

Who are we?

We are a group of three Volunteers from the German NGO Kolping International Youth Exchanges and we will stay in Panaji for three weeks to support G.E.T.



“Hi, I’m Nina. Back in Germany I am currently doing my studies in Psychology in the northern part of the country. I decided to support the G.E.T. organization because on the one hand I want to contribute something to a social project like G.E.T. in an active way and on the other hand I am really interested in India respective the Indian culture.”

“My name is Linda. I am living in Cologne, a big city in the western part of Germany. During the last years I was working for Kolping as coordinator for the long term volunteers. Back in Germany I will start my Master degree in the University. I decided to be the voluntary leader for the Workcamp in Panaji because I heard a lot of good things about G.E.T. and so I wanted to get to know this NGO.”

“My name is Gabriele. I am living in Dresden in the east part of Germany. I am working as an engineer for housing. When I was a youngster it was not possible for me to travel. Then I started my career, got married, my children were born, I got a job and a house. I worked very hard for my family and my job so I didn’t have time to travel. My children are now grown up and independent. But only working is not fulfilling me. I want to spend some of my time and use some of my life experience to support other people. In addition I also want to learn more about myself and the life and culture of other people in India.”

What is “Kolping”?

The German Kolping Organization was founded more than 200 years ago by Adolf Kolping. He was a catholic priest and his idea was to teach people how to improve their situation by helping themselves in groups to give them community, prayer and support. After World War II came into being the idea of Workcamps. Groups of youngsters from former enemy countries were sent to take care together of the graves of victims from the war. By now since more than 60 years Kolping sends young people to countries all over the world to learn and support each other by working together in a social project. Learning about other cultures by working together is



the best base to a better and more peaceful world.

What do we do?

Our main task is to teach English to the children of G.E.T. as speaking English is the elementary base for their future. It is very important for them to have someone to talk to in English so that they can profit from “learning by doing”.



We try to teach with joy by using interactive teaching methods (like e.g. games, reading, singing, pictures, role playing) where the students should always be the active part in the learning process.

In addition we support the teachers of G.E.T. in correcting homework and preparing the tuition. At this point it is important to mention that we also learn from both, the children and teachers: Due to the intercultural



differences we get to know a lot about the Indian culture, traditions, faith and the attitude to always see the positive parts of a situation. We are really thankful for these valuable experiences we made so far.

What do we see?

All in all we see a great organization led by a strongly committed founder. Both Sister Francis and the teachers are doing a great job every day and you can really see how much they care about their students. We are really impressed by their hard work and their way to deal with it. In addition we are thrilled how many different religions are represented in the classes and how G.E.T. manages to bring them all together in peace. On the other hand we see the need of G.E.T. as there are lots of children who need additional tuition plus educational care.



The best thing we see is the result of the work of G.E.T. namely the learning progress and the joy of the children!

A big “THANK YOU” to Sister Francis and the whole team for allowing us to gain an insight into the important work of G.E.T.