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## DEAR FUTURE VOLUNTEER,

### Greetings from Denmark!

In this Volunteering Profile, you'll find detailed information about the project types available through ICYE Denmark for the 2026–2027 programme year. We encourage you to take your time and read everything carefully. This will help you get a good sense of our programme, the different project environments, and which opportunities feel most meaningful and exciting for you.

At the end of this document, you will find the Project Priority List. Here, we ask you to indicate which projects you are most interested in and write a short motivational statement for each choice. Please note that we cannot guarantee a placement at a specific project, but your preferences are very helpful for us when finding the best match for your skills, interests, and expectations.

All project types have specific requirements. It's also important to reflect on which project environments align well with your strengths, competencies, and personal qualities. We encourage you to be honest and thoughtful as you complete your application.

Additionally, please remember to read our National Profile, which includes essential information about daily life and expectations during your stay in Denmark.

We look forward to welcoming you to Denmark soon!



## GENERAL INFORMATION

This Volunteering Profile gives you an overview of each project type and the specific placements offered through ICYE Denmark in 2026/2027. In the following sections, you'll find descriptions of the typical tasks connected to each project type, as well as a brief introduction to every individual placement.

ICYE Denmark works with a wide variety of institutions across the country, and each project is unique. To get the best understanding of what each placement offers, we encourage you to read all the information carefully.

## WORKING HOURS

No matter which project you join, you can expect to volunteer for 37 hours per week. This is a requirement of the Danish volunteer residence permit, and all placements follow this rule. Depending on the type of project, the rhythm of the work can vary from week to week, but overall you should be prepared for a full-time weekly schedule with space for both meaningful tasks and personal development.

## LOCATION

Most of our projects are located in remote or rural areas of Denmark, where daily life can feel very different from living in a busy city. We cannot guarantee a placement in a city, even if this is your wish in your application. Choosing Denmark means being open to — and ideally excited about — experiencing the quiet charm of the countryside.

Living in a rural area can be a wonderful opportunity: you'll have space, nature, and a close connection to the local community. At the same time, it also requires a proactive mindset. You might need to take initiative when it comes to social activities, hobbies, or building friendships, and be ready to shape your daily life with curiosity and openness.

Once a specific project is interested in hosting you, we will be able to share exactly where in Denmark you will be living. Until then, we encourage you to reflect on whether countryside living feels right for you — it's an important part of making your volunteer experience meaningful, enjoyable, and enriching.



Picture: Project placement Bråskovgård Efterskole

## **LOCAL BRANCHES**

You will be connected to one of our regional “local branches,” where Danish volunteers create a welcoming community for you and the other international volunteers in the area. These dedicated volunteers plan and host a variety of activities throughout the year — anything from cultural outings and workshops to social gatherings, seasonal events, and small trips. You are invited to all activities offered by the local branch, some will be free for you to join and others you might need to pay for transportation yourself. These activities are a wonderful way to make friends, explore Danish culture, and feel at home in your new surroundings.

We warmly encourage all our volunteers to take part in these events. Your presence helps create a vibrant, international atmosphere, and your engagement also supports the spirit of the organization: learning from each other, building community, and sharing meaningful experiences.

## ACCOMMODATION

In Denmark, your accommodation will either be provided directly at your project placement or with a local host family. Both options offer a safe and welcoming home, and many volunteers find that their living situation becomes an important part of their overall experience.

In the project type descriptions below, you can see which type of accommodation is offered for each placement.





## PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL

*Children aged 5 - 16*

In Denmark, education is compulsory for all children from the ages of 6 to 16. Larger schools typically offer classes from 0th grade (pre-school) through 9th grade, while smaller village schools may only cover 0th to 6th grade. In those cases, students in 7th to 9th grade continue their education at a larger school in a nearby town.

Children attend school Monday to Friday, where trained teachers and support staff guide them through a broad range of subjects and activities. For younger children, many schools also offer a before- and after-school activity centre (SFO), giving them a safe and engaging place to stay while their parents are at work.

### **SCHOOL STRUCTURE AND DAILY ACTIVITIES**

Classes are led by trained teachers, each specialising in their own subject areas. This means students are taught by several different teachers throughout the school day. Every class also has a main teacher, known as the “klasselærer”, who teaches at least one core subject and takes special responsibility for the well-being and overall development of the students in that class.

The school day includes short breaks between lessons and a longer break at lunchtime. Some subjects — such as physics, chemistry, crafts, cooking, or sports — take place in specialised classrooms or workshops designed for those activities, rather than in the students’ regular classroom.

At many schools, sports lessons are held outdoors during the warmer months (typically from late March to mid-October), allowing students to enjoy fresh air and physical activity whenever the weather permits.

## **VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS**

To be able to volunteer at a primary school, you must:

- Have sufficient English skills to communicate with teachers and students.
- Enjoy working with children aged 6–16 and be motivated to support their learning and well-being.
- Be proactive, responsible, and ready to assist in classes and other school activities.
- Be flexible and patient, as daily routines and tasks may vary.
- Respect school rules, teaching methods, and Danish cultural norms.

