



My name is Anastasija, my parents are from Serbia but I was born and raised in Austria.

From October 2021 until June 2022 I volunteered at an international boarding school located in a small village on the west coast of Denmark. These boarding schools are known in Danish as "efterskole" and they focus on the personal and educational development of teens between 14 and 18.

My tasks included organizing various activities for students, being a teaching assistant in some classes including German and Science, as well as having two evening duties a week where I would hang out with the students, sing karaoke or watch a movie with them.

A special moment during my volunteering work was when I went on a two-week school trip to Barcelona with my co-volunteer Elia and two teachers. I enjoyed the city and the activities very much and I know the students did as well. During the same time the school organized various world trips, one group went to Germany/Austria and another to Guadeloupe.



My experience in Denmark taught me a lot. I had the opportunity to experience Scandinavian lifestyle, humor and culture firsthand. Furthermore, I was able to work with teenagers and that provided me with another perspective about my education and time in school. And most importantly, I learned that I wanted to continue to work in an international setting, since I feel most comfortable while engaging with different people from all around the world.



My tips for future volunteers are pretty simple: Don't be afraid of new experiences and always seek out challenges outside of your comfort zone, even though they may seem hard at some times, but you will gain so much knowledge and grow as a person. Additionally, be open-minded and remember to enjoy your volunteering project as much as you can, it will be an amazing ride!