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Educators wanted for a German-Namibian exchange!

Do you want to get to know the German and Namibian education system? Are you interested in further education? Would you like to work together in a team of educators in an educational project related to the UN Sustainable Development Goal No. 4? Then apply now for a German-Namibian exchange program!

Together, Suni e.V. and the Light for the Children Foundation are implementing an exchange of educators (www.suni-ev.de & www.lightforthechildren.com)

Suni e.V. is a German-Namibian association that promotes intercultural exchange between young people from Germany and Namibia. The Light for the Children Foundation is a Namibian faith-based organisation to support children in eastern Namibia. From March 2022 to December 2023 Suni e.V. and the Light for the Children Foundation organize an exchange project, with six German and six Namibian educators on the Sustainable Development Goal No. 4: Inclusive, equitable and quality education for all. We are looking for motivated people who want to discover new things, learn more, and think outside the box.

How does the exchange of German and Namibian educators work?

The exchange program starts for all participants in April 2022 and ends in autumn 2023. Due to the Corona-Pandemic and potential travel bans all dates might be subject to changes on short notice. Also, we are planning to have workshops in person that might be switched to online or hybrid events, if necessary.

For the Namibian educators, the exchange program starts with a one day workshop on April 3rd. For the German participants, the program starts with a weekend workshop from May 20th - 22nd. The Namibian educators will arrive in Germany on August 26th, 2022, and fly back on September 15th, 2022. From August 27th to September 4th, the German and Namibian participants will be together in Trier and surrounding. Here, the focus will be on getting to know each other. Throughout the course, there will be a five day training from the association *The Blue Mind e.V.*: A marine biologist and educational consultant will provide tools for educators to conduct educational units on marine conservation with children and young people. In addition, the entire group visits further training places in Rhineland-Palatinate.

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The Namibian participants then spend a week at a German educational institution and live with one of the German participants. At the end, everyone develops a project on UN Sustainable Development Goal 4, with the help of the group leaders. This project will be implemented by the end of 2023.

After the observation in Germany, the Namibian educators will carry out an excursion in Germany, which will give them an insight into the German educational landscape.

In fall of 2022 and spring of 2023, a weekend workshop will be held to continue the project and to prepare the German educators for their trip to Namibia. The dates for this will be coordinated in the country groups.

The return visit to Namibia will probably take place from August 5th to 28th, 2023. In Namibia, there will be a pedagogical training on the topic of the desert for everyone. Here, you will learn methods to convey environmental education on the topic of the desert to children and young people. Afterwards, the German participants will visit a Namibian educational institution and live with their Namibian colleagues. Together, they finalize the project on UN Sustainable Development Goal No. 4.

At the end all participants will go on a field trip to Namibian educational institutions. At the end of 2023, a final workshop, the publication of the project results and an evaluation will take place for each group.

All changes due to the Corona-Pandemic will be discussed within the group of participants. Solutions will be found together as a team.

What is the goal of the exchange program?

The exchange program has three goals:

First, to address the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) No. 4: Inclusive, equitable, and quality education for all. For this purpose, the German and Namibian educators will be trained in the field of environmental education (water and desert) on the one hand, and on the other hand will they gain insights into the other educational system and work together on the implementation of a German-Namibian educational project. For this purpose, we will work on questions together during the entire encounter, as well as carry out small projects in partner work.

Secondly, by bringing together German and Namibian educators, we would like to contribute to intercultural exchange and enhance a different perspective on German and Namibian prejudices. Therefore, in the preparation and also during the exchange, we will deal with topics such as equality, power, racism, colonial continuities and the development of stereotypes.

Our third goal is learning from each other, discovering new aspects and having fun together. We will discuss, present, play, learn, laugh and sometimes go beyond our limits. Each participant will be involved in the planning and design in order to enrich the common exchange with methods, ideas, concepts and games from their own everyday professional life.

Who can participate in the exchange?

Participants must not be older than 29 years at the time of their application. You should have a profession in the educational field in Namibia or in Germany. This includes, for example, the following professions: educator, social pedagogue, educational consultant, teacher of all school types, language



trainer, educational scientist, sports trainer and many others. Students in their master's degree or trainees in their last year of vocational training to become an educator can also participate.

It is important that you have excellent English language skills.

You should be willing to receive the required vaccinations for a visit to the other country, including the required Corona vaccinations. A willingness to comply with country-specific laws is a condition of participation for all.

You should have a working smartphone and access to a mobile network. Applications from people with disabilities are explicitly welcome.

Each participant should be willing to host a person from the other country for one week. Your guest will not need a room of their own, but will need their own safe place to sleep and access to a toilet and washing facilities. If you are unsure if your home is suitable, contact us. We will find a solution together.

Who pays the costs?

The project costs are funded by the *German-African Youth Office's Teams Up!* program at 75%. The *Entwicklungspolitisches Landesnetzwerk Rheinland-Pfalz e.V.*, two other sponsors, Suni e.V. and the Light for the Children Foundation will cover the remaining costs.

For you this means: No costs for travel, food, accommodation, or the workshops. All accommodation, travel, material costs and food costs will be covered. This includes of course the flight to Namibia and the journey to the airport. All costs for the planned activities and project work will be covered.

For Namibian participants, visa costs, costs for the compilation of the necessary documents and travel costs for the visa interview at the German embassy in Windhoek are also covered. For German participants the visa for the educational trip to Namibia is free of charge.

Travel, liability insurance or international insurance for the trip to Namibia must be taken out by German participants themselves. For Namibian participants this will be taken care of.

Each participant agrees to host and feed a guest from the other country for one week. There will be no reimbursement for this.

Other travel expenses such as pocket money, vaccinations, the fee for using public toilets, cell phone or WLAN fees or costs for activities, that are not included in the program, will not be covered.

Are you interested?

Please send us a cover letter with your current resume and we will arrange a zoom interview with you. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at any time.

The application deadline is 3/15/2022.

Please send your documents

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- from Namibia to Gijsbertha van Rooyen at (+264) 0818819188 or gijsbertha@lightforthechildren.com