

General Information

The **German YMCA** offers an au pair placement service to families in Greater London. We are a charitable organisation and work in partnership with the German charity **IN VIA** (www.aupair-invia.caritas.de) **and other organisations** which forward au pair applications to us from German-speaking countries. During our main placement period in August and September prospective au pairs have the possibility of staying at the German YMCA. They will be given advice and information and then go for interviews to meet potential host families in person.

The rest of the year the interviews with au pairs and host families take place via skype or on the telephone and the au pair comes directly from abroad to your home.



- ▼ We prefer a **personal approach** and take the time to get to know both the host family and the au pair. This is an invaluable help to us when we come to suggest the right au pair for you.
- ▼ During our main placement period in August and September we give you the **opportunity to meet au pairs in person** before committing yourself. The rest of the time you have the opportunity to skype with several candidates.
- ▼ We offer **on-going support** to you and your au pair.
- ▼ We provide **information and advice** for the au pairs and offer a **leisure-time programme** to help them settle in, meet other young people and get to know London and its surroundings.
- ▼ We are **not a commercial agency**. Our main aim is to promote intercultural understanding and personal development of young people.
- ▼ We are a **non-profit organisation** and request a donation, towards our costs, of £200 for the full academic year, £140 for six months and £60 for a summer au pair.

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AU PAIRS

An au pair is a good option for the busy mum or dad who needs an extra pair of hands on a daily basis. A typical au pair is usually aged 18 - 27 and enjoys working with children. The au pair comes from abroad to experience a new culture and learn a foreign language. An au pair should be treated as part of the family. The idea is for the au pair to stay and work for you in exchange for pocket money, room and board.

Objectives and General Conditions

Being and having an au pair should be equally useful to both the host family and the au pair. Au pairs live in a host family and take part in family life. In return for housework and childcare they receive free accommodation and board as well as pocket money.

Working as an au pair gives young people the opportunity to improve their knowledge of a foreign language, to get to know their host country, its people and culture. They get the chance to broaden their intercultural understanding and to further their personal development. All this will have a positive effect on their professional careers. An au pair's stay promotes exchange and understanding among people of different nationalities.



Host family requirements:

- Single accommodation and full board also on the au pair's days off
- Pocket money of at least £80-90 per week
- Allow the au pair to attend English classes, minimum 10 hours per week
- 2 weeks paid holiday
- Invite the au pair to take part in the family life
- Weekends off



Au pair requirements:

- Be aged between 18 and 27
- Be single and have no dependants
- Completion of the required medical and criminal records certificate
- Have basic knowledge of the English language
- Have experience and enjoy working with children
- Be able to do light housework
- Be independent, responsible and flexible
- Have references

Responsibilities of the au pair:

- 25 hours of work per week, consisting mainly of childcare and light housework. In most families the au pair works 5 days per week; however the working schedule will reflect the needs of the individual families
- Baby-sit up to twice a week (not transferable)

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