## **PLEASE NOTE**

You will most often be placed with the younger students. Please note that we cannot guarantee opportunities to assist with classes for older students, although this may occasionally be possible depending on the school's needs.

## **ACCOMODATION**

You will stay with a local host family, with a maximum commuting time of about one hour to the school.

# SKT. JOSEPH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

## ABOUT SKT. JOSEPH

Skt. Joseph International School is a modern, inclusive international school that welcomes students from both Danish and international families. The school combines strong academic ambitions with a caring, community-oriented atmosphere, creating a place where children feel safe, supported, and inspired to learn.

**Location:** Roskilde

**Duration:** 6 or 12 months

**Number of volunteers:** 2



Teaching takes place in English, and the school follows international learning standards while also integrating elements of Danish educational traditions. This gives students a global outlook, strong language skills, and a solid academic foundation in a warm and collaborative environment.

Many children also attend the school's after-school programme, where play, creativity, and informal learning take centre stage. Here, students can participate in guided activities such as arts and crafts, outdoor games, music, and various small projects designed to support their development in a joyful and relaxed setting.

## VOLUNTEER'S TASKS

As a volunteer, you will become part of the school's daily life and support both learning and play across different age groups. You might assist in creative subjects like art or music, help during sports or movement activities, or support English or Maths lessons by working with small groups of students. You will always collaborate closely with teachers and staff, helping to create an encouraging and inclusive atmosphere in the classroom.

You may also take part in the after-school programme, where your role is to engage with the children, join their play, and help facilitate simple activities. Whether indoors or outdoors, your presence contributes to a safe and positive space for exploration and connection.

Volunteering at Skt. Joseph International School is an opportunity to experience an international learning environment where diversity, curiosity, and collaboration are at the heart of everyday life.

# SUNDSKOLEN

## ABOUT SUNDSKOLEN

SUNDSkolen is a vibrant, inclusive school with a strong focus on well-being, community, and meaningful learning. The name SUND reflects the school's core values: health, balance, and a holistic approach to education. Students learn in an environment where academic development, social skills, creativity, and physical activity are all considered equally important.

The school works with modern teaching methods and emphasizes hands-on learning, cooperation, and real-life experiences. Classrooms are warm and welcoming spaces where students feel safe to participate, ask questions, and explore their strengths.

SUNDSkolen also offers a lively after-school programme for younger students. Here, children spend their afternoons playing, discovering new hobbies, and taking part in small projects guided by trained educators. Activities often include outdoor play, creative workshops, simple crafts, sports, and social games — all designed to support healthy development and strong friendships.

## VOLUNTEER'S TASKS

As a volunteer at SUNDSkolen, you will become part of a supportive and energetic school community. Your daily tasks might include helping in creative classes such as art or music, assisting during sports and movement activities, or supporting teachers during lessons in English, Maths, or practical subjects. You will always collaborate closely with staff — your role is to support learning and engage with students, not to lead lessons on your own.

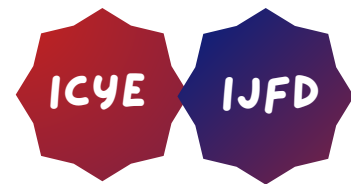
You may also be involved in the after-school programme, where you join the children's play, help set up simple activities, whether indoors doing crafts or outdoors on the playground.

Volunteering at SUNDSkolen offers you the chance to experience a caring, health-focused educational environment where relationships, well-being, and learning go hand in hand. You will be part of a team that values openness, collaboration, and the positive energy you bring to the school.

**Location:** Nykøbing Falster

**Duration:** 6 or 12 months

**Number of volunteers:** 1-2



# LOLLAND INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

## ABOUT LIS

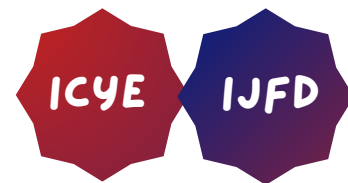
Lolland Municipality established [Lolland International School](#) in 2020, opening its doors to students in August 2021. It is a free, public international school welcoming both Danish and international families.

**Location:** Maribo

**Duration:** 6 or 12 months

**Number of volunteers:** 2

The school offers a high-quality bilingual education, where lessons are taught in either English or Danish, depending on the subject.



The curriculum combines the Cambridge International Education framework with the Danish Ministry of Education standards, giving students a strong foundation in both languages and cultures.

In addition, the school runs an after-school programme (SFO) for children in Grades 0–3. The SFO is a space for play, creativity, and exploration, where children can engage in arts and crafts, role play, outdoor games, Lego building, and more. The activities are guided by adults trained in child development, ensuring a fun and supportive environment for learning through play.

## VOLUNTEER'S TASKS

As a volunteer, you will take part in a range of activities at the school and the SFO. You might assist in art, sports, or cooking classes, support English or Maths lessons, or help during before- and after-school activities. You will always work alongside teachers and staff – your role is to support and engage with the students, not to teach independently.

