

## International Voluntary Service



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Dear friends of the Waldorf movement in Hungary,

Through the work of our colleagues in Berlin, many of you are certainly familiar with the *Friends of Waldorf Education*. In some cases, long-term work relationships have evolved and still exist.

**We would like to introduce to you another field of work, which the *Freunde* administer: Our long-term international voluntary and community services.**

Since 21 years we place young adults for about a year in Waldorf educational and other anthroposophical institutions worldwide. For 7 years we also offer the possibility to come to Germany for a year.

This impulse arose from two (different) motives:

- A first strong motive of this work is to support Waldorf-organisations with their work by sending active young adults.
- The other motive is to foster and accompany young adults in the development of their SELF or I.

In a world which is in a constant process of acceleration, becoming increasingly hectic, and is mainly dominated by the use of media, it is our aim to create space for encounter. We want to provide the young adults with an opportunity to become responsible and free individuals with a healthy SELF or I as their vital core. Voluntary services enable young adults to responsibility for themselves and others, to grow through their experiences, and to develop and live their youthful ideals.

These two motives merge into a third one: The young people, who take part in an international voluntary service are generally aged 18 to 21, which is the transgression from the third to the fourth septennial. They thus come into contact with Waldorf Education at an important biographical stage; this enables them to integrate their experiences of this year abroad into their following personal development and professional life.

In the view of our shared effort for an education to freedom and a free education system, we would be happy to welcome you as our partner organisation for international voluntary services in Hungary. Through this work we would like to foster the world-wide Waldorf network to become meshed closer little by little.

**If you are interested please let the Hungarian Waldorf Fellowship as soon as possible. Please name a contact person and provide contact details (telephone number(s) and mail-address).**

**We will then get in touch with you immediately in order to give you further information and together prepare an implementation.**

**In addition the fellowship and the *Freunde* will organise an informational event early next year for interested and participating institutions, where we can meet in person.**

Best regards from Karlsruhe.

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