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In the context of the Federal Volunteer Service Germanwatch e.V. offers a volunteer position in the ecological non-profit working field. The Federal Volunteer Service aims to provide the opportunity to get to know the daily work routine in Germany, gathering useful information on the professional life as well as orientating oneself within a particular working field.

The program is open to all refugees who have an employment permit and have finished the compulsory education. Volunteers have to be at least 18 years old.

Germanwatch

We are an independent development and environmental organisation which lobbies for sustainable global development since 1991. For us, sustainable development means socially equitable, ecologically sound and economically stable development.

We endeavour to approach our aims by advocating fair trade relations, responsible financial markets, compliance with human rights, and the prevention of dangerous climate change. Our topics are

- World Trade and Food Security
- Climate Protection/Mitigation and Adaptation
- Corporate Accountability
- Education for Sustainable Development

In Germany, Europe and on the global level, we observe actors responsible for decisions which impact the achievement of our goals. Using science-based analyses, we inform the public and consumers, educate and lobby everyone who can support our goals through their own actions. To this end, we are closely connected with organisations and individuals from the Global South as well as with development and environmental organisations worldwide.

Our team consists of around 40 employees working in Bonn and Berlin. The volunteer will be working in our Bonn office with occasional business trips / external appointments as e.g. conferences or representing Germanwatch during fairs/events.

Qualifications

- Good German *or* English language skills, additional language skills, esp. Arabic, are appreciated
- Basic knowledge of and interest in the causes (GHG emissions), the impacts (extreme weather, sea-level rise, droughts) , the mitigation options (reducing GHG emissions) and dealing with the impacts (adaptation) of man-made climate change – with a special focus on the most vulnerable countries and / or the home region of the volunteer

- Interest to support the work of a committed team in the implementation of the energy transition towards renewables and energy efficiency in Germany as well as in the home region of the volunteer
- Interest in the challenges of climate change and transition of energy systems in the policy field
- Good organizational skills

Possible tasks (depending on knowledge and interests)

The volunteer will support several projects of Germanwatch:

- Main focus will be the assistance in a pilot project on renewable energies and professional opportunities for refugees in the context of the energy transition in Germany and in the home region: setting up and supporting the project, interaction with project partners and participants
- Support of educational work in Arabic-speaking regions
- Potentially supporting the preparation and implementation of an additional project regarding the Muslim world
- Supporting the team in the field of climate change and migration
- Participation in the organisation of events and seminars
 - Set up and supervision of information booths
 - Communication with participants and information services as well as registration
 - Design of brochures
 - Photo documentation
- Support in office management

The exact tasks will be specified according to the interests and qualifications of the applicant.

Basic conditions /General framework

- Hours of work: 24-40 hours weekly
- Presence during core working hours (10h-17h) is desired but flexible – e.g. in case of participation in a German language course
- Starting as soon as possible
- Duration is one year (a permanent employment with Germanwatch subsequently to the Federal Volunteer Service is unlikely)

Contact for further information and application

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