

FSJ 4girls

Sofia, age 19

"I have decided to pursue a Voluntary Social Year in order to gather professional experience, and to discover if social work is right for me. I think it's great to get to know so many interesting people, and to achieve something together. A multicultural society is our future!"



Sümeyya, age 22

"At the beginning, everyone was doubtful if a Voluntary Social Year was really right for me, and if I would manage to get through a year. Meanwhile, half a year later, my parents are proud of me, and my friends respect me for my achievements. Every day of my voluntary service is a highlight, because I collaborate with many different people during my assignment, who are all very individual. Something new happens every day."

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Living with diversity – for
you, and for others during the
Voluntary Social Year

Are you female and aged between 16 and 26?

Do you want to get involved with your own and with other cultures?

Would you like to help people and to gather professional experience in the social field?

Why not join us?

You could work in a kindergarten, hospital, advice centre, helping elderly or disabled people, or in a school – in a personal interview, we will find a suitable field of duty for you during your FSJ*.

You will receive the following during your FSJ:

- ✓ Pocket money and health/pension insurance
- ✓ 26 days annual holiday allowance
- ✓ Continued right to child benefit
- ✓ Credit for vocational training or studies
- ✓ Qualified certificate

The FSJ will give you the opportunity:

- ✓ for personal development and to strengthen your social and teaching skills.
- ✓ to get to know many different people and cultures.
- ✓ to gather your first experiences of the world of work and to find your career orientation.
- ✓ to fill the seminar days with life and to develop further.

* FSJ is the abbreviation for *Freiwilliges Soziales Jahr* (Voluntary Social Year). A FSJ is a recognised educational and orientation year for young people between the ages of 16 and 26. During the FSJ, the volunteers provide support services in a social institution. In this way, the volunteers receive an insight into the different fields of application of social professions, for which they receive pocket money.

Micaela, age 26

"I am thankful for the opportunity to participate in a FSJ, because I am currently learning a lot about myself and others. For me personally, it is a huge step for my integration in Germany."



Seble, age 26

"Working with children from different cultures is a lot of fun, and I feel great living in Hamburg."



Fa, age 20

"I benefit from my encounters with different people, and I gather new experiences every day. I feel a good sense of community during the seminars."



Melissa, age 25

"This is a great opportunity for me to test myself, to collect life experiences, and also to improve my language skills. It's good for all young people to get to know another culture."



Jacqueline, age 19

"It gives me a lot of joy to get to know new people and ways of life. Also, this is a good opportunity to get a taste of a professional field – it feels good to help people."



Nataliia, age 25

"I really enjoy working with children and I have the opportunity to experience other cultures."