

## PROJECT FORM

### **INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION/GERMAN BRANCH**

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BVSe's job title: International Volunteer

BVSe's immediate supervisor: director/manager (Holger Klee)

#### ***JOB DESCRIPTION:***

The following duties/areas of activity are anticipated for the volunteer:

- Preparation of, as well as participation in the annual conference

Support of the Minden office director with the organizational preparation of the annual conference and the members' meeting (annual general meeting)

- Preparation of/participation in summer camps/youth gatherings

Support of the Program Director for International Work (big title, huh) in his Berlin office, with the organizational preparation of the summer camp, the youth gathering, as well as (short and medium-term) volunteer service opportunities. Participation in and organizational leadership of the summer camp and if needed the youth gatherings.

- Support of the Peace Worker

Organizational support of the Program Director for Peace Work (Munich), e.g. with the production and mailing of newsletters, collection and transportation of material aid, creation of banners, posters and leaflets as well as various campaign-related tasks

- Preparation of as well as participation in special VB meetings

- "Kirchentag" booth duties (this is a huge biannual Protestant Church in Germany event/conference and takes place in a different city – next one is in Köln in June 2007)

- VB-related projects

Cooperation /participation in other projects related to the VB/sponsored by the VB

#### ***MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:***

- nonviolent attitude
- education: no special training necessary; computer skills/knowledge an advantage
- language: at least some knowledge of German language
- willingness to work: sometimes the working day will be longer than 8 hours (e.g. during the summer camp or meetings)
- tasks/duties: The activities listed above might be carried out at different places in Germany. The volunteer should also have the willingness to do some occasional activities such as envelope-stuffing, etc which would lie far below the hoped-for intellectual abilities of the volunteer
- flexibility: The volunteer should have the willingness to adapt – within reason – to the different local conditions (where s/he is working at the time – e.g. in Minden, or in Berlin, or in Munich, etc)

*DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT/ORGANIZATION:*

The Fellowship of Reconciliation – founded in 1914 – is an organization of people who profess, because of their religious faith or their humanistic beliefs, that nonviolence is a lifestyle and is a method of personal, social, and political change. Branches of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation have formed on all continents and in almost all western European countries. IFOR has “advisory status” at the UN. IFOR was also largely involved in the creation and founding of many other organizations such as the War Resisters International, Service Civil International, Eirene, Bund für Soziale Verteidigung, and Peace Brigades International.

The Fellowship of Reconciliation in Germany works primarily at the grassroots level, where the individual members work and live, as well as in regional organizations or local groups. The German FOR currently employs a Program Director for Peace Issues as well as a Program Director for ecumenical and international exchange programs.

The German FOR produces the quarterly magazines “Versöhnung” (Reconciliation) and “FORUM: Pazifismus” with which the current work as well as theory and practice of nonviolent politics is made public.

The main issues/directions of work are decided at the annual meeting of the German FOR, as well as of course “networking.” Ongoing work is carried out during commission meetings on topics such as: arms exports and arms conversion; conscientious objection to the military/civilian peace service; training for nonviolent action; nonviolent education; patriarchal structures of society; Latin America; India; nonviolent economics; plus religious anarchism.

*HOUSING for the BVSer:*

“Other” -- description: Because of the different places the volunteer will be working, the volunteer will be housed in different ways in these towns but most of the time there will be the opportunity to live in an apartment with 2 other volunteers in Minden where the main office of the organization is.

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