

# COME BE A VOLUNTEER

## **Volunteering means: Working for a good cause.**

In Germany, many people volunteer. Without volunteering, many areas of society would not function.

### **You can volunteer in many different areas:**

- Train children in the sports club
- Helping refugees
- Caring for the elderly
- Work in the volunteer fire department

### **There are many good reasons to volunteer:**

- Try something new and learn something new
- Getting to know new people
- Doing something for society
- Fill free time
- Practice another language

## **Legal aspects**

Volunteering is unpaid, sometimes there is a small pay-ment. If you receive social security, you are allowed to earn additional €250 per month with volunteer work. You don't need a work permit for this. It is important that you let the service provider (job center, social welfare office or district office) know if you earn money while volunteering. If you have any questions or are unsure, it's best to ask a social worker.

