



**Growing Together Detroit-Sustainable Volunteerism Between the Local and the Global**  
Alternative Summer Break Program - Action Reconciliation Service for Peace  
July 23 to August 9, 2016, in Detroit, Michigan

**Who we are - Action Reconciliation Service for Peace**

Action Reconciliation Service for Peace (ARSP) was founded by members of the Protestant Church of Germany in 1958 as a sign of taking responsibility for the crimes the Nazis committed, particularly the Holocaust. For over 50 years ARSP has been committed to working toward reconciliation and peace, as well as fighting racism, discrimination and social exclusion. In cooperation with our project partners, volunteers develop their understanding of history and other cultures and societies, while experiencing and accepting different patterns of thought and behavior.

**Growing Together Detroit – A Learning Experience With A Transatlantic Twist**

For the second time, *Growing Together Detroit* will bring a cohort of fourteen volunteers from Germany, the US, and beyond to Detroit this summer. From July 23 to August 9, we want to continue our work with *Eden Gardens Block Club*, a unique neighborhood association. We will support *Eden Gardens's* community garden project, clean up blighted properties with students from Detroit Public Schools, and organize community-oriented activities with people from the neighborhood.



An educational program focusing on race-relations in Detroit, urban agriculture, and community organizing will help us connecting our work to larger social and political issues in the city and beyond. We will meet educators and activists from the *Eden Gardens Block Club*, the *James and Grace Lee Boggs Center*, the *Isaac Agree Downtown Synagogue*, the *University of Michigan*, the *Charles H. Wright Museum for African American History*, *Repair the World*, and the *Holocaust Memorial Center*. Together we want to develop a form of community engagement which is grounded in empathy and equality. We do not want to merely do good; we are striving for durable developments and lasting relationships.

**Who Can Apply**

We encourage US citizens, 18 years and older, who are passionate about social justice, community organizing, urban gardening, and intercultural exchange to apply for *Growing Together Detroit 2016*.

**How to Apply**

Please fill out the *Growing Together Detroit* application form and send it to: [growing.together.detroit@gmail.com](mailto:growing.together.detroit@gmail.com). Application deadline is April 1, 2016.

**Program Fee**

The program fee is \$150. It covers expenses for room and board, transportation in Detroit, and the costs for the educational and cultural program. Limited financial support is available to help you covering your travel expenses.

We are delighted to count the *Joachim-Herz-Stiftung*, the *Honorary Consul of Germany in Detroit*, *Repair the World*, and the *Holocaust Memorial Center* among our supporters.



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