



**Dansk ICYE**

**International Cultural Youth Exchange**

ICYE Denmark

Work Profile 2019-2020



## **Dear Volunteer**

Greetings from Denmark! With this work profile we offer you information of the projects available within ICYE Denmark in the year 2019-2020.

ICYE Denmark offers project placements in different types of areas:

### **Children**

- Kindergarten (age 3-6)
- After school activity centers (age 6-14),
- Youth Clubs (age 12-16) mainly afternoons and evenings.

### **Teaching and youth/education**

- Volunteer at a high school (High level of Danish or English is needed)
- Volunteer at an Efterskole – a Danish residential school, where students from 14-18 years of age can live, while they study (Good level of Danish or English is needed)
- Primary schools as teachers assistants – often combined with After school activity centers (Age 6-16)

Please read the placement's profiles carefully to consider which projects you find the most interesting. Also consider in which projects or project areas your competences and skills can contribute to the working environment.

Attached you also find a project priority list, where we would like you to prioritize your wishes and give us a small motivational statement on why you are interested in the respective project.

We hope you will find our projects interesting, and that you are interested in coming to Scandinavia, where the sun is shining in the summer time and snow is falling during winter time. Scandinavians are known to be a bit reserved, but when you get here, you easily become part of the Danish "hygge"; a term that covers many good things – with which you will become familiar once you arrive in Denmark.

You are always welcome to contact ICYE Denmark by mail [icye@icye](mailto:icye@icye) or by phone 0045 86 18 07 15. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

## Project profiles

### Children aged 3-6

<b>Kindergarten – general description</b>	In Denmark most families make use of kindergartens for their children between 3 and 6 years of age. The children come to the kindergarten where trained pedagogues take care of them during the day. A volunteer would be a great help in a Danish kindergarten, as an extra help for the staff and the children. Also the volunteer's presence will help make the children aware of other cultures and countries at a young age.
<b>Main activities</b>	Taking care of the children is in general the main task in a kindergarten. Your time as a volunteer will mostly be spent with the children, engaging them in different activities.
<b>Volunteer tasks</b>	The volunteer's biggest task will be to interact with the children. This could be done through painting, coloring, finger-paint, singing, storytelling, reading aloud and other creative activities. Outdoor activities are also possible in the kindergartens, such as playing sports, hide and seek, in the sandbox, on the playground or other activities. As a volunteer from another culture you could also organize activities based on your country and language, e.g. teaching the older kids to count to ten in your mother tongue or serving traditional dishes.
<b>Volunteer requirements/skills</b>	To work in a Danish kindergarten it is important that the volunteer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Has basic/good English skills</li> <li>- Is independent</li> <li>- Enjoys working with children</li> <li>- Is in some way creative in his/her work with children</li> <li>- Enjoys being outdoors</li> <li>- Enjoys living in a rural area or small town, as most of the projects are situated in such</li> </ul>
<b>Accommodation</b>	<b>Host family</b>
<b>Additional info</b>	Please understand that we cannot give you more specific details in the work profile. ICYE Denmark cooperates with different kindergartens all over Denmark. If you are interested in working as a volunteer at a Danish project, please fill out the project priority list and let us know why you are motivated to work in a Danish kindergarten. When a host family is found we will be able to give you specific project details two months before your arrival in Denmark.

## Children (aged 6-14)

<b>After school activity centers – general description</b>	Afterschool activity centers are open to children from 6-14 years of age. The children come to the center after school, while their parents are still at work. Trained pedagogues arrange activities for the children, and a volunteer would be good help in an afterschool activity center. By having a volunteer the project wishes to give the children an understanding of other cultures and countries already at a young age.
<b>Main activities</b>	Spending time with the children. The children play sports, do craftwork, beads, playing computer games, drawing, playing music and are just hanging out with friends.
<b>Volunteer tasks</b>	As a volunteer in an after school activity centre your main task is spending time with the children. Different activities are available for the children, and you are expected to take part in some of these activities. If you play an instrument, have computer skills, play soccer, or have any other qualification, you will have the opportunity to arrange an activity for the children. Helping with homework might also be relevant in an after school activity centre. Activities based on your nationality and background will also be useful for the children, as they benefit from knowing more about different cultures and countries.
<b>Volunteer requirements/skills</b>	To work in an after school activity centre it is important that the volunteer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Has basic/good English skills</li> <li>- Is independent</li> <li>- Enjoys working with children (6-14 years of age)</li> <li>- Can be creative in his/her activities with the children</li> <li>- Wants to learn about Denmark and Danish culture</li> <li>- Is flexible and understanding in relation to the consisting work place environment</li> <li>- Enjoys living in an ural area/small town, as the projects are situated outside of main cities.</li> </ul>
<b>Accommodation</b>	Host family
<b>Additional Info</b>	Please understand that we cannot give you more specific details in the work profile. ICYE Denmark cooperates with different after school activity centres all over Denmark. If you are interested in working as a volunteer at a Danish project, please fill out the project priority list and let us know why you are motivated to work in a Danish after school activity centre. When a host family is found we will make arrangements with an after school activity centre in the nearby area. Two months before your arrival in Denmark we will be able to give you specific details about your project.

