

Exchange of young museum professionals in Europe

Dear Sir/Madam,

the “Arbeitskreis Volontariat” was founded in 1998 at the “Deutscher Museumsbund” as a nationwide representation of young museum professionals at German museums, preservation authorities and memorial places.

The so called “Volontariat” (post as a trainee) is a two-year practical qualification in all aspects of museum work which young academics pass after graduation and often even after the doctor’s degree/PhD in order to follow a career at a museum afterwards.

The “Arbeitskreis Volontariat” wants to initiate a survey on European level in order to establish a network which enables qualified young museum professionals to work abroad for several weeks. Therefore, we would like to ask you whether you are interested in supporting our network. Moreover, we would like to find out more about the situation of the European colleagues and how the start in professional life is regulated elsewhere.

In today’s Europe it is more and more important for young museum professionals to get an insight in museum work all over Europe in order to get to know different working methods and to establish contacts for cross-national exhibition projects in the future.

For further information please visit our homepage at www.museumsbund.de (Fachgruppen/AK Volontariat) and do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Yours sincerely

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Questionnaire: Exchange of young museum professionals in Europe

Museum:

Name:

Address:

E-Mail:

- Ethnological Museum Museum of Natural History
- Museum of History or Archaeology Art Museum
- Museum of Technology Memorial Place
- Folk Museum or Museum of Local History Other

How many scientific employees are working at your museum?

- 1-5 5-10 10-20 more than 20

Which studies are preconditions for an employment as a scientific curator at your museum?

- Graduate Studies full title:
- Museum Studies full title:
- Postgraduate Studies full title:

Which academic degree is required for a scientific employee?

- Doctor/PhD. Master of Arts
- Diploma Master
- Bachelor Other

Is there any comparable form of qualification or education for young museum professionals (compared to the "Volontariat") in your country?

yes no

If so, what is the full title?

How long does the training take?

Which fields of activity are part of the work?

- Exhibitions yes no
- Documentation yes no
- Restoration/Conservation yes no
- Education yes no
- Organisation of special activities yes no
- Public relations yes no

Administration yes no

Research yes no

Could you think of having a foreign guest for a period of 2-6 months at your institution?

yes no

If so, who would be the contact person at your museum?

Do you know other institutions in your country that might be interested in participating and supporting such an exchange?

If so, which would you recommend?

Notes/Other