

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR EVS PROJECT IN ROMANIA



EVS project: “To Get There TOGETHER”

Service period: 26 June – 23 August 2017

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

Service length: 59 days of service:

DESCRIPTION

26 June – 23 August 2017, involving 10 EVS from 8 EU countries

Profile of the volunteer

Volunteers need to be interested in learning & personal development, enjoy working with kids & youth, be open & tolerant to other cultures. Flexibility is required, as they will work in a multicultural environment as part of an international team. No other special requirements, just being responsible, positive, energetic, communicative & a basic level of English is desirable to facilitate communication within project activities.

Learning environment & outcomes:

EVS volunteers will gain diverse social & educational skills & competences, that will be useful for their upcoming educational/training & employment opportunities. They will be also involved in designing & implementing activities of social inclusion through nonformal educational methods practiced daily.

EVSers will learn to plan, implement & adjust educational activities for children & youth, typical & underprivileged, from urban & rural environments as well. They'll also learn to be more flexible & adapt to changes as unexpected situations come up despite all planning & risk analysis.

EVS volunteers will be encouraged & supported to develop their skills & creativity by working with kids & youth with fewer opportunities.

Project Objectives:

1. Providing learning opportunities as well as practical life experience for 10 EVS volunteers, within their 59 days of service, and also for 10 young volunteers, through summer activities with 450 children & 100 youth, from 1 urban & 5 rural communities.
2. Promoting the active involvement of disadvantaged young people, mainly from rural areas, in a more inclusive growth, through volunteering & nonformal educational activities, that will support 50 youngsters with unemployment risk to become more mobile and adopt a proactive behaviour in society.
3. Promoting healthy life styles for 550 children & youth, within at least 6 rural & urban communities, from Baia Mare City & Maramureş County, through the practice of grassroots sports & daily outdoor activities.

EVS Service Activities:

The first week of service, June 26th - July 2nd, will be used as induction to welcome & facilitate that EVSers get to know AIST staff, mentors & adapt to the hosting community.

The last week of service, August 14th - 23rd, will be used to reflect & prepare YouthPass, final reports, develop plans for studies & employment once they return back home, share their experience & disseminate project results.

6 weeks of camp activities: 3 July – 11 August 2017

Target groups: 250 children (primary school, aged 8 to 11) & 200 secondary level aged 12 to 14, also 100 highschool level aged 15 to 18) from 6 rural & urban communities.

Local Partners:

1. Dumbrăvița School with its units in the villages of Rus, Unguraș, Chechiș, Șindrești because
 - a. they are located in 5 rural communities
 - b. Vicinity to Baia Mare city is a threat reflected in the sharp decline in number of the school population
 - c. Scarce extracurricular activities
 - d. Homogenous community in terms of race, ethnicity & religion, relatively resistant to diversity & change
2. "Victor Babeș" Gymnasium Baia Mare: German line of study & Ethnic and religious diversity
3. Secondary school Baia Mare: Hungarian line of study

Daily Camp schedule

9 – 11: daily activities for primary level "TOGETHER"

12 – 14: daily activities for secondary level "TO GET THERE"

17 – 19: weekly event for high school level "Multicultural Workshops"

during afternoons: mentoring, Reflection, YouthPass, Romanian courses, prepare & plan activities

I. "TOGETHER"

- Target group: primary school kids within 5 rural communities
- Weekly (Mo-Fr) program 2h/day
- Activities to instill the basis for:
 - o Romanian & European identity
 - o Unity in diversity & cultural awareness
 - o Common European values

II. "TO GET THERE"

- Target group: secondary school teenagers
- 6 weeks day camp program (3 July – 11 August) 2h/day
- Mixed groups of children in terms of origin (from rural & urban areas), gender, ethnicity (Romanian, Hungarian, German, Roma) & religion, as result of partnerships with other schools
- Activities to consolidate & promote:
 - o 1st Week (3rd – 7th July) will be dedicated to HUMANITY, with daily references to human & children rights, power & its implications, peace, war & immigration within

the international context, stressing the importance of information, values & balanced attitudes in an unpredictable world.

o 2nd week (10th – 14th July) the volunteers will approach DIVERSITY with focus on types of families, gender equality, freedom of choice, disabilities, race & racism, political views, ethnicity, skills, ageism to cultivate open mindedness & non judgmental behaviors.

o 3rd week (17th – 21st July) will address SOCIETY's modern changes & challenges, bullying, violence, tolerance & inclusion, social justice, volunteering & team work, to develop respect & adaptability.

o 4th week (24th – 28th July) aims to inspire teenagers to reflect on themselves & their potential, within a broader PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT theme that comprises topics related to the body, mind, soul & spirit of each individual. Therefore, the activities facilitated by the EVSers will approach/illustrate motivation & achieving aims, solidarity, responsibility & proactiveness, leadership, character & self-control, spirituality/religions.

o 5th week (31st July – 3rd August) will introduce basic notions of EMPLOYABILITY, with special focus on how economy works, skills & career prospects, globalization, money management, career opportunities & job shadowing, so that teenagers learn from volunteers' experience & give more thought to their future on the labor market.

o 6th week (7th – 11th August) sums up the program with special stress on the importance of EDUCATION, highlighting formal, nonformal & informal education, equal rights and free access to education, learning disorders, learning styles, differences & similarities within educational systems, information literacy, online/distance & life long learning. As Pakistani student Malala Yousafzai said before the United Nations Youth Assembly on 12th of July, 2013 at UN headquarters in New York “Education is the only solution. Education first.”

III. "Multicultural Workshops"

- Target group: high school teenagers
- weekly event for high school level 2h/day
- Mixed groups of teenagers in terms of origin (from rural & urban areas), gender, ethnicity (Romanian, Hungarian & German), religion, as a result of a public call for participants within the community, with a special focus on the alumni of the 2 partner schools in Dumbrăvița & Baia Mare.
- Activities to promote:
 - o Multicultural awareness
 - o Diversity, inclusion & equality of chances
 - o Gender equality & proactive attitudes against discrimination
 - o National and European identity
 - o Volunteering, mobility & job opportunities
 - o Good practice, know-how, support in the process of employability

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