

Erfahrungsbericht von Nadine Niederl

Hey,

My name is Nadine I am from Austria and like Nancy I spend 6 months (3. January -3. July) of my life here in Latvia- working as a volunteer in a Waldorf school.

During my time here I was mainly supporting the 2nd class teacher, Christine, but I also had the chance to help with preparing the German lessons and sometimes even holding them in the 1st and 2nd class.

After some time I discovered that I also could support the teachers by doing individual lessons in English and German. (4th-5th class)

I liked it to work in these small groups (up to 4 students) because I could really focus on their needs.

It was nice to get to know Waldorf pedagogy and to understand the meaning behind this idea of teaching.

So now I can say working was one of the best parts of this whole experience because it made me happy to see students learning and developing their personalities.

This experience helped me to gain self-confidence in every part of my life and also to follow my idea of becoming a social worker.

Of course Latvia also meant challenge for me.

The Latvian winter was very hard for me but in the end I am happy that I stayed and was able to see looong sunny days.

This experience gave me much more then I can see now it showed me how much a nation is influenced by its past and how this past influences people in everyday life.

I can't say that it was an easy journey for me, it was hard to find my pace and rhythm here. It took time to find a way into the hearts of the people here but now I know that it was worth it.

And I always was thankful for every smile and every helping hand I found Especially I was lucky to have nancy as a companion during this 6 months.

