

“Sociotherapy Centre for Youth “Jedrus” is a boarding school for children with learning problems or difficulties in functioning in the class. There are 120 - 130 children at the age of 6 - 14 living in “Jedrus” every year. Many of them face emotional and learning problems, some have specific learning difficulties (dyslexia, dysgraphia etc.) or disorders such as autism or ADHD. All of them need special pedagogical approach, in some cases individual teaching is required. Jedrus creates friendly and home atmosphere and is a place where children can study, spend time actively, develop hobbies and make friends.

Regular activities of the Centre are:

- providing primary school education and care for children staying at the boarding school from Monday till Friday,
- providing various therapies such as Sherborne therapy, biofeedback therapy, hippotherapy, speech and language therapy as well as compensatory classes,
- organising after-school clubs, eg. model making club, art club, music club and running school theatre or scout teams,
- organising annual educational school camps and exchanges with a German school of a similar type,
- organising events and excursions,
- counselling for parents of children under charge of the Centre.

Jedrus is an institution providing care educational opportunities for children coming from difficult social environment and having troubles in regular school system. Volunteers are welcome to act as care and teachers’ assistants in Jedrus mostly for the youngest group of children.

Volunteers tasks include:

- assisting teacher in classes and helping individual pupils with writing, drawing etc.,
- help with organising various activities for children including excursions, performances, competitions etc.,
- organising games and other activities in children’s free time within existing clubs or basing on the volunteers’ initiative.

Highly motivated volunteers will also have a possibility to support individual teaching process of 1-3 chosen children under the supervision of the qualified staff.

This can include:

- organising classes and activities according to the volunteers’ ideas,
- learning basic methods of observation and systematisation of data concerning children who need specific treatment,
- learning methods of teaching and solving problems (under the supervision of the qualified staff).

The volunteers will be working together or in shift depending on their preferences under the supervision of an assigned professional staff member.

If the volunteers stay in “Jedrus” for the summer, they will have help with preparation to annual summer workcamp (international youth camp) and to participate in the event as a camp leader (or co-leader).

Food: Meals provided by the host organization in Młodzieżowy Ośrodek Socjoterapii “Jedrus” (canteen) for the whole period of the service including holiday time. At weekends the volunteers will have to cook themselves, products will be provided by the host organisation. Receiving money for food instead of meals from the canteen is not possible.

Accommodation: Provided by the host organization in the school building. The volunteer will have a small, separate room with a bathroom shared between 2 volunteers .

Working hours, days off per week, holidays: The volunteer will work 35 hours per week, including Polish lessons. Detailed timetable will be given after volunteer’s arrival, small changes are possible on volunteer’s request. “Jedrus” is a school type institution working from the beginning of September till the end of June excluding Christmas, Easter, winter

and public holidays. The volunteer is entitled to 2 days off each month, however she/he can collect them in longer holidays and take at the end of the activity. Unless the host organisation conducts special events during school holidays, they will be free for the volunteers. The volunteer is obliged to agree the holidays with the tutor and inform EVS coordinator about its length and dates. Longer holidays should be reported in advanced.

Pocket money: Paid each month by the coordinating organization - Stowarzyszenie Promocji Wolontariatu - directly to the volunteers' bank accounts.

Language support: Coordinating organization - Stowarzyszenie Promocji Wolontariatu - is responsible for organising 30-hour Polish language course. If requested, SPW will ensure language support provided by Polish volunteers for the rest of volunteer's stay.

Local Transport: Volunteers live and work in the same place. Coordinating organization - Stowarzyszenie Promocji Wolontariatu - will be providing tickets to its office for evaluation meetings, important events and cover travel costs to on-arrival and mid-term trainings."