

DEMOCRATIC VALUES@ WORK!

EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS PROJECT

Applicant organization : American International School of Transylvania (AIST)

Duration of the activity: 15/06/2019 - 13/08/2019 (3 months)

Location: 15 urban and rural communities from Maramures (Romania)

CONTEXT OF THE PROJECT

Through methods of non-formal education the volunteer will do different activities for children and youth from 10 rural and 5 urban communities, multicultural, cross-cultural and intercultural, from Maramures County. The beneficiaries of the project are kids from kindergarten (4-6 years old), primary school (7-11 years old), secondary (12-14 years old) and teenagers from high school (15-19 years old). The volunteers will use different methods of non-formal education such as gamification (using games in education), labyrinth theatre, Forum theatre, theatre of the senses, eye-contact experiment, arts and crafts, grassroots sports, living library, workshops and events for promoting democracy and human rights. Tools and techniques are used in activities with vulnerable groups and disadvantaged communities.

MAIN TOPICS ADRESSED BY THE PROJECT

Democratic values such as human rights, right to life, no slavery, no torture, equality before the law, right to privacy, freedom of thought and expression, social security, human dignity, freedom, democracy, equity and cooperation, the rule of law, solidarity, non-discrimination, LGTB community, tolerance, multiculturalism, transparent ruling, access to objective and relevant information, informed choices and beliefs, the democratic process of elections, awareness against racism, hate speech or xenophobia.

TASKS OF THE VOLUNTEERS

- The volunteer's main role is to assist in extra-curricular and non-formal educational activities, coordinate indoor and outdoor activities and non-formal educational program for kids and youth, both typical and underprivileged from 15 urban and rural environments with AIST and local partners. In addition, they will be actively involved in designing and implementing activities of social inclusion through non-formal educational methods.
- Schedule: daily, Monday to Friday, summer camps in Baia Mare and other local communities with kids and youth.
- Participating in 3 events organized by AIST: World Population Day (July 11st) and International Friendship Day (July 30th) and International Youth Day (8-12 August)
- The main theme of activities will be "Democratic values". ESC volunteers support children & youth to understand some basic notions about different forms of government, types of elections, political parties, political ideologies or voting.

- Daily reflection is expected during 1 hour four times per week. The volunteer will also have one mentoring sessions per week. For this they will use their 'ESC Diary' and 'Youthpass Unfolded' booklet, individually or/and as part of their mentoring sessions.
- Set up an 'Individual Learning Plan' and design their 'Personal Learning and Professional Development Plan' with the support of their mentors.
- Implement their own projects and ideas.

PROFILE OF THE VOLUNTEER

Volunteers need to be interested in learning and personal development, enjoy working with kids and youth, and be open and tolerant to other cultures. Flexibility is required, as they will work in a multicultural environment in an international team. Being responsible, positive, energetic, communicative and a basic level of English is desirable to ease communication during project activities.

While being active during the project, our volunteers will acquire educational skills; improve their knowledge on methods and tools of non-formal education. Some activities might be challenging for them, but by working under the coordination and constant supervision of specialized staff members, they will easily assimilate new info and also gain practical experience. They will be supported to plan and implement project activities that fit them best, using their skills and creativity with kids and youth. Volunteers gain knowledge, skills and competences, like communication in English and other languages, and at least a basic level of Romanian.

PRACTICAL ISSUES

Travel costs

All travelling cost are covered from the country of origin to Romania.

In addition, bikes for local transport and public transport costs for activities within urban and rural areas are covered.

Accommodation

Volunteers will be hosted in safe and central lodging in Baia Mare area, 1-2 in a room, with all facilities and utilities included and functional. All bills are paid as well.

Food and pocket money

5 euros per day for food and 3 euros per day for pocket money will be transferred to the volunteer.

Communication

Internet and phone credit are also covered.

Banking

Bank account will be opened in order to transfer food allowance (5 E/day) and pocket money (3 E/day) by online banking.

Health

Health insurance is covered but volunteer is expected to bring European Health Insurance Card.

Schedule & holidays

Working hours are 35 h/week, 2 days off every weekend, plus free bank/religious holidays plus 2 days monthly holiday.

Language

AIST will arrange „Romanian Course“ language session, culture and civilization for all individual volunteers.

Mentoring

A mentor will be assign to each volunteer in order to guide and orientate the volunteer.

Certificates

The volunteers will receive by the end of the project ESC Diploma and YouthPass Certificate.

