



## Weltweite Initiative für Soziales Engagement e.V.

We - an association of committed citizens - are a small non-profit organisation that empowers young people to work in grassroots social projects in emerging and developing countries and thus to make a difference towards a more human world. We want to offer an alternative to military service by serving for peace and creating a place of intercultural, mutual learning: **"Living together, learning from each other!"**

The idea of mutuality is vital for successful international understanding. We, too, can learn a lot from the south. This feedback loop into German society is (besides meaningful social and development work) what we want to achieve through and with our volunteers, i.e. through their first hand reports during their service and after their return. We accredited as a responsible body for social voluntary work abroad according to German law (§14 b and c ZDG).

### Civic involvement

We consider ourselves an open platform of socially and politically active citizens that simply want to bring forth something good. Doing so we commit to education and dialogue at home and abroad. We want our volunteers to take responsibility - for themselves and for others - and to be performers of a just and sustainable society. Our volunteers show an exceptional degree of creativity, moral courage and involvement - and give children hope and joy day after day - e.g. in co-operation with "Clowns Without Borders".

In that regard, "social learning" is inevitable for developing an equitable society and fosters the potential for peace and justice.

### We want to:

- disclose and utilise the potential of voluntary service as means to strengthen participation in and contribution to an active civil society
- utilise voluntary work to point out social, political and economical grievances and inspire more people to become active in combating those grievances.
- collaborate internationally to proffer a societal vision - an alternative framework of globalisation: human, gracious and solidary, peaceful and tolerant.

### Where and how we help:

Our volunteers help on the grass roots - where their help is expedient. We co-operate with small, local and exemplary projects that have an direct and sustainable impact on their social environment. Our volunteers' destinations include: *Bolivia* (culture centre in a slum; theatre by and for disadvantaged people); *Brazil* (street children in Fortaleza); *South Africa* (disabled children of indigent families, crèche for destitute children in a townships); *Nicaragua* (mobile schools and SOS children's village in León); *Palestine* (education & reconciliation); *Russia* (work with disabled people and a nursing home) and many more.

If you want to put your knowledge and skills, your creativity and your idealism into action; if you i.e. want get Palestinians and Israelis on stage cheek by jowl in a theatre play; if you want to bolster children as a street worker in Durban, Santa Cruz or San Cristobal; organise therapeutic horse riding for disabled children or a choir for deaf-mutes: come to us, together we can make it happen!

Our independence is crucial to us. We work on a non-partisan, non- denominational basis without any syndication. Therefore we rely on donations from the broad public.

We can only realise our commitment to social work if part of the expenses of the voluntary services can be covered by donations from the public. Please, help us help!

### Donations:

Of course all donations are tax-deductible. If you require a donation receipt, please send us an e-mail with your name and address to:

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