

## **Description:**

The institution is a kindergarden, founded in 1969, since 1993 as independent non profit institution with a capacity of 100 children (82 kindergarden places including 4 integration places and 18 nursery places). 18 pedagogues care about the children. The institution focusses on three main points that are implemented in music pedagogy, a bilingual profile (German-Italian/ German - English) and the religion pedagogy.

The concept of the music pedagogy at the kindergarden is based on the musical development of children and it is chair by two music pedagogues. Period rituals like daily singing, big morning-circle and times for music and rhythm. Furthermore there will be special highlights like church services during the year for special church events, the summer event or visiting concerts (f.e. in the „Gewandhaus“, visiting the oper of Leipzig).

The Kindergarden „forum thomanum“ represents a bilingual organisation with an italien/german and english/german profil. The children will be guide by special assistance for language and they will learn languages by playing, singing and period rituals.

The third focus is based on religion pedagogy and focusses the social environment of children. Special church events durring the year of the catholic church form the work of the religion pedagogues.

Objective of the pedagogy of the kindergarder in general is to link all three main points together.

Music, language and religion sholud be mesh and work together.

There are cooperations with primary schools to prepare children for the time after kindergarden and to continue the concept of music, language and religion profil.

## **Tasks:**

The volunteer supports the workers in their daily routines with the kids and shall set up own small or bigger projects in the Kindergarden. He/She will get to know a pedagogic insight into the work of a bilingual kindergarden. The volunteer will work in a group with children between 2 and 7 years. He/She will get to know and co-arrange the work with the parents; participate in important processes like preparing elder kids for school, attend projects that are carried through in the second language italien/english, music and/or religion. He/she shall actively enter aspects of his/her own culture into the daily life with the kids and create special projects around this. He/she shall carry through an own project, for example in one of the fields of language, music or religion.

**In addition, there will be realised several project days towards topics of solidarity in europe / participation / social projects for all EVS volunteers. The volunteers have to take part, learn and to realise an own social idea. They should also inform about social project in their homecountry and present it to the others. Furthermore, volunteers are asked to make a presentation about his/her EVS and / or other mobility possibilities in Europe in a school class.**

## **Selection process:**

Please complete the online questionnaire you find on our page. We collect all applications until the deadline, then all applications that are complete will be forwarded to the responsables of the hosting

organisation who decide about the candidate. The selection process takes 1-2 months. You will get an answer during or latest after 2 months.

**Selection criteria:**

Potential volunteers should be interested in working with children in a kindergarden and like kids / a plus is if the volunteers speaks Italian or English native because of the bilingual profile of the kindergarden / open-minded and communicative behavior / ability to work in different groups, basic knowledge of the German language is important