

GAP-YEAR

FROM SCHOOL RIGHT INTO COLLEGE?

NOT NECESSARILY!





Here are some examples of GAP-Years done right after school:

A photograph of a wooden boardwalk made of weathered planks, leading from the foreground towards the ocean. The boardwalk is flanked by green and white coastal vegetation. In the background, the ocean has white-capped waves breaking onto a sandy beach under a clear sky.

Margarethe Groos, 19

WHAT DID YOU DO?

“I did an Au-Pair year in Concord, Massachusetts in a home of a family with 3 children.”

WHY THIS KIND OF GAP-YEAR?

“Because I´ve always loved working with children and I wanted to improve my english skills and travel.”

WHAT WAS YOUR DAY LIKE?

“I had to generally take care of the kids during the day, like cooking, washing their clothes, play with them and so on and in the afternoon I could do whatever I wanted like traveling or going to a friends house.”

DID YOU LIKE IT?

“I loved it! I would recommend it to anyone who loves children and likes to travel.”

Mario Meyer, 19

WHAT DID YOU DO?

“I did a voluntary year and worked for the charity organisation Vamos Juntos in La Paz, Bolivia”

WHY THIS KIND OF GAP-YEAR?

“I wanted to do something charitable and since I’ve lived in Argentina in my childhood I wanted to go back in a spanish speaking country, preferably South-America”

WHAT WERE YOUR TASKS?

“Primarily I had to look out for around 60 bootblackers, visit them on the street, help them going to doctor’s appointments, help out their kids etc. Secundarily I organised charity events with other volunteers.”

WHAT WAS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE?

“Probably to sit with the bootblackers on the street and openly talk to them , since they were wearing masks so you could only see a part of their faces, but I adjusted to pretty fast”





Hannah Lambrich, 20

WHAT DID YOU DO?

“I did Work and Travel in New Zealand, where I worked on a farm, in a hostel and in restaurants”

WHAT WAS YOUR PREPARATION LIKE?

“Before I could travel the World I worked at home and saved 5000€, which were obviously not enough yet since only the flight cost 1300€, but it was a start. For all the planning I hired the organisation MultiKultur, they’ve helped me with the Visa and gave me my first job, they were a big help!”

WHAT KIND OF JOBS DID YOU HAVE?

“My first job was to work on a farm where I had to feed chickens, cows, horses and so on. After that I alternately worked in hostels, restaurants or on a campsite”

WAS IT WORTH THE TRIP?

“100%! During the time I didn’t work I traveled all over New Zealand and saw the most incredible places, I would do it again any time!”

