

Erasmus Student Work Placement

EMPLOYER INFORMATION	
Name of employer or organisation	Galway Steiner Kindergarten
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Website	http://galwaysteiner.wordpress.com https://www.facebook.com/GalwaySteinerKindergarten
Number of employees	3
Short description of the company	<p>We are a new and thriving Steiner Waldorf Early years setting located in the West of Ireland (Galway city). We currently run a Kindergarten for 18 children aged between 2.5 and 6 as well as a parent and toddler group.</p> <p>We're a non-profit organization and an equal opportunity employer. We are fully regulated and compliant with Irish standards and qualifications for Kindergartens.</p>
Other	<p>Our Kindergarten has had a very successful experience with hosting foreign Erasmus and Leonardo da Vinci students in the past.</p> <p>For the 2015-2016 academic year, we are looking for a trainee who is familiar with or has an interest in Steiner Waldorf education. Practice in music and/or handiwork (especially wool work) and an interest in the outdoors and gardening would be valuable. The candidate also needs adequate working knowledge of the English language, good interpersonal and communication skills and feels at ease with children, loves playing and spending time with them.</p> <p>Police clearance from the sending country is essential for this internship.</p>

CONTACT DETAILS

Contact person for this placement	Geraldina Marcelli
Department and designation / job title	Kindergarten assistant volunteer
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PLACEMENT INFORMATION	
Department / Function	Kindergarten trainee to assist Lead teacher and Assistant teacher in their work.
Description of activities	<p><u>Knowledge, skills and competences to be acquired:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To get familiar with the Steiner Waldorf Early Childhood Education teaching method. - To learn how to prepare and plan the Kindergarten rhythm of the day and to celebrate festivals and seasons. - To learn how to create a nurturing environment for children aged between 2.5 and 6. - To learn how to resolve conflict between children, record observations, keep records. - To learn how to report issues to senior members of staff. - To learn how to liaise with parents / carers and to keep information confidential. <p><u>Tasks of the trainee:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To support the Kindergarten teachers in their work, and to help maintain the Kindergarten environment.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To help attending to the needs of the children, and to maintain the rhythm of the Kindergarten. - To help with the daily preparation of room materials and activities, and help preparing the morning snack. - To help looking after children during outside play and when out on walks. - To help cleaning, mending and making crafts, and to help maintain areas used in the Kindergarten, which include the main playrooms, toilets, kitchen and outdoor area. - To attend kindergarten and teachers' meetings, parents' meetings and festivals, where possible. Some evenings and weekend days included. - To be responsible, actively engaged and enthusiastic. - To at all times cooperate and work with the kindergarten management. <p>During the internship period the student will be monitored and supervised by senior members of staff. Daily/weekly evaluations/reviews will take place in the presence of teachers/mentors/management members.</p>
Location	Galway city, Ireland.
Duration	Possibly 10 months (Sept to June) We might consider shorter placements.
Working hours per week	22.5 per week
Accommodation (please select)	<input type="checkbox"/> Accommodation will be provided <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>We can assist with finding accommodation</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Student to make own arrangements
Details of financial and "in kind" support to be provided	Reasonable daily travel expenses to and from the Kindergarten may be reimbursed.
Other information	A warm organic snack is provided every morning to the children and this is shared with staff and volunteers.

COMPETENCES, SKILLS, EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT, LEVEL OF EDUCATION	
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Languages and level of competence required	The candidate will need to be sufficiently fluent in reading/speaking/writing English.
Computer skills and level of skills required	Not necessary for the job.
Level of education	Undergraduate or higher
Other	The candidate should either have an appreciation or an interest in Steiner Waldorf education.