You are also encouraged to bring your own culture and creativity into the school! You might share songs, games, or simple words from your language, or introduce traditional dishes or customs – when it fits naturally into the lessons or school events.

Volunteering at Lolland International School is a chance to become part of an international learning community that celebrates diversity, curiosity, and shared experiences.



*Young people (age 14 - 17)*

An efterskole is a unique type of Danish residential school for students aged 14 to 17, where they can choose to spend one or two years completing their primary education. Each efterskole is an independent, self-governing institution that focuses not only on academic learning but also on the personal development of its students. Central to the efterskole concept are values such as lifelong learning, general education, and democratic citizenship.

Unlike traditional boarding schools, efterskoler do not have uniforms. Students live on campus and have opportunities to explore and develop skills according to their own interests. Compared to public schools, efterskoler enjoy significant freedom in choosing subjects, teaching methods, and educational approaches, which can reflect the school's political, religious, or pedagogical orientation. Efterskoler vary in size, but most have around 100 to 150 students.

### **DAILY LIFE AND RESPONSIBILITIES AT AN EFTERSKOLE**

Efterskoler offer the same core subjects and final examinations as public schools, but many also have a special focus, such as music, theatre, sports, international cooperation, or various types of special education. This makes each efterskole unique and full of opportunities for students to explore their interests.

Both students and most staff live on campus, creating a close-knit residential community. Many students stay at the school over the weekends, though they also have the option to visit their families.

As a volunteer at an efterskole, you will take part in daily supervision alongside teachers and staff. This includes helping in the afternoons and evenings, such as guiding students, supporting evening routines, or helping prepare dormitories for the night. When students stay over the weekend, you may also assist with leisure activities, games, or social events, helping to create a fun and safe environment.

Volunteering at an efterskole is a fully immersive experience: you'll live and work in the heart of the school community, forming connections with students and staff alike. You are expected to work an average of 37 hours per week, though the exact schedule may vary from week to week, as you will occasionally have evening and weekend shifts.

## **VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS**

To be able to volunteer at an Efterskole, you must:

- Be at least 22 years old.
- Have sufficient English skills to communicate with students and staff.
- Enjoy working with teenagers aged 14–17 and be motivated to support their learning, personal growth, and well-being.
- Be proactive, responsible, and flexible, able to assist in classes, dorm supervision, and leisure activities.
- Be patient and approachable, as working with teenagers can be dynamic and occasionally challenging.
- Be willing to take part in evening and weekend duties, including supervision and informal activities.
- Respect school rules, teaching methods, and the community-oriented residential environment.

## **ACCOMODATION**

When volunteering at an efterskole, you will live at the school, often in a room on campus, and share meals and facilities with staff and students.

# RANUM EFTERSKOLE

## ABOUT RANUM

Ranum Efterskole is one of Denmark's largest and most international efterskoler, welcoming around 450 students aged 14–17 from both Denmark and abroad.

The school is located in the small town of Ranum in northern Jutland, surrounded by lakes, fields, and the North Sea coast — the perfect setting for adventure, learning, and community life.

The school offers a broad range of subjects and activities, encouraging students to shape their own learning journey. Alongside the Danish curriculum, students can choose from a wide variety of electives such as sailing, diving, dance, music, media, gastronomy, and outdoor sports.

A big part of the efterskole experience at Ranum is about personal development, teamwork, and cultural exchange — and the school's international environment creates a strong sense of openness and curiosity.

## VOLUNTEER'S TASKS

As a volunteer, you will become part of this dynamic and inspiring community. Your tasks may include supporting creative or sports activities, helping teachers prepare or assist in lessons, and joining afternoon clubs or evening events. Depending on your interests, you might help with international projects, school trips, or practical tasks around the campus.

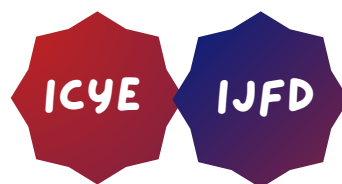
Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own culture and ideas into the school — perhaps by sharing games, music, language, or traditions from home. You will always work alongside teachers and staff, supporting students in their daily life and activities rather than teaching on your own.

Volunteering at Ranum Efterskole is a chance to experience the unique energy of an international efterskole, connect with young people from many different backgrounds, and be part of a creative, active, and globally minded community.

**Location:** Ranum

**Duration:** 12 months

**Number of volunteers:** 4



# THE INTERNATIONAL EFTERSKOLE

## ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL

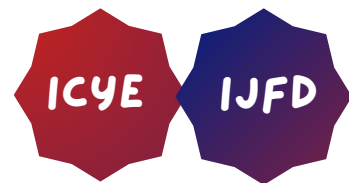
The International Efterskole is a school for students aged 14–17 who are interested in learning in an international environment.