## Children (aged 12-17)

### Youth Club

<b>Youth Club – general description</b>	Youth Clubs are open to children from 12-17 years of age. The children come to the center after school, while their parents are still at work. Trained pedagogues arrange activities for the children, and a volunteer would be a great help in the center. By having a volunteer the project wishes to give the children an understanding of other cultures and countries at a young age.
<b>Main activities</b>	The children play sports, do craftwork, beads, play computer games, draw, play music and hang out with their friends.
<b>Volunteer tasks</b>	As a volunteer in a youth club your main task is to spend time with the children and engage them in activities. Different activities are available for the children, and you are expected to take part in some of these activities. If you play an instrument, have computer skills, play soccer, or have any other qualification, you will have the opportunity to arrange activities for the children. Helping with homework might also be relevant in an after school activity centre. Activities based on your nationality and background will be useful for the children, as they benefit from knowing more about different cultures and countries.
<b>Volunteer requirements/skills</b>	In order to work in a youth club it is important that the volunteer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Is independent</li><li>- Enjoys working with children (12-17 years of age)</li><li>- Can be creative in his/her activities with the children</li><li>- Is good at taking the initiative and starting activities</li><li>- Wants to learn about Denmark and Danish culture</li><li>- Is flexible and understanding in relation to the consisting work place environment</li><li>-</li></ul>
<b>Accomodation</b>	Host family

## Volunteer as teachers assistant – High School

<b>Teaching in high schools – general description</b>	<p>You have the opportunity to be an assistant teacher at a high school in Denmark (gymnasie). The students are between 16-19 years of age, and they attend highschool for three years. Being an assistant teacher gives you the opportunity to teach Danish youth about your mother tongue, traditions and culture during their education. The high schools in Denmark see it as a very unique opportunity to have a native French, Spanish, German, Chinese or Japanese volunteer among their staff, to teach Danish youth.</p>
<b>Main activities</b>	<p>The main activities of the volunteer will be teaching classes in his/her native tongue (French, Spanish, German, Chinese or Japanese). Other activities might be added in order to reach the weekly timetable of 30 hours. These tasks might include assisting in English class, going to meetings, assisting in sports activities or other things, which matches the skills of the volunteer</p>
<b>Volunteer task</b>	<p>The main task is to be an assisting teacher in language classes. To motivate the students to learn a new language and more about the respective culture will be the main task. Depending on the competences and skills of the volunteer, additional tasks will be given, in relation to the school.</p>
<b>Volunteer requirements/skills</b>	<p>To work as an assisting teacher in Denmark it is important that the volunteer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Has good English skills</li> <li>- Is a native speaker in either French, Spanish, German, Chinese or Japanese</li> <li>- Can work independently</li> <li>- Enjoys teaching</li> <li>- Can take the lead among students of 16-19 years of age</li> <li>- Enjoys living in a rural area or small town</li> </ul>
<b>Accommodation</b>	<b>Host family or dorm room</b>
<b>Additional info</b>	<p>Please understand that we cannot give you more specific details in the work profile. ICYE Denmark cooperates with different high schools all over Denmark. If you are interested in working as a volunteer at a Danish high school, please fill out the project priority list and let us know why you are motivated to teach a new language to Danish youth, based on your skills. When a host family/living situation is found we will make arrangements with a school in the nearby area. Two months before your arrival in Denmark we will be able to give you specific details about your project.</p>

## **Volunteer at Efterskoles (residential schools) in Denmark**

### **A general description of Efterskole**

An efterskole is a unique Danish residential school, where students from the ages of 14 to 18 can choose to spend one, two or three years to finish their primary education. The first efterskole was founded about 150 years ago. The schools are closely related to the Danish Folk High School and the educational ideas of N.F.S. Grundtvig (1789-1872), who wanted schools to provide enlightenment for life rather than formal vocational training.

