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Letter for potential organizations

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As many young Germans are highly motivated to spend a **volunteer year abroad and support their hosting organization** in various ways, we are steadily looking for new partnerships in the domains of education, health, environment, agriculture, sports, culture or human rights.

The program is called **International Youth Voluntary Service (IJFD)** (in English: <https://www.ijfd-info.de/ijfd-in-english-language.html>) and is mostly funded and co-financed by the Federal Ministry for Family, Youth, Senior citizens and Women. Additionally we ask our volunteers to find contributors who will support their voluntary service with a small donation.

Volunteers go through orientation trainings in Germany before they go abroad. We will also cover for their insurance and their travel costs to and from the project. Furthermore we support the volunteers at their visa application process.

We would ask the hosting organization, you, to cover the accommodation, board and a pocket money. The volunteers would stay 9-12 month. The hosting organization does not need to cover any further costs or fees.

The volunteers render a full time service (35 to 40 hours per week) and usually get off two days a week. They may work in shifts and on weekends depending on the project.

They neither get any remuneration for their work nor do they negatively effect the labour market in the host country, since their work is only an ancillary activity.

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Q&A

What does VIA e.V. do?

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What are we looking for?

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What program do we work with?

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Who are the partner of VIA e.V.?

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How do we prepare our volunteers?

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What do we expect from our partners?

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What are the work conditions for our volunteers?



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What else should you know about our volunteers?

Our volunteers have a good knowledge of English and usually a driver's license.

Most of them would like to start in July, August or September.