The school welcomes both Danish and international students and offers a unique opportunity to combine academic learning, cultural exchange, and community life.

**Location:** Ulfborg

**Duration:** 12 months

**Number of volunteers:** 1



Lessons are taught mainly in English, and the school follows both Danish and international educational principles. This creates a diverse and open atmosphere where students learn from each other and develop global understanding, independence, and confidence.

In addition to regular subjects, students take part in creative workshops, outdoor activities, and international projects, and many courses focus on themes such as global citizenship, sustainability, and intercultural communication.

## VOLUNTEER'S TASKS

As a volunteer, you will become part of the school's everyday life and support both the academic and social environment. You might help in classes such as English, art, or sports, join workshops or creative projects, or take part in evening and weekend activities. Depending on your background and interests, you could also support language learning, help organise cultural events, or join excursions. You will always work together with teachers and staff – your main role is to support, motivate, and engage with students in their activities.

Volunteers are also encouraged to bring their own culture, language, and ideas into the school community – for example by sharing games, music, traditions, or simple lessons about their home country.

Volunteering at The International Efterskole is a chance to experience the lively and inspiring world of a Danish efterskole while living in a truly international community. It's a meaningful opportunity to connect with young people, explore cultural diversity, and contribute to a place where learning and global understanding go hand in hand.

# BRÅSKOVGÅRD EFTERSKOLE

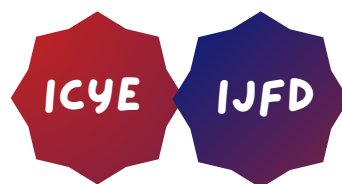
## ABOUT BRÅSKOVGÅRD

Bråskovgård Efterskole is a boarding school (efterskole) for students aged 14–17, beautifully located in the countryside near Horsens. The school is surrounded by fields, forest, and open landscapes — the perfect setting for a community that values sustainability, creativity, and learning through experience.

**Location:** Horsens

**Duration:** 12 months

**Number of volunteers:** 2



Students live together on campus, share meals, and take part in a wide range of activities. They combine traditional subjects such as Danish, English, and Maths with hands-on learning in areas like farming, design, outdoor life, cooking, and green technology.

The school has its own farm with horses and cows, where students take part in caring for the animals and learning about sustainable agriculture. They also grow vegetables and work with local ingredients in the kitchen, gaining a deeper understanding of where food comes from and how to produce it responsibly.

## VOLUNTEER'S TASKS

As a volunteer, you will become part of daily life at the school and take part in a variety of activities. You might help with farm work – feeding the animals, assisting with stable routines, or joining seasonal tasks in the fields and garden. You can also take part in creative workshops, outdoor projects, or social events in the evenings and weekends. You will always work alongside teachers and students, supporting their learning and engagement rather than teaching on your own.

Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own culture, language, and interests into the school community — for example by sharing games, music, or dishes from home.

Volunteering at Bråskovgård Efterskole is a chance to experience Danish efterskole life, learn about sustainable farming, and connect with young people in a fun, active, and welcoming environment.

# ODSHERRED EFTERSKOLE

## ABOUT ODSHERRED

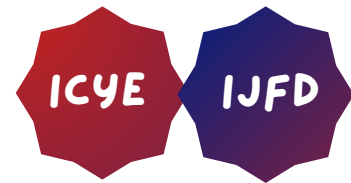
Odsherred Efterskole is a creative and inclusive efterskole, beautifully located in the natural surroundings of northwest Zealand. The school is known for its warm community spirit and strong focus on personal development, creativity, and practical learning.

**Location:** Fårevejle

**Duration:** 12 months

**Number of volunteers:** 1-2

Students at Odsherred Efterskole can choose between a variety of creative and practical subjects such as music, art, design, theatre, film, outdoor life, and cooking – alongside traditional academic subjects like Danish, English, and Maths. The school also values cooperation, diversity, and social awareness, encouraging students to explore who they are and how they can make a positive difference in their communities.



Life at the efterskole is full of activity – from everyday lessons and workshops to concerts, performances, and shared events. Students live together on campus, and a big part of the experience is the strong sense of togetherness that comes from living, learning, and creating side by side.

## VOLUNTEER'S TASKS

As a volunteer, you will be part of this lively community and support both teaching and social life at the school. You might help with creative workshops, outdoor activities, or practical tasks around the campus, and join in on evening or weekend events with the students. Depending on your skills and interests, you may also assist in classes such as art, music, or sports, or help teachers prepare materials for lessons.

Volunteers are encouraged to share their own culture and ideas through informal activities or small cultural presentations. You'll always work alongside the staff and teachers, supporting the students' learning and engagement rather than teaching independently.

Volunteering at Odsherred Efterskole is a great opportunity to be part of an open, creative, and caring environment – a place where learning, self-expression, and community go hand in hand.

# KARISE SPECIALEFTERSKOLE

## ABOUT KARISE SPECIALEFTERSKOLE

Karise Specialefterskole is an efterskole for young people aged 14–18 with special needs, who need extra support in their everyday life and learning.

