

Project title: Keep greening
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ABOUT THE PROJECT:

Project EVS „**Keep greening**” is the continuation of the project “We green it”, which is currently conducted by our organization . This project will take part in Cracow and will last 18 months, but the motilities of volunteers will last 10 months – the mobility will start in September/October 2017 until June/July 2018.

We will collaborate with our stable hosting partners. Special Educational School No. 11 will host 3 volunteers from France, Spain and Romania, School and Pre-school Complex no 11 will cowork with volunteers from Iceland and Spain, the School in Waganowice will host the volunteer from Romania and Kindergarten No 92 will be supported by the volunteer from France. The group of volunteers will be very various which will support the multicultural dialogue of cultures, which will be not only valuable for volunteers but also for the their co-workers.

The objectives of the project „Keep greening” are following:

The first aim of the project is promotion and supporting the ecological education among various age groups. In order to achieve this aim we would like that our volunteers will take part in the organization of the actions such as “Day of cleaning” “The worldwide Health Day” and “Day of Earth” in their workplaces and also will create new, creative and attractive but also oriented on the target groups, ways of celebrating these days. These activities will show that there exist alternative forms in the contrary to the typical and also for some boring presentations in the schools.

The other aim of the project is social inclusion of people at risk of social exclusion. The volunteers who will work in Special Educational School No. 11 and the School in Waganowice will support the quality of participants’ work by proposing new, interesting activities regarding various topics but of course topic of ecology is also included.

The last objective of the project is focusing on gaining new work competences and developing key competences such as: the competence of communication, language, sense of initiative, entrepreneurship in the context of work with multicultural team, digital competences. We want that the volunteers during the EVS project will have a chance to develop digital competences by creating online map, which is the result of the work of previous volunteers the group “Creative minds”. Currently, the map is consisting of the recommended places in Cracow, but the task of volunteers the project “Keep greening” is developing the map by adding the places which support the environment.

Our objectives support the assumptions of Key Action 1 for youth sector, such as in reference to the aims of the plan Europa 2020 (raising the employment, reducing GHG emission by making awareness of ecological education) and also the assumptions of the Treaty on European Union, such as respect for human dignity, sharing the values of equality. Participation in the project “Keep greening” will increase the chances of the prospective volunteers for getting the job on the European labour market, will help to work on the multicultural networking, will support the developing the European identity. The work with disabled people (in the case of Special Educational School No. 11 and the School in Waganowice) will promote the social inclusion of the people at risk of social exclusion and show as well as support the idea of respecting the people’s dignity and the equality among the cultures, nations and people with non- disabilities with these special ones.

Information for sending organizations and volunteers

PROJECT DATES: 01/08/2017 – 31/12/2018

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY DATES: 15/09/2017 - 15/07/2018 (it might be post pone 2-3 weeks)

VOLUNTEERS:

- **Zespół Szkół in Waganowice (Integrational School in Waganowice)**– 1 volunteer from Romania
- **Local Governmental Kindergarten No.92-** 1 volunteer from France
- **Zespół Szkół Specjalnych nr 11 in Krakow (Special Educational School No 11)-** 3 volunteers: one from Spain, one from Romania and one from France
- **Zespół Szkolno-Przedszkolny nr 11 (School and Pre-school Complex no 11) -** 2 volunteers, one from Iceland (in primary school) and one from Spain (in kindergarten)

HOST ORGANIZATIONS:

1) Zespół Szkół in Waganowice (Integrational School in Waganowice)

More info: http://europa.eu/youth/volunteering/organisation/926036885_en

Volunteer: Romania

Organisation description:

The School in Waganowice includes Pre-school unit, Public Primary School, Public Middle School and Special Vocational School for Future Employment. All departments are focused on integration, furthermore some special classes are launched. For pupils with disabilities we organize early support and for students with deep disability we provide educational and rehabilitation classes at home, taking in consideration their contact with their peers in school. About 200 students (including 70 disabled) attend this seemingly small rural school.

Volunteer's activities will be adjusted to one's profiles and fields of interest, thus the project will result with high satisfaction of achieved learning outcomes. During the project volunteers will acknowledge various methods of therapy and working with disabled, will receive practical experience in daily assistance of disabled in the hosting organizations, will realize their own projects and will significantly increase their cross-cultural competences. Volunteers will be helping in educational process with supervision of teachers; usually our volunteers help in feeding our disabled students, support them during lessons and activities; help teachers prepare lessons and educational materials, care for order and cleanness in the school.

