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INTERNATIONAL WORKCAMP

WE ARE LOOKING FOR
VOLUNTEERS FROM YOUR CITY!

KINDERSPIELTSTADT KARAMEMPEL

- ◆ From the 29th of July until the 9th of August 2019
- ◆ In Esslingen / Germany.
- ◆ For young people over 18.
- ◆ Around 10-15 participants from different European countries.
- ◆ You should be able to speak English. Of course, basic knowledge of German is even better.
- ◆ We will sleep on camp beds in community accommodations.
- ◆ Travel (up to 100€), accommodation and food are covered.
- ◆ Normal daily schedule is from 8:30 to 17:00.
- ◆ On weekend and evenings we will have free time for activities.
- ◆ Let's experience an unforgettable time together!





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WHAT IS KARAMEMPEL?

Karamempel opens its gates since 26 years during the summer holidays and the kids are still enthusiastic about their very own little **play town** in Esslingen. Every year, about 200 children become citizens of Karamempel. Life in Karamempel is similar to the one in the next-door city of Esslingen: As a citizen, you need a valid identity card to be able to get a job to earn your own money, called "Mempel". There are around 30 different and diverse businesses and jobs available: from pizza maker to carpentry, from telegraph office to reporter of the newspaper.

In the children's play center, the kids learn how "real life" works in a city, how companies and shops can handle orders, how to cook 200 meals a day, or how a newspaper editor fills the pages every day. The goal is the maximum of **participation** and decision-making freedom for the kids. So every citizen can decide for him– or herself every single day: Work or leisure? Wealth or poverty? Save or spend? Rummaging or cooperating?

This, the largest **holiday program** in Esslingen, is made possible by numerous sponsors and supporters, as well as an invincible team of around 30 voluntary youths, who each year not only guide the workplaces, but also build the infrastructure, transport the entire material and design the workstations in advance.

WHAT ARE THE TASKS FOR THE VOLUNTEERS?

International volunteers will support other volunteers in organizing the workplaces with up to 10 kids. Work will consist in **physical work** and being in contact with the kids all the time. So above all, it will be **pedagogical work**, learning and experiencing how to work with kids by playing games or doing creative activities and how to become a good youth group leader.

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