The school provides a safe and caring environment where each student can develop socially, personally, and academically at their own pace.

The atmosphere at Karise is calm, friendly, and full of encouragement. Students follow small classes with a high level of individual attention and practical, hands-on learning.

The school focuses on helping young people build confidence, independence, and strong relationships with others. Alongside academic subjects, students take part in creative, physical, and practical activities such as cooking, crafts, sport, and outdoor life.

## VOLUNTEER'S TASKS

As a volunteer, you will be part of the school's community and support both learning and daily life at the efterskole. You might assist in workshops, creative or physical activities, or help with practical tasks around the school. Most importantly, you will spend time with the students — joining activities, listening, and helping them feel included and supported.

Depending on your interests and experience, you may also join classroom activities or help teachers prepare materials. You will always work closely with staff members and never be responsible for students on your own.

Volunteering at Karise Specialefterskole is a unique opportunity to make a difference in the lives of young people who need extra care and understanding. It's a place where kindness, patience, and genuine connection matter — and where you can grow personally while supporting others in their development.

**Location:** Karise

**Duration:** 6 months

**Number of volunteers:** 1-2





# FOLK HIGH SCHOOL (HØJSKOLE)

*Young people (age 18 - 25)*

Folk high schools, or højskoler, are a unique part of Danish culture and education. A højskole is a uniquely Danish non-formal residential school for young adults and adults, typically aged 18 and older. Højskoler do not offer formal exams or qualifications. Instead, they focus on personal growth, creativity, community living, and learning for the joy of learning itself.

Each højskole has its own profile and subjects, which can range from music, arts, and design to sports, outdoor life, politics, philosophy, or sustainability. Students usually stay for a few months to a full semester, living together at the school and taking part in a mix of classes, workshops, and shared activities.

Højskoler are grounded in the Danish tradition of “enlightenment for life”, encouraging students to explore who they are, what they care about, and how they want to contribute to the world. The atmosphere is open, creative, and community-oriented, with many social events, theme evenings, and excursions throughout the year.

## **INSIDE THE HØJSKOLE COMMUNITY**

Daily life at a højskole is shaped by a mix of structured lessons, shared meals, creative workshops, and community activities. There are no exams or grades — learning happens through participation, curiosity, and dialogue.

Students live together on campus, forming a close and inclusive community. Meals are shared, and social life is an important part of the højskole experience. Many schools organise evening events such as talks, concerts, debate nights, cultural activities, or informal gatherings.

Classes reflect the school's focus areas, which can include anything from ceramics, photography, dance, choir, filmmaking, and journalism to outdoor skills, sports, philosophy, or global issues. Teachers and staff play an active role in creating a caring, supportive community where everyone is encouraged to express themselves and try new things.

Weekends can vary: some højskoler offer organised activities, while others give students more free time to relax, create, or explore the local area.

## **VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS**

To be able to volunteer at a højskole, you must:

- Be comfortable living and working in a residential adult community, where social interaction plays a big role.
- Have sufficient English skills to communicate with staff and students.
- Be proactive, open-minded, and willing to help with a wide range of activities — from creative workshops to practical tasks or community events.
- Feel confident engaging with young adults aged 18 and older, offering support, encouragement, and a positive presence.
- Be flexible and ready to assist with occasional evening or weekend activities, depending on the school's schedule.
- Respect the højskole's values, traditions, and community-oriented culture.

## **ACCOMODATION**

Volunteers placed at a højskole typically live on campus, becoming part of the school community. This allows you to participate fully in everyday life, social activities, and shared meals. Staying with a host family is not an option for højskole placements.

# VIBORG IDRÆTSHØJSKOLE

## ABOUT VIBORG HØJSKOLE

Viborg Idrætshøjskole is a folk high school (højskole) with a strong focus on sports, movement, and personal development.

Located in the city of Viborg in central Jutland, the school attracts young adults from Denmark and abroad who wish to combine an active lifestyle with learning, reflection, and community life.

Students at Viborg Idrætshøjskole can choose between a wide range of sports subjects such as football, fitness, climbing, outdoor life, dance, and many more. The school also offers creative and academic classes, and encourages students to explore both their physical and personal strengths. Life at the højskole is based on openness, teamwork, and shared experiences — from training sessions and classes to social events, trips, and evening gatherings.

## VOLUNTEER'S TASKS

As a volunteer, you will become part of this vibrant community and take part in the daily life of the school. You might assist teachers in sports, fitness, or outdoor activities, help organise events or workshops, or join students in practical and creative classes. Depending on your background and interests, you could also support the school's communication or help with smaller projects around the campus.

Volunteers are also encouraged to share their own culture, language, or traditions through informal activities, games, or presentations. You'll always work alongside staff and teachers, supporting the learning and social life of the students rather than teaching independently.

Volunteering at Viborg Idrætshøjskole is an opportunity to experience the unique community spirit of a Danish højskole, while living an active lifestyle surrounded by passionate and inspiring young people.

