

PROUD VOLUNTEERS FOR SOLIDARITY

VOLUNTEERING IN KINDERGARTENS AND SCHOOLS

ARE YOU READY FOR A LIFE-CHANGING ADVENTURE IN WROCLAW, POLAND?

DO YOU LOVE WORKING WITH SMALL CHILDREN AND LEARNING NEW LANGUAGES?

ARE YOU OPEN TO GAINING PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BY CONTRIBUTING TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY?





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ABOUT US

The Foundation of Social Integration Prom was established in 2004.

Our aim is to integrate persons and groups of people at risk of marginalization and social exclusion. We work with children from disadvantaged families, Roma minority, and people with mental health issues. We've been hosting ESC volunteers in our children's center, Brave Kids project, Polish kindergartens and schools in Wroclaw since 2009.

We are looking for 8 volunteers to work in kindergartens and democratic schools in the city of Wrocław.

Please read the criteria below and apply by sending us the documents mentioned at the end of this call before the 15th of May 2023. Start on the 1st of September 2023 and finish on the 29th of February 2024.

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE IF YOU:

are between 18 and 30 years old

have not done any European Voluntary Service / European Solidarity Corps project before.

have a clean criminal record (a relevant document should be sent to us after the recruitment).

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VOLUNTEER'S RESPONSIBILITIES



We're recruiting 8 participants to volunteer in public kindergartens and 2 democratic schools in Wroclaw.

- Working hours are 35 hours per week in host.org. + 5 extra hours per week for planning activities for local events that promote the project and the European Solidarity Corps.
- Support the teacher with managing the group of children in a safe manner.
- Support young children in self-help activities like helping in dressing up, feeding, leading the child by the hand somewhere if needed etc).
- Create a sense of security in children and encourage their independence.
- Support the teacher in managing the group of children outside (in the garden, on school trips).
- Present your country and culture to children and teachers by running workshops, creating visual aids, dances and other activities.
- Engage in and support events in the hosting organization (e.g. Christmas party, Children's Day, Mother's Day and Dad's Day, etc.).
- Create and support arts and crafts workshops according to interest and skills/ different art techniques, clay, paper-mâché (paper pulp), salt dough etc.
- Create workshops according to the participant's interests (ecological, dance, art, drawing, playing musical instruments, theatre, etc.).
- Run language activities for children (teach your native language or English) For example, teach children simple phrases, games, songs, poems, counting, and days of the week. This can be a part of an everyday routine not only during special activities.
- Make teaching aids for classes according to the participant's ideas and according to the suggestions of other teachers.
- Help to improve the kindergarten's aesthetics by making decorations for special occasions and decorating rooms and corridors independently and together with staff.
- Propose and organize activities promoting the project and its results (e.g. keep a wall newspaper about ESC in the kindergarten hall with pictures, news about workshops, write a blog, reports, doing picture documentation).
- Participate in 4 out of 10 events outside the host. org. to promote the project and the European Solidarity Corps (e.g local festivals, picnics).
- Take part in Polish classes throughout the volunteering mobility.

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VOLUNTEER'S PROFILE





WE WOULD LIKE TO HOST PAPRTICIPANTS WHO:

- LOVE WORKING WITH CHILDREN
- ARE CREATIVE AND
 IMAGINATIVE
- ARE OPEN TO ACCEPTING OTHER CULTURES, PERSONALITIES AND DIFFERENT WAYS OF LIFE
- HAVE GOOD
 ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS
- HAVE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS POTENTIAL CHALLENGES OF LIVING ABROAD
- ARE FLEXIBLE, FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL
- ARE RESPONSIBLE AND RELIABLE
- ARE HONEST

- ARE MOTIVATED TO SPEND
 6 MONTHS IN POLAND
- HAVE SOME EXPERIENCE IN SCOUTING / VOLUNTARY WORK / BABY-SITTING
- ARE NOT AFRAID OF
 WORKING IN BIG GROUPS
- ARE READY TO WORK WITH/FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND TO PROMOTE THE PROJECT
- ARE ABLE TO DO A MEDICAL CHECK-UP (NECESSARY TO WORK WITH CHILDREN)
- ARE MOTIVATED TO LEARN POLISH
- HAVE A CLEAN CRIMINAL RECORD (CERTIFICATE WILL BE REQUIRED)







OTHER REQUIREMENTS





Participants don't need to have any special qualifications to work with children, but some experience or knowledge in the field is essential. They should be ready to work with a big group of children for a long period of time, have good interpersonal skills and basic knowledge of child development and the needs of primary school and preschool children.

Interest in sports, art, dancing, theatre, circus tricks or music would be an advantage because those classes are very appreciated by children.

Having manual and computer skills will be very useful in helping teachers too. Good organizational skills are crucial due to the importance of planning, leading your own activities and supporting important events.

Participants are expected to be open and ready to share their own ESC experience with the local community during different events (picnics, festivals, conferences, workshops).

PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS AND WHAT IS PROVIDED



- Polish language course (twice a week, 4 school