Each efterskole is a self-governing independent institution and it deals with both the educational and personal development of the students. The efterskole embraces a common educational focus on enlightenment for life, general education and democratic citizenship. Compared to public schools the efterskole has substantial freedom in terms of choice of subjects, teaching methods and educational approach. These vary in accordance with the school's political, religious or pedagogical orientation. Freedom of the efterskole is assured by substantial state subsidies to both schools and students.

One thing that is unique about the efterskole is the teacher-student relationship. The teacher is responsible for both teaching and supervision outside of school hours. This means that teachers and students are together all day from the time the students wake up until they go to bed. This often engenders a close, personal and non-formal relationship between students and teachers.

Most efterskoles offer the same subjects and final examinations as the public schools, but many focus on special subjects like physical education, international cooperation, music, theatre, or various kinds of special education.

There are more than 260 efterskoles spread across Denmark, mostly in rural areas or near provincial towns. At present approximately 28.500 students attend the schools. Efterskoles vary in size but most have approximately 100-120 students.

### **The students give some of the following reasons for choosing to attend an efterskole:**

1. a need to change to a new environment or to get a fresh start
2. a wish to meet new friends
3. an aspiration for personal development, improvement of self-confidence
4. a need to improve skills and knowledge of basic subjects
5. a wish to try those subjects and extracurricular recreational activities offered by the efterskole or to devote more time and energy to certain subjects e.g. music, theatre, and physical education
6. a need to mature and become able to make a more qualified choice concerning future life and educational direction.

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<p><b>Main activities</b></p>	<p>To create an international atmosphere at the school – for the students to gain intercultural competences. Teaching and supervising students at the age of 14 – 18.</p> <p>Most “Efterskole” offer the same subjects and final examinations as the public schools, but many focus on special subjects like physical education, music or theatre, or offer various kinds of special education.</p>
<p><b>Volunteer task</b></p>	<p>Volunteer as a teacher:</p> <p>You will mainly be in charge of sport activities like soccer or basketball in the afternoon. Some days you will also have the possibility to teach various subjects together with a teacher. There will be evening duties (supervision of the students) together with other teachers.</p> <p>Once a week you will have an evening duty with other teachers – eat</p>

	<p>dinner with the students, help students during their homework hour, take part in evening activities (sport, music, games etc.).</p> <p>The school is also open for students during weekends, which means that you will take part in weekend duties or activities maximum once a month. During weekends, students cook, relax, and do leisure activities arranged by either students or teachers.</p> <p>37 hours a week (teaching + supervision Monday – Friday plus weekends once in a while). Some weeks it will be more than 37 hours a week, and some it will be less.</p>
<b>Volunteer requirements/skills</b>	<p>Must be 22 years or older, Good English skills are necessary, we also teach German, not all students have it, but everybody attends English classes. The person should be open-minded and an outgoing personality is required. Wanting to teach young people is very important and flexibility, because teaching, at a Danish Efterskole, not always means following a tight schedule, why improvisation is needed. Playing an instrument – like the guitar – and a voice for singing are also important.</p>
<b>Accommodation</b>	<b>Host family or dorm room</b>
<b>Additional info</b>	<p>Please understand that we cannot give you more specific details in the work profile. ICYE Denmark cooperates with a limited number of Efterskoler in Denmark. If you are interested in working as a volunteer at a Danish Efterskole, please fill out the project priority list and let us know why you are motivated to volunteer at an Efterskole, based on your skills.</p> <p>Two months before your arrival in Denmark we will be able to give you specific details about your project.</p>

## Project priority list

Dear Volunteer,

Please fill out this preference list to let us know, which projects you are interested in after having read the work profile. When filled out, please send it to us by email to [icye@icye.dk](mailto:icye@icye.dk).

Volunteer's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer's birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer's nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

Sending organization: \_\_\_\_\_

First we would like you to tell us, which project areas you are most interested in working with. Please mark the areas you wish to work with:

- Children (age 3-6)
- Children (age 6-14)
- Youth Clubs (age 12-16)
- Teachers assistant at high school
- Teachers assistant at 'Efterskole'
- Teachers assistant at primary school

Please choose three projects/project areas, in prioritized order, that you wish to work with through ICYE Denmark. Describe why you wish to work in the respective projects and explain why your competences and skills will contribute to the project's activities. Please be very specific, as we need detailed information in order to match volunteer and project in the best way.

Please answer the following questions, as you fill out the priority scheme on the next page:

1. How can your competences and skills contribute to the chosen project/project area?  
Please be as specific as possible.
2. Why are you motivated to participate in the chosen project/project areas?

## Project Priority Scheme

<b>Project/project area no. 1</b>

<b>Project/project area no. 2.</b>

<b>Project/project area no. 3.</b>