**Location:** Viborg

**Duration:** 6 months

**Number of volunteers:** 1



# LØGUMKLOSTER HØJSKOLE

## ABOUT LØGUMKLOSTER

Løgumkloster Højskole is a folk high school (højskole) beautifully situated in the small town of Løgumkloster in Southern Jutland, close to the German border.

The school lies in peaceful surroundings near forests and open fields, with the town's old abbey and historic buildings creating a calm and inspiring setting for learning and reflection.

The højskole has a long tradition of combining culture, dialogue, and community, offering courses that invite students to explore big questions about life, society, and the world around them. The subjects include music, arts, philosophy, communication, politics, spirituality, and cultural understanding, as well as shorter themed courses throughout the year. The school attracts both young adults and older students, creating a diverse and inclusive community where everyone learns from one another.

## VOLUNTEER'S TASKS

As a volunteer, you can take part in many different activities at the school. It's possible to work in the kitchen, where healthy vegan and vegetarian meals are prepared for around 80 people every day. Here you might help with cooking, cutting vegetables, baking, cleaning, and setting tables for events. You can also join the work in the garden, where the school grows its own organic vegetables and cares for sheep, hens, and ducks. Tasks include planting, harvesting, weeding, and keeping the outdoor areas tidy. If you enjoy working with your hands, you can help with upcycling and maintenance projects.

As a volunteer, you will be part of an open and friendly community with many young people. You'll have the chance to join one course and all events at the school, and take part in lectures, concerts, and trips together with students and staff.

Volunteering at Løgumkloster Højskole is a wonderful opportunity to live sustainably, learn new skills, and experience the special community spirit of a Danish folk high school.

**Location:** Løgumkloster

**Duration:** 6 or 12 months

**Number of volunteers:** 2-3





## YOUTH OR SOCIAL WORK

*Young people (age 18 - 25)*

Youth and social volunteering placements in Denmark focus on creating safe, supportive, and engaging environments for children, teenagers, or young adults. These institutions can include youth clubs, community centres, residential homes, and special programmes for young people who need extra guidance or social support. The aim is to promote inclusion, independence, and personal development through meaningful activities and strong human connections.

Each placement has its own focus and daily rhythm — some work mainly with recreational activities, while others support young people with learning or social challenges. What they all share is a commitment to helping young people feel seen, valued, and capable of shaping their own lives.

The atmosphere is informal and based on trust, communication, and mutual respect. Volunteers become part of a team that works closely with young people through shared activities, conversation, and everyday moments that build confidence and social skills.

### **DAILY LIFE AND ACTIVITIES**

Daily life in a youth or social institution combines structured activities with informal time together. Staff members plan and lead activities such as creative workshops, sports, cooking, games, and outings — always focusing on community, cooperation, and personal growth.

Your tasks as a volunteer will vary depending on the type of institution, but they typically include supporting staff in planning and running activities that strengthen social skills, independence, and well-being.

You may take part in:

- Creative workshops, games, or sports activities
- Social gatherings, events, or informal drop-in sessions
- Homework help or structured learning support
- Outdoor activities such as walks, bike rides, or small excursions
- Everyday routines like preparing snacks, tidying shared spaces, or helping organise the programme
- Calm, supportive one-on-one moments with young people who need extra encouragement or structure

In residential homes or programmes supporting individuals with special needs, tasks may also include assisting with sensory activities, communication exercises, or structured daily routines — always under the guidance of trained staff.

## **VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS**

To be able to volunteer in youth and social work, you must:

- Communicate well in English.
- Enjoy spending time with children or young people and supporting their development.
- Be patient, empathetic, and open to different personalities, needs, and backgrounds.
- Be proactive and willing to engage in both structured activities and informal everyday moments.
- Feel comfortable working both independently and as part of a team.
- Respect professional boundaries, safety procedures, and the specific routines of the institution.

## **ACCOMODATION**

Volunteers either live at the institution or with a Danish host family nearby. Both options offer a chance to experience Danish daily life and become part of the local community, sharing meals, traditions, and everyday moments with others.

# FRIVILLIGCENTER NORDFYN

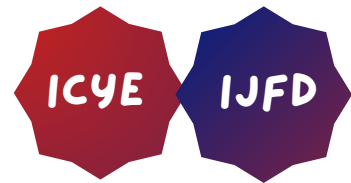
## ABOUT FRIVILLIGCENTER NORDFYN

Frivilligcenter Nordfyn (Volunteer Centre Nordfyn) is a community organisation that works to support and connect volunteers, associations, and citizens across the Nordfyn area. The centre plays an important role in bringing people together and helping everyone find ways to get involved in local life — whether through volunteering, social activities, or shared projects.

