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# Volunteering service at the German YMCA



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One year has passed; a year full of good and fun memories, exciting events in work and spare time, and the most amazing trips I have ever done in my life.

One year of experience of working in the social sector, in international teams and in a warm hearted office which will be very helpful knowledge for all my future plans.

One year which I already miss a lot.



## An unforgettable year

The volunteering service at the German YMCA was the ideal opportunity to get a lot of different experiences in work as some tasks were to assist with adults with special needs, taking care of different clubs for children and toddlers, visiting elderly people at home, helping in a cafe, assisting in live concerts and listen to them etc. Additionally, the YMCA offered to take part at different trips, i.e. to Oxford, other events which we planned for our AuPairs and some other things.

It was my first chance to go abroad before studying, to get out of my comfort zone and experience life on my own (well, I still had friendly colleagues who helped). Through living in central London it was possible to see most sights, the British lifestyle and culture in detail and even more! I also experienced that the weather in London isn't that rainy like most people think.

As male Austrian citizen the European volunteering service (EVS) even made it possible to complete my obligatory community service (Zivildienst).

All in all, I would definitely recommend doing the volunteering service with the German YMCA and I enjoyed my time there a lot!