

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR EVS PROJECT IN ROMANIA



EVS project: “Gate towards International Education”

Service period: 1st March 2017 – 31st August 2017

Host organisation: AIST & partners premises, Baia Mare City & Maramures County

Service length: 6 months

DESCRIPTION

The service activities will be carried out according with a learning plan for each of the volunteers and will put special emphasis on non-formal learning, European awareness and interculturality. The EVS volunteers’ main role will be to assist in educational activities.

The following methods will be used: intercultural games, living library, multicultural workshops on cooking, dance and music, traditions, workshops in arts and crafts, music, educational drama, language clubs, forum and labyrinth theatre, flash mobs, street animation and festivals. Public speaking, debates and photovoice on European topics, treasure hunts, sports and mountaineering.

The project consists of a long term European Voluntary Services involving 6 volunteers from 3 countries, 5 Sending Organisations, AIST as Coordinating Organisation and Host Organisation and will involve AIST & partners premises, Baia Mare City & Maramures County.

The EVS volunteers will be actively involved in the “EDUTAINMENT”, defined as the act of learning through a medium that both educates and entertains, consisting in assisting the classroom teachers and taking part in curricular activities, Monday to Friday, before lunch in the partner kindergartens. In the afternoon, they will assist, lead and take active part in the “GAMIFICATION” programme, using game mechanics and game design techniques in non-game contexts-education, for school children. They will work with children in the rural areas, especially the ones in Dumbravita commune in a longer, consisting programme.

They will assist in and coordinate indoor and outdoor activities and non-formal educational programmes for children and youth:

- “Drugs Change Everything” (March 13th–17th), antidrugs campaign in highschoools consisting in working with teenagers and stating the negative effects drug consumption has on the human body. The activity involves a presentation and an interactive session with the students and ends with a poster made by teams of students. The partners are high schools such as: Colegiul Tehnic “Aurel Vlaicu”, Colegiul Tehnic “C. D. Nenitescu”, Liceul Teoretic “Emil Racovita”.
- “Easter” – (April), presentations and activities related to Easter in the countries represented in the project. The main target group is children from the rural area. The Romanian input in the activity will be Easter eggs coloring.

Our partners are: Scoala Gimnaziala "Lucian Blaga", Scoala Gimnaziala "I. L. Caragiale", Scoala Gimnaziala Dumbravita, Scoala Gimnaziala "Gheorghe Lupan", Grosi.

- "Plant for the Planet" (April 22nd), on Earth day, making a statement about protecting the environment by planting new plants to give us oxygen. For this activity we will involve children coming to our activities.
- "Europe Day" & Let's Put a Face to Europe (May 9th), Dance and music festival and multicultural activities for the children, competition for high school students to test their knowledge about the countries in the project. We will involve the following partners: Colegiul Tehnic "Aurel Vlaicu", Colegiul Tehnic "George Baritiu", Colegiul Economic Nicolae Titulescu, Colegiul National "Vasile Lucaciu", Colegiul National "Gheorghe Sincai", Colegiul National "Mihai Eminescu", Liceul de arte, Liceul Teoretic "Emil Racovita".
- "Kids Day" (June 1st), a fun filled day with activities that involve various games, arts and crafts where we will involve all the children in Baia Mare and the surroundings.
- "Children's Rights" (June 6th), involving the less fortunate children in non-formal activities from villages and other organizations.
- "International Playground" (June 9th), involving all types of children in non-formal activities.

They will also design and implement a community project to actively involve children and youth with fewer opportunities make at least three public events to promote core EU values through non-formal education and volunteering to the local community as part of their international project:

- "The Day of Volunteering" – public event as part of the "National Week of Volunteering" 16th edition to promote volunteering amongst youth through various educational activities
- Cultural workshops - presentation of the cultures represented in the project in a weekly 1 hour workshop for youth

In the period June 26 - August 11, during the summer vacation, we will organize weekly daily camps for children who will get the chance to travel the world or the continent and enrich their knowledge from our space activities. We will also plan short trips, make exchanges between the children in Baia Mare and the ones in the rural areas. The two main programs for the summer are:

- "Multicultural Europe" will involve kindergarten children aged 3 to 6 years old, about 50 children in each kindergarten participating in activities where the volunteers will promote their countries through nonformal education
- "Discover Europe!" we will use the great number of countries involved to imaginary travel with primary school children aged 6 to 12 years old. We will involve 100 children every week.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR THIS PROJECT PLEASE CONTACT CONCORDIA ASAP ON evs@concordiavolunteers.org.uk OR CALL THE OFFICE ON 01273 422218