**Location:** Bogense

**Duration:** 6 or 12 months

**Number of volunteers:** 1



The centre is based in the town of Bogense and is open to everyone who wants to make a difference or meet new people. It offers guidance and support to local associations, organises events, and runs social initiatives that promote well-being and inclusion. Activities at the centre include community cafés, creative workshops, lectures, and local events — all focused on creating connections and building a stronger, more caring community.

## VOLUNTEER'S TASKS

As a volunteer, you will become part of the daily life at the centre and take part in a wide variety of tasks. You might help organise events, social gatherings, or creative workshops, support with communication, photography, or social media, or simply join in the everyday life of the centre — talking with visitors, helping prepare activities, and contributing to the friendly environment. You'll also have the opportunity to bring in your own ideas and cultural background, for example by introducing a tradition, a game, or a small international event.

Volunteering at Frivilligcenter Nordfyn gives you the chance to experience what community life looks like in a Danish town, while being part of a team that works to make a real difference for others. You'll meet many people, learn about Danish volunteer culture, and become part of a network that values openness, cooperation, and kindness.

Accommodation is with a local host family near the centre, giving you the opportunity to experience Danish everyday life and become part of the Nordfyn community both at work and at home.

# HERTHA BOFÆLLESSKAB

## ABOUT HERTHA

Hertha Bofællesskab is a community located in the village of Herskind in central Jutland. It is a Camphill-inspired living community where adults with and without special needs live, work, and share their daily lives together. The aim of the community is to create a meaningful, inclusive environment where everyone can contribute and feel part of a shared purpose.

**Location:** Herskind

**Duration:** 6 or 12 months

**Number of volunteers:** 1



The community is inspired by anthroposophical traditions, which influence parts of daily life and activities, but volunteers are not expected to follow any philosophy—only to be open and respectful when participating in shared routines such as morning assemblies.

Around 140 people live in Hertha, including residents with developmental disabilities, co-workers, families, and volunteers. Life in the community is centred around shared work, creativity, and mutual respect. Residents and co-workers take part in the daily rhythm of the village, which includes a variety of workshops and communal activities — such as the bakery, dairy, farm, gardens, weaving workshop, kitchen, and café.

## VOLUNTEER'S TASKS

As a volunteer, you become part of this everyday life and take part in both work and community activities. You might help in one of the workshops — baking bread, gardening, or working in the café — or support residents in daily routines like cooking, cleaning, and shared meals. You will also take part in social and cultural activities such as celebrations, concerts, and community gatherings.

Living and volunteering at Hertha Bofællesskab offers a chance to experience a truly unique way of life — one that values togetherness, sustainability, and human connection. It's a place to learn, grow, and contribute to a community where everyone is included and appreciated.

Accommodation is provided within the community, where you share meals and take part in the social life of the village.



# KINDERGARTEN & NURSERY

*Children (age 0 - 6)*

In Denmark, most children attend kindergarten (børnehave) from the ages of 3 to 6, before starting compulsory school in 0th grade. Kindergartens are part of the early childhood education system and focus on play-based learning, social development, and creating a safe environment where children can explore the world at their own pace.

Kindergartens are typically open Monday to Friday, offering full-day care to support families while parents are at work. Trained pedagogues and pedagogue assistants work closely with the children, encouraging creativity, independence, cooperation, and emotional development through everyday activities and routines.

## **DAILY LIFE AND ACTIVITIES IN KINDERGARTENS**

Kindergartens in Denmark follow a pedagogical, play-centered approach, where learning happens through curiosity, exploration, and social interaction. Children spend much of the day engaging in free play, both indoors and outdoors. Danish kindergartens place a strong emphasis on nature and fresh air — it is common for children to play outside even in cold or rainy weather, as long as they are dressed appropriately.

Throughout the day, staff organise small group activities such as crafts, singing, storytelling, simple science or nature experiences, and physical play. Mealtimes, cleanup, and getting dressed for outdoor play are also seen as important learning opportunities, helping children develop independence and practical skills.

Kindergartens do not follow a strict academic schedule. Instead, the focus is on helping children build confidence, social skills, empathy, and a sense of belonging in the group. Staff work intentionally with themes such as friendship, cooperation, emotions, and problem-solving.

## **VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS**

To be able to volunteer in a kindergarten or nursery, you must:

- Enjoy working with young children aged 0–6 and be motivated to support their play and well-being.
- Have sufficient English skills to communicate with staff.
- Be patient, warm, and supportive, as young children need gentle guidance and consistent routines.
- Be proactive and engaged, ready to participate in indoor and outdoor play, creative activities, and daily routines.
- Be comfortable with a variety of tasks, including helping children get dressed, assisting during meals, and supporting group activities.
- Respect kindergarten rules, pedagogical approaches, and Danish cultural norms around childcare and independence.

## **ACCOMODATION**

You will stay with a local host family, with a maximum commuting time of about one hour from the kindergarten.

# INSTITUTION ANNEKÆRET

## ABOUT ANNEKÆRET

Annekæret is a warm and welcoming integrated institution located in Skæring near Aarhus. The institution has space for 12 nursery children and 40 kindergarten children, divided into small age groups that create a calm and familiar atmosphere. The institution is known for its homelike feeling, where children, parents, and staff feel safe, supported, and part of a strong community.