Volunteer profile:

Experience in work with children and youth will be an additional asset, however it is not compulsory. Good communicational skills are also an additional asset because the project is based on communication with other people. All creative skills - artistic or motor skills – can enrich the project.

Due to the nature of the target group and special focus on work with children with disabilities, volunteer should not be afraid of disabled youth and their reactions.

Please note: School is not in Krakow, volunteer will be going by buses to the different town (more or less 1 hour one way)

2) Samorządowe Przedszkole nr 92 (Local Governmental Kindergarten No. 92)

More info: http://europa.eu/youth/volunteering/organisation/940554002_en

Volunteer: France

Organization description:

The Local Government Kindergarten No. 92 takes care of children with a focus on education in the international environment.

Age group: 3-6

Volunteer's activities:

The volunteer will assist in taking care of students and support the pedagogic team. Volunteer encourages children to get to know foreign language and culture and express themselves by using gesture and facial expressions. Volunteer will work in a young team of pedagogues that supports the volunteer to put own ideas into practice and to realize own activities with cultural experiences and national background.

Volunteer profile:

Previous experience with working with children is an asset but it is not required. We are looking for the person who is interested in non-formal education, exploring new teaching methods, creative and willing to share his or her knowledge and skills with pupils.

3) Zespół Szkół Specjalnych nr 11 in Krakow (Special Educational School No 11)

More info: https://europa.eu/youth/volunteering/organisation/944406939_en

Volunteers: Spain, Romania, France

Organization description:

Volunteers will assist teachers and therapist at Special Educational School No 11, working with children and youth with diversified types of mental and physical disability. School has two branches consisting of primary school, secondary school and vocational school. Both branches address their offer to the mentally and physically challenged students. During various classes pupils learn how to deal with the daily life and overcome upcoming obstacles.

Volunteer's activities will be adjusted to one's profiles and fields of interest, thus the project will result with high satisfaction of achieved learning outcomes. During the project volunteers will acknowledge various methods of therapy and working with disabled, will receive practical experience in daily assistance of disabled in the hosting organizations, will realize their own projects and will significantly increase their cross-cultural competences. Volunteers will be helping in educational process with supervision of teachers; usually our volunteers help in feeding our disabled students, support them during lessons and activities; help teachers prepare lessons and educational materials, care for order and cleanness in the school.

Volunteer profile:

Experience in work with children and youth will be an additional asset, however it is not compulsory. Good communicational skills are also an additional asset because the project is based on communication with other people. All creative skills - artistic or motor skills – can enrich the project. The same relates to computer skills. Volunteers should be open-minded and sensitive towards needs of others.

Due to the nature of the target group and special focus on work with children/young adults with disabilities, volunteer should not be afraid of disabled kids/youngsters and their reactions.

4) Zespół Szkolno-Przedszkolny nr 11 (School and Pre-school Complex no 11)

More info: https://europa.eu/youth/volunteering/organisation/946650743_en

and also here: <http://zsp11.krakow.pl/erasmus/index.html>

Volunteers: /please note/ volunteer from Spain will be in Kindergarden, volunteer from Iceland in primary school

Organization description:

It has been operating since 1979 and currently has become an educational facility for over 600 students aged from 5 to 13. School is completely equipped with computer classes, internet access, two daycare centres, cantine, gym, library, playground and a garden. School aims to ensure safety of our students and provides support of doctors, stemmatologists and nurses. Our school is open from 7 am to 5 pm. The youngest students are having their classes in a school's branch 100 meters from the main facility.

Our School is a place where children feel welcomed and safe. We strive to create a sustainable conditions for intellectual and emotional development of our students.

Volunteer's activities:

Main task of the volunteer will be the support of pupils and teachers in various activities. The volunteer will be actively involved in daily school life, while promoting European citizenship, tolerance and positive attitude towards new cultures, languages and the idea of voluntary work. The activities and the schedule are flexible and will be adapted to one's interests. Further tasks: Participating in teachers activities and organizing activities and workshops for children in the day care room (educational games, sport activities, music, theater etc.) participating in excursions and different school trips and helping pupils with homework. Volunteer is obliged to write shortly reports/ notes describing their EVS experience.

