

FELM VOLUNTEER POSITION

Title / Duration / Visa

Diaconal/social/youth work volunteer 3 months
No visa

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Partner / Location

Marhaban center, Marseille, France

A protestant, diaconal organization, Marhaban aims to develop social links, within the context of immigration, by its sharing, solidarity and unconditional welcome. Marhaban welcomes each person by offering them the necessary conditions to be able to learn, get informed, be listened to and integrate into society. To achieve these goals, our activities aim to develop social and linguistic skills. In 1985, the Finnish Lutheran Evangelical Mission responded to an invitation from the French Interior Lutheran Mission. They started to work alongside certain groups already there (ADRIM and AIPI): homework club, literacy classes and women's groups... In 2003, thanks to these years of experience, the Marhaban centre opened its doors in the area known as Noailles. The idea of forming an official organization was suggested with the help of a team of people from various organizations in Marseille. Volunteering provides the opportunity to experience solidarity with those around us in a concrete way.

Objective and duties of Felm Volunteer

Helping in daily work at the Marhaban center, Marseille. Marhaban center's objectives are fighting discrimination, male and female equality and promoting civic rights and duties Marhaban is a protestant organization. Our vision is a holistic one: we consider each person as a « whole »; taking into account their social, psychological and spiritual identity.

Short description of the tasks

Volunteer's main tasks would be helping to arrange and facilitate the daily courses at the center. Volunteer can help with English, French and children courses and help to arrange office work so that main staff members would have more time to concentrate on fund raising and other tasks.



Competence / Qualifications / Language requirements:

- Studies and/or work experience e.g. diaconal work or work with children/youth or social services
 French (and English)



Benefits and commitments:

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- Providing the tasks, materials and instructions for the Volunteer before volunteer period
- Felm will cover in-country expenses related to the volunteer task, such as work-related travel, sim-card and computer if necessary at work, etc.
- Advising the applicant with visa-procedures and providing Volunteer with visa invitation letter, and cover the costs if Volunteer needs
 extension of visa
- Providing a personal tutor and a draft program for the Volunteer period (incl. tutor discussions, starters session, mid-term discussion and evaluation session)
- Accommodation (furnished apartment or bedroom with shared kitchen and toilet)
- Introducing the Volunteer to Felm's partners work in the project areas

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- Recruiting a suitable Felm Volunteer
- Providing the tasks, materials and instructions for the Volunteer
- Orientation session
- Feedback session
- Travel insurance
- Criminal records extract for volunteering if tasks include working with children
- Small reimbursement of expenses

Felm Volunteer

- Following the FELM Volunteer agreement and its guidelines
- Following the Code of Conduct and Safety Instructions of LWF and tutor's instructions in destination

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- Purchasing his/her own travel tickets from Finland to the country of placement and visa
- Obtaining a health certificate before departure
- Taking care of all personal expenses and arrangements other than mentioned above (Volunteers are responsible for their own international airfare, first visa, baggage insurance, not work related travel, food, laundry and other personal expenses)
- Commitment to provide feedback
- Commitment to take part in parish visits after returning to Finland (organizing by Felm)

Lähde liikkeelle or Min Mission –course is a prerequisite for applying to Felm Volunteer tasks. Full-time students attending the Felm Volunteer program are eligible for trainee status.