

Volunteering in Ghana – Bright Star Int. School

Section One: Partner Organisation

1. Organisation Name:

Kwamekrom Brigh Star International School

2. Contact Details:

Name	Verena Rösslhumer-Gyan and Frederick Kwaku Gyan
Address	Bright Star Int. School, Kwamekrom No.2, P.o.Box: 4 WP (Adawso), Eastern Region, Ghana, Africa

3. Organisation Vision/Mission and goals or objectives:

The rate of illiterate people and drop out students get lower. The BSIS (Bright Star Int. School) leavers have improved lifetime opportunities. BSIS students finish basic education successfully with which they are able to continue higher education or concentrate on technical skills or trade market. They become respectful, self-confident, moral upright and innovative citizens.

4. Background of the Organisation:

Verena Rösslhumer-Gyan and Frederick Kwaku Gyan started the project 2011.

31.10.2011 start of lessons at the Bright Star Int. School

30.01.2013 Vereinsgründung: Chance for Ghana

01.09.2016 project integration to ORA International Österreich

Short overview:

- 20.02.2011 – start of building the Bright Star Int. School (Primary School classes)
- 31.10.2011 – opening the school + lessons
- own toilets
- own borehole + 2 polytanks + Water gutter
- School canteen
- Football-, Volleyball and Netball pitch
- own volunteers room
- School bus
- Junior High School
- Kindergarten building
- Library and ICT room
- Established a fooball academy + Football club for girls and boys

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5. Population being served by your Organisation:

Children, Teenagers and young adults – for their better future and life

6. Summary of Projects in the organisation:

Basic education projects – KG, Pre school, Primary school and Junior High school)
 Football Academy for girls and boys
 After school workshops

 Different Christmas and Easter projects

Section Two: Volunteer Program

7. Person in Charge of Volunteer Program in the Project:

Name	Verena Rösslhuber-Gyan and Frederick Kwaku Gyan
Mobile number	+43 650 3783873

8. Potential working fields for volunteers:

- Volunteers can support in **Kg, primary school and JHS** – supporting the class teacher
- Main subjects for the volunteers are : English, Maths, Creative Arts, Science, ICT,...
- Teaching plans will be provided and volunteers timetable (depending on the interests and wishes of the volunteers) will be created.
- Lessons are from Monday-Friday from 7:45am – 3:00pm
- Support the teachers with the term Exams
- German/English lessons for the football academy
- Support of the extra curricula workshops – from 2:00pm – 3:00pm
 Volunteers can also create their own workshops – in general we offer various sports workshops, dance, drum and drama workshops, debate department,... – workshops can change from term to term – depending on the student’s interests

Saturday & Sunday are free for travelling, visiting different places and touring on their own

9. Two Contact persons for volunteers in the project: 24h available

First contact person's name:	Isaac Adom
Address:	Bright Star Int. School, Kwamekrom No.2, P.o.Box: 4 WP (Adawso), Eastern Region, Ghana, Africa
Mobile number:	will be given as soon everything is settled

Second contact person's name:	Victor Ameseuwu
Address:	Bright Star Int. School, Kwamekrom No.2, P.o.Box: 4 WP (Adawso), Eastern Region, Ghana, Africa
Mobile number:	will be given as soon everything is settled

10. Number of volunteers:

How many volunteers could come at the same time?	1-4
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Section Three: Details about living circumstances

11. Description of host family /apartment/accommodation:

<u>Classification of the accommodation:</u> Host family, at project/ apartment/ hostel,.....	At school – own volunteers room
Address	Bright Star Int. School, Kwamekrom No.2, P.o.Box: 4 WP (Adawso), Eastern Region, Ghana, Africa
How far away from the project	Living directly there
Electricity?	Yes – but not always 24h available
Water out of pipes?	No – using a bin full of water – using raining water or water from the school borehole – we will take care that you will have always enough water to bath
Warm water?	No
Own bathroom or shared bathroom with others?	own volunteers bathroom
Bathroom indoor or outdoor?	indoor
Bed sheets/blankets/pillows provided?	We provide the bed sheets – the rest the volunteers have to bring along
Need of mosquito net?	Yes
Kitchen available?	Fire place available

12. One Contact person for volunteers at the accommodation: *should be available 24h*

Name:	All footballers stay at the school and are always 24h available for the volunteers
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13. Provision/Meals:

Where can the volunteers eat?	At school
Can they get food?	2 times a day (breakfast is not included – they have to prepare it by themselves)
Who prepares the food for the volunteers?	Footballers and school staff
Description of some local food:	Mostly rice with different stew, or rice and beans, noodles with stew, yam, fufu and banku + soup – less meat and fish

