

## EVS Volunteering in Greenland (Denmark) – Campus Kujalleq

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- Location: Qaqortoq, Greenland (Denmark)
- Apply between 01/03/2016 and 31/03/2016
- Activity start: 01/08/2016
- Activity end: 29/07/2017

### Resume

We would like to welcome two brave and mature EVS volunteers to spend 12 months in Qaqortoq I south Greenland.

The volunteers will get a unique firsthand experience with the beautiful nature and culture in Greenland. It is expected that the volunteers are motivated to learn how to speak Danish (perhaps even Greenlandic). The work will be a combination of social field, social medias, coordination, networking and giving speeches about intercultural perspectives. All tasks are divided between Campus Kujalleq and AFS Interkultur.

### The context

Campus Kujalleq is a high school based in the city Qaqortoq in the Southern part of Greenland. The school has 400 students, most of them between 15 and 20 years of age. For students who are not from Qaqortoq, there's the possibility of using the school's houses for accomodation. In these houses the students eat, do their homework and spend time with their friends after school. The EVS volunteers will be involved with activities related to this.

We are making a big effort to make the school a nice place to study and live. We have a student cafeteria for the older students where they eat in the evenings. There is a place to read newspapers and use computers at night and on weekends. Our music room and fitness room can be used on weekends by appointment with the students who have keys to the room. The students can borrow canoes and kayaks for a trip on the lake in the summer time (June-August) and in winter time you can borrow skates and skis.

Besides from working at Campus Kujalleq, the volunteers will also have tasks related to AFS Interkultur's work at Greenland. AFS Interkultur is part of an international non-profit exchange organisation, it is based in Copenhagen. In Qaqortoq AFS has a local chapter of experienced volunteers, who will be of great support for the EVS volunteers. AFS is accredited as hosting, coordinating and sending organisation. Please find more information about AFS Interkultur at [www.afs.dk](http://www.afs.dk) (AFS Interkultur has PIC 948326226.)

South Greenland is a unique part of the Arctic Island of Greenland, with great contrasts between chilly glaciers and green valleys. The city Qaqortoq, where Campus Kujalleq is situated, has about 3000 inhabitants. It is often described as the most beautiful town in Greenland and has a picturesque setting, between the fiord of Qaqortoq and the lake of Tasersuaq.

## Practicalities

The volunteer will get his/her own room with bath and toilet. All meals will be shared with the students.

In that way the volunteers live and work at the same place and will be able to walk around the city. When travelling to other cities related to work, the transportation cost will be covered.

Qaqortoq is a small town, which you can only reach by plane, helicopter or boat. The longest road out of the town ends after 4 km. When arriving from Copenhagen to Narsarsuaq Airport you can either take a boat (two hours) or the helicopter (15 minutes) in order to reach Qaqortoq

Living in Qaqortoq is expected to be very different from what any EVS volunteer is used to from home. Therefore we are very much aware about the necessity of building up a strong support team around the volunteers at the project.

The volunteer will have a mentor among the staff group at Campus. This mentor will make sure to design the week schedule together with the volunteer, in order to make sure that both tasks and working hours fit to students, volunteer and project as well. The schedule needs to fit in with the rest of the volunteer's everyday life such as language school, hobbies and contact family activities. The mentor will have follow up conversations with the volunteers to ensure the learning outcome. There will be proper training involved as well if needed.

In the local area we will work on finding an extra contact person that can be the extended network it is nice to have, if the volunteer has questions he/she doesn't feel like directing to the mentor. The contact person can be helpful with practical as well as social matters, such as introducing the Greenlandic way of life and in the beginning showing the volunteer how the system works.

In order to have a larger network, the volunteer will have a mentor in the local AFS chapter in Qaqortoq as well as a mentor in the AFS Interkultur office in Denmark. These two mentors will be helpful on the ground and on phone, email and skype. And together the mentors and the volunteers will plan the tasks related to AFS.

In order for the volunteers to know AFS Interkultur, he/she will start the period, living in Denmark for a week. Living with a hostfamily and getting to know AFS Interkultur.

AFS Interkultur will provide the volunteers with an online education called "Global Competence Certificate" This is an extended online course, regarding cultural

awareness. Besides from the online modules it consists of four webinars facilitated by certified trainers in the AFS network.

## Tasks

The volunteers will be expected to work fulltime 37 hours/week. This time includes Danish language classes. The rest of the time will be divided equally between Campus Kujalleq and AFS Interkultur. Some weeks might be focussing on AFS other weeks on Campus. This partnership, will give the volunteers a good possibility to both have a solid foundation in the local community, presented by Campus Kujalleq, but at the same time have tasks challenging them in organisational work related to the intercultural field, presented by AFS Interkultur.

The first week of their EVS exchanged will take place in Copenhagen, where they will live with a local hostfamily. This week of introduction will help them understand the organisation and give them the chance to meet the colleagues and some of the AFS volunteers. They will also be introduced to the responsibilities they are going to have during the year to come.

At Campus Kujalleq the volunteers, will mainly have tasks in helping out the students after school time. For instance there could be a need for helping them do their homework, but it could also be organizing social activities in order for the students to build strong networks among each other. Furthermore it will be nice for some students to have the volunteers to talk to and share thoughts with, since they are young (around 16) and don't see their own families that often. The volunteers can be rolemodels and inspire the students to see their own potentials in a world of opportunities.

In addition to this the volunteers will help the staff at Campus Kujalleq doing administrative tasks like making surveys among the students.

At AFS Interkultur the volunteers will help the local chapter spreading the knowledge about the exchange program in general. By representing a different part of the world and a foreign culture, and sharing personal experiences, the volunteers can play a big part in motivating youth to be active citizens and explore their possibilities for traveling.

The volunteers can do tasks like updating social medias, visiting schools and youthclubs in Qaqortoq and in the nearest cities. Most likely there will also be some longer travels to bigger cities like Nuuk or Illulisat, to inspire youth there. Another task is to help families and potential AFS students in the application process.

As a final task the volunteers will coordinate the annual predeparture training at Greenland. If the volunteers are interested they will have plenty of opportunities of arranging intercultural events in the local youth environment. The volunteers will have a mentor in Denmark, but also be in close relation with Poul Halberg Jørgensen, who will be their AFS supervisor during their stay.

## Criteria and how to apply?

We are looking for mature and highly motivated candidates, preferably above the age of 22.

In order to live among the students at Campus, the volunteers need to be very social. It is important that they are motivated to learn about the Greenlandic culture by living it out, and socializing with everyone around him/her. The volunteer should be interested in learning the language Danish (second language in Greenland).

We are looking for volunteers with interest and skills in the fields of story telling, social work, communication, networking, social medias and coordination.

The recruitment process is open to all.

In order to apply please log into the [www.youthnetworks.eu](http://www.youthnetworks.eu) and find our vacancy with an application form attached.

Fill out the application form and send it along with your CV to [vibe.gronfeldt@afs.org](mailto:vibe.gronfeldt@afs.org) between the 1st of March and the 31st of March 2016. If you have been shortlisted for the project you will hear from us before the 20<sup>th</sup> of April 2016.

- *Regards, Vibe Grønfeldt, EVS Coordinator at AFS Interkultur.*