



Social internship for grade 9 from 14. -18. 10. 2024

Dear Parents of grade 9,

From 14.- 18.10.2024, the 9th graders will have the opportunity for the first time to gain insights into professional fields of social/non-profit work. This means that the students accompany a social project or an NGO¹ in their everyday work during this week.

The social internship is intended to give the students an understanding of social responsibility and at the same time to bring them closer to a specific professional field.

In a social internship, the focus is on compassion and understanding for other people and their living conditions. It is therefore not primarily a question of gaining professional experience that will be of advantage for your future professional career, but of recognizing the value each individual has for society and how everyone can contribute to the social cohesion of the community.

Especially with regards to the experiences of the past two years with "social distancing", this internship puts social interaction back into focus.

Of course, questions about one's own career can also be taken into account but raising awareness of humanity should not be subordinated to this purpose when looking for a suitable organization.

In order to gain the most constructive experience possible, students should seek out an organization in whose work they are interested within the next weeks.

To help you find suitable NGOs, you will find the link to the government website below², but parents, relatives or acquaintances can also be accompanied during this week if they work in the social field. Internships in daycare centers, retirement homes or animal protection organizations are also possible. However, please inquire with your child at an early stage which requirements and deadlines must be met for the application.

The preparation and debriefing of these days will take place in class with the class teacher.

Please ask the institution to fill in the attached form once you have found a suitable place for your child and hand it back **to the class teacher latest by the 1st of August 2024.**

Kind regards

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¹ Definition: A non-governmental organization (NGO) is a **non-profit group that functions independently of any government**. NGOs, sometimes called civil societies, are organized on community, national and international levels to serve a social or political goal such as humanitarian causes or the environment. Quelle: [https://www.investopedia.com/ask/answers/13/what-is-non-government-organization.asp#:~:text=A%20non%20governmental%20organization%20\(NGO,humanitarian%20causes%20or%20the%20environment](https://www.investopedia.com/ask/answers/13/what-is-non-government-organization.asp#:~:text=A%20non%20governmental%20organization%20(NGO,humanitarian%20causes%20or%20the%20environment)

² <https://www.gov.za/faq/contact-information/how-do-i-contact-non-governmental-organisations-ngos>