



Erasmus+

Deadline for your application: 10.09.2014.

Dates of the project: February 2015 – November 2015 (10 months)

How to apply: send your motivation letter and CV to js@jaunatne-i.lv till 10.09.2014.

Open places for: 2 EVS volunteers from Programme countries.

Place of the project: The project will be realized in our office in Bārbele, Vecumnieku novads. Voluntary work could be realized as well in other parts of Latvia, it will depend on our activities as trainings, workcamps, and others events.



Who are we looking for? We do not have any specific criteria for our volunteers. However, the project is focused on working with youth. We would be interested to host the volunteer with some communication skills and interests in topic we are working with - volunteering, participation, leisure time of youth, information, workcamps etc. It would be helpful if the volunteer are communicative, open minded, creative, flexible, independent and would be motivated in working with youth and for youth. We would be happy if the volunteer will be interested in Latvia, its people and culture and wish to learn Latvian language.

Introduction to YOUTH FOR SMILE

Youth association «Youth for Smile» is non-profit non-political youth organization established in 2005. Our organization's mission says that we are strong and value-based children and youth non-governmental organization that in achieving its targeted goals, objectives and basic principles, act as impetus for the growth of society and the basic principles of civil society strengthening. Our main aims are unite children's and youth to promote their participation in non-formal education, in order to develop far and wide skills and abilities active take part within social processes in local, national and international level.

All our activities are close with our values: fairness and equality; mutual understanding and tolerance; active and healthy way of living; development of personality; understanding and creative atmosphere; be friend of environment.

Our target group are children and youth in Bauska, Iecava, Rundāle and Vecumnieki municipalities.

Within our strategy we point out five directions of our activities.

1. DEVELOPMENT OF ASSOCIATION. Association's development vision is based on three core elements - members of the organization's, the image of organization and professional capacity. Our members are children and youth, and youth work professionals.
2. YOUTH POLICY. In collaboration with national youth non-governmental organizations and institutions responsible for youth, we want to encourage a stronger role of youth work in the region. It has continued to work in close cooperation with local governments, educational institutions, non-governmental organizations and young people.
3. PARTICIPATION. Young people are the base for a local community development. Enhancing participation will be based on a number of key areas - social inclusion, creativity, cultural heritage identification, entrepreneurial development, and volunteering, local and international camps.

4. INFORMATION. One of the priorities is to promote the awareness of young people.

5. INITIATIVES. We are working with scouting methods. In regular activities we use as well outdoor education and adventure pedagogic methods. We are working on establishing support centre for youth and outdoor education centre.

Main activities of the EVS-volunteer:

- Taking part on the preparation and realization of our activities which are mostly based on organizing leisure time activities for young people – trainings, outdoor activities, and daily youth centre activities etc.
- Becoming the co-leader on the workcamps in Latvia.
- Promoting EVS and voluntary work for youth.
- Administrative work.

Practical arrangements: The EVS-volunteers will receive money for food together with the pocket money at the beginning of month by bank transfer. They will manage money on their own. They will prepare food by themselves.

The EVS-volunteers will be living in an appropriately equipped flat. In the flat there are sanitary facilities and a kitchen.

The EVS-volunteers will learn Latvian language with support of language teacher.

Volunteers will have holidays during the project which could be used by them how they want after agreement with supervisor. They could have 2 days each month for holidays.

If you have any further question do not hesitate to contact us:

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