14. Infrastructure around the project and the apartment/accommodation:

Markets/shops around?	small shops are available in the village – opposite of the school is one shop where you can get t-roll, bread, soap,...
If yes how far away from the project and accommodation?	
Where is the next cash machine?	Between 10km and 30km away in Aburi, Nsawam, Koforidua
Is Visa/Master card and other common cards accepted?	Yes

What can volunteers do in their free time? What kind of activities and places are there for volunteers?	Playing with the village kids, washing clothes, internet, resting, making football training with the footballers, helping with cooking, Travelling at weekend
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15. Currency:

Name of Country currency:	Ghana Cedis - GHS
Current exchange rate to Euro:	Depends on the day – for 1€ about~ 6,4 GHS (rate of November 2020)

16. Safety:

Is it safe around the project and accommodation?	Yes
How far away is the closest hospital or clinic?	There is a small clinic 5 km away - and a big hospital around 30-40 km away
Is it safe for volunteers to travel or go out alone on weekends or at night?	Yes
Is it a Malaria area?	Yes
Rabies area?	No – but it is to advise to be carefully!!
Yellow fever area?	Yes
Other illnesses spread in this area? If yes, which?	Ordinary cough & cold, Diarrhoea, Ordinary viral fever, Typhoid,...

17. Vaccination:

Depending on the above sickness you may enquire in your country and have the vaccination. Yellow fever vaccination is a MUST for Ghana entry. Malaria prophylaxis is also necessary.
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18. Climate:

What's the weather like throughout the year?	It depends on the area and even from year to year it is changing a little bit between raining season and hot season. But normally the hottest season is around Christmas time – December- February/March Raining seasons around July, August, September
Are there any dangerous animals and plants?	Yes – snakes and scorpions – don't go into the forest without a guide!!

19. Time difference:

What's the time difference between Austria and the project country?	2 Hours – in summer time 8 am in Ghana is 10 am in Austria 1 hour – in winter time 8 am in Ghana is 9 am in Austria
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20. Visa:

Does an Austrian or German volunteer need a visa?	Yes
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If yes how do they get one? At the airport in the foreign country? In the local country of the volunteer?	For Austrian volunteers – they have to require for the visa at the Swiss embassy.
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21. Travel to Project Country:

What's the best way to travel to your project country? (Plane, Bus, Train, Car?)	Austria to Ghana – by plane
Which airports, train stations or bus stations are closest to your project?	Airport, Ghana – Accra Contact persons will pick the volunteers from the airport
Will you be able to pick up the volunteer at the airport, bus or train station?	Yes, at the airport

22. Network:

Is there mobile connection at the project location?	Yes
Is there an internet connection at the project location?	Yes
How can volunteers use the internet? Via sim card? Via pen drive? Via WIFI? Others?	Via pen drive or sim card – you will get everything in Ghana – Important: your mobile should be unlocked so that you can use all the networks
Can they buy a local Sim card for their mobile phone?	Yes

23. Travel check list:

Do they need to bring any special items?	Personal things (no warm clothes needed) If some space in the suitcase left: school materials for the kids: pens, pencils, eraser, sharpener, books, papers, colour papers, First aid materials.
Is there a certain dress code? Are there things that are not appropriate to wear?	Modesty in dressing according to the culture of the country – place.

Section Four: Costs and Expectations

24. Volunteer fees:

<u>If yes: How much per month?</u> Food: Airport transfer: Accommodation: Project support fees:	Everything together 300€ per month
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25. Qualifications and Conditions:

Do the volunteers need special qualifications?	No special qualification needed – should know English They should be motivated, committed, interested and spontaneous
Is there an age limit?	Not under 18
Do they have to send you their CV (Resume)?	Yes – or an E-mail with more details about themselves
Do you have special questions regarding the volunteer?	No
Do you wish E-mail contact with the volunteers before their arrival?	Yes
Do you have a problem if a volunteer has a different religion or if he/she is an atheist?	No
Do you have special expectations regarding the volunteer? Are there any extra curricular activities, he/she should take part in? (e.g. prayer times, community days, evening programs,...?)	No, they are free

26. Minimum and Maximum duration of stay?

Is there a minimum or a maximum duration of stay for a volunteer?	Maximum 4 months – in special cases 6 months
Is there a certain time of the year, when you cannot host volunteers? (For example: holiday season, winter?)	No – always possible

Section Five: Possible Challenges

27. Possible Challenges and Risks:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers have to take full responsibility for himself/herself • being in time • informing contact persons before travelling • No lending or borrowing money or things to any one (no charity in a form of cash & kind) • respect ghanaian cultures and traditions