Volunteer profile:

The most important thing for us - are interests of volunteers, their willingness to work and motivation. We would like to host volunteers who are open, empathic and kind, ready to learn Polish, ready to work with children and willingly take part in various activities during the day.

INSURANCE:

- a) Please consider that SO have to organize CIGNA insurance for volunteer. Volunteers have to be acquainted with insurance rules before arrival.

TRAVEL COST:

- Please consider that we can use **only the cheapest way of transport: by plane, train or by bus.**
- Remember please that **you can spend money on tickets 1 month before start of volunteer activity**, not earlier.
- Please keep original tickets/invoices/boarding cards as they are needed for reimbursement purposes (after your arrival volunteers have to give all documents to project coordinator).
- Please make sure that travel documents include date of purchase as well.
- Please send us the approximate cost of transport to Krakow and from Krakow and please **do NOT** buy tickets yet, because there is possibility of delay in activity dates.
- As soon you know your arrival date/time inform us so we can arrange picking you up from airport/station

Country	Travel budget for a <u>round trip</u> for one volunteer
Romania	180 EUR
France	275 EUR
Spain	275 EUR
Iceland	360 EUR

INFORMATION ABOUT LIVING CONDITIONS AND SUPPORT:

Accommodation:

- a) Volunteer will be accommodated in a room in rented flat (in most cases shared with another volunteer the same sex) with access to kitchen and bathroom.
- b) Volunteers will share a flat together, they usually have double rooms.
- c) Flats are furnished and equipped with pillows, duvet covers, pillow cases and washing machine.
- d) Internet connection /Wi-Fi is not provided, however it is possible to arrange it (prices vary from 15-30 PLN/monthly per person).

The practical arrangements (working hours, days off, holidays):

- Each volunteer will work from Monday to Friday, 30 hours per week, that is, **no longer** than 6 hours a day. Usually from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m
- Volunteers will have 2 days off per month (altogether 20 days throughout the project, which can be taken off monthly or all together for a bigger holiday, but it has to be discuss and agreed with host organization and coordinating org.). Volunteers **have to** inform their hosting organization and coordinating organization about their whereabouts (also in case of health problems/sicknesses).
- All polish holidays are also free for the volunteer (if there are no activities in host org.)

Food:

Volunteers will get money for food every month from coordinating institution (around ~350 PLN) + there may be a possibility to eat meals in host institutions.

Volunteers have to do grocery shopping and cook for themselves, or eat out (more expensive option).

Pocket money:

Volunteer will get pocket money every month - 85 euro (in Polish zlotys PLN).

Money will be transferred every month to volunteers.

Bank account:

We organize for every volunteer Polish bank account after arrival and money (pocket money/food allowance) is transferred to that account.

Local transport:

Volunteer will get monthly ticket for trams and buses in Krakow (including the workplace to the residence, the whole city, night buses). **INFO:** Please remember to take small photo which is needed to local transport ID.

Language support:

Language support will be arranged by coordinating institution. Course will be held by professional Polish as a foreign language teacher. Duration of the course depends on the length of the project. As a coordinating organization, we will provide other opportunities to practice Polish (tandem meetings etc.).

Besides regular classes volunteer will be obligated to fill up test on OLS platform (system provided by European Commission) in the beginning and in the end of the project activity.

YouthCard:

It is a special edition card dedicated to people who participate in European Voluntary Service. It gives an opportunity to travel/ try out new things – all this the cheapest possible way. The card has to be given to all volunteers up to the age of 30, and is valid for one year (or until the last day before the volunteer's 31st birthday).

IB Polska facebook group for volunteers:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/352051428274265/>

IB Polska volunteers blog:

<http://ib-polska.pl/youth/>

IB Polska Facebook fanpage:

<https://www.facebook.com/InternationalerBundPolska>

Weather in Poland/Krakow:

As the weather here can be quite unpredictable, to get the best out of your Polish experience it is important to include both an umbrella and sunglasses, necessary equipment all year long, so warm clothes for winter time and some things for summer time.

During the autumn and spring the weather is often changeable – you are likely to enjoy moderately warm temperatures from April to June and from September to October, but it is also possible to see snow in April or people wearing short-sleeves in October. The weather in Poland is also characterized by transitional periods between the four seasons of the year.

Mentor:

The coordinating organization provides the volunteer with a mentor's support who will help the volunteer set learning goals and together they may evaluate them after the project has finished. Also, the mentor can help the volunteer with emergency situations, such as going to the doctor.