**Location:** Aarhus

**Duration:** 12 months

**Number of volunteers:** 1-2



The staff works consciously with relationships, communication, and a rich learning environment — both indoors and outdoors. Creativity, play, curiosity, and movement are a natural part of everyday life, and children regularly take part in small projects, shared activities, and age-mixed activities. Annekæret aims to be one big, open house where collaboration, inclusion, and a sense of belonging guide the day.

## VOLUNTEER'S TASKS

As a volunteer at Annekæret, you will become a warm and steady part of the children's everyday life. Your main role is to be present with the children, joining their play, supporting their learning, and helping create a safe and joyful atmosphere both indoors and outdoors. You will spend time comforting, talking, exploring, and playing with the children, so they feel seen and supported.

You'll take part in creative activities like drawing, crafting, building, or roleplay, and you'll help encourage movement and motor skills through outdoor play and simple physical games. You will also support the staff in daily routines and practical tasks, such as tidying shared areas or helping in the kitchen. If you enjoy cooking or baking, you're welcome to share recipes or food from your own culture.

This placement will give you the opportunity to experience how Danish early childhood education works in practice, including how relationships, communication, and everyday routines help children grow and thrive. You'll be part of a caring and professional team who values your initiative and your willingness to share your own ideas or interests, but only if it feels natural for you. Above all, your presence and kindness will make a meaningful difference in the children's daily life.

# KALØ SKOVBØRNEHUS

## ABOUT KALØ SKOVBØRNEHUS

Kalø Skovbørnehus is a nature-based kindergarten where everyday life unfolds primarily outdoors, surrounded by forest, fields, and natural play areas near Kalø. The institution is built around the idea that children learn best through movement, exploration, and close contact with nature. The outdoor environment is used actively throughout the year, in all kinds of weather, offering children rich opportunities for discovery, creativity, and physical development.

The pedagogical approach at Kalø Skovbørnehus focuses on independence, curiosity, and strong social relationships. Children are encouraged to explore at their own pace, take small risks, and develop confidence through hands-on experiences in nature. Daily routines include forest walks, outdoor play, campfire activities, and practical tasks that help children build respect for nature and for one another.

## VOLUNTEER'S TASKS

As a volunteer at Kalø Skovbørnehus, you will take part in the children's daily life outdoors and help support their learning through play and exploration in nature. You will join the children on forest walks, outdoor adventures, and free play, helping create a safe and encouraging environment where curiosity and movement are central.

You will support the staff during daily routines, such as preparing outdoor activities, helping with meals and breaks, and maintaining shared outdoor spaces. You may also assist with creative or practical activities using natural materials, as well as simple tasks around campfire cooking or shelter areas.

A key part of your role is being present with the children — listening, playing, talking, and helping them build confidence and social skills. You will always work alongside experienced staff and are never expected to lead activities on your own. Volunteering at Kalø Skovbørnehus gives you the opportunity to experience Danish outdoor pedagogy in practice and to be part of a close-knit community that values nature, well-being, and learning through shared experiences.

**Location:** Rønne

**Duration:** 12 months

**Number of volunteers:** 1



## PROJECT PRIORITY LIST

Dear volunteer,

Please fill out this preference list to let us know, which projects you are interested in. You will have to read the project descriptions in the Volunteering Profile first. PLEASE NOTE the requirements, such as age, for each project.

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

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

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

### Specific priorities

Now you will be asked to prioritise the projects you are most interested in. This helps us understand your preferences and match you with a placement where your motivation and skills will fit best.

Please choose three projects and list them in prioritised order:

- 1st priority – the project you would most like to work with
- 2nd priority – your next preferred option
- 3rd priority – another project you could see yourself contributing to

Along with your prioritisation, please answer the following two questions for each of your chosen projects or project areas:

1. How can your competences and skills contribute to the chosen project or project area?
2. Think about your strengths, experiences, and personal qualities — for example, if you have worked with children before, enjoy creative activities, are good at communicating with people, or have specific practical or artistic skills. Explain how these abilities could be useful in the project's daily life and activities.

Please be as specific and personal as possible — we would like to get a sense of who you are, what you care about, and what kind of environment you will thrive in. There are no “right” or “wrong” answers; we simply want to understand your motivation and how you imagine contributing as a volunteer.

This prioritisation will help us find the best possible match between you and the hosting project, so that your experience in Denmark becomes meaningful and rewarding for both you and your future host.

In addition to the project priority list, we also ask you to submit a motivational letter. While the project priority list focuses on your motivation for specific projects, the motivational letter should describe your overall motivation for volunteering, your interest in coming to Denmark, and the general skills you would bring as a volunteer. This helps us understand you beyond a specific placement and gives a broader picture of your expectations, experiences, and personal motivation.

Priority 1

Priority 2

Priority 3