Wittenberg**, famous for its close connection with Martin Luther and the Protestant
Reformation. The city has approx. 50.000 inhabitants. Distance by train to Berlin: 40 minutes.
Distance by train to Leipzig: 30 minutes.





A voluntary service with ConAct from October 2021!

ConAct has had volunteers from Germany since its establishment in 2001 and since 2013 it has been hosting each year one volunteer from Israel. Also this year we are offering a place for an Israeli volunteer which will be available from October 2021.

The voluntary service at ConAct offers the engagement in an exciting field of international youth work between Germany and Israel as well as the involvement in running projects of ConAct (seminars, events, exchange programs etc.). Each volunteer is especially encouraged to create an own project within the scope of our activities and implement it during the year of the voluntary service.

The voluntary position at the ConAct-office will be a combined service at two placements: Four days a week will be spent with ConAct and its running projects. The other day will be at a youth club or community center in Wittenberg, including running daily activities.

Field of activity at the ConAct-office

- Assistance with all public events and seminars offered by ConAct
- Assistance with public relations
- Development of information material

Field of activity at the youth club "Pferdestall"

- Working with children and teens, usually 8 hours per week
- Creating projects (i.e. workshops, music/art hours for the children etc.)
- Helping with logistics (i.e. organizing the center for the children)
- More information: https://www.facebook.com/IB.Pferdestall/

The position requires the following competences:

- ability to work in a small team as well as to work in a self-reliant way
- strong communication skills
- · interest in the topics and dynamics of German-Israeli relations and youth exchange
- · interest to work in an office on a federal level, cooperating with many different partners
- · interest to connect with German people and daily life in Wittenberg
- knowledge or great motivation to learn German

We will support the volunteer from Israel to find a suitable German language course, if required. The volunteer will be provided with hosting, support for food and pocket money.

There are other international and German volunteers living in Wittenberg who work in other placements, so there will be options for connecting initially with other young people in town.

For further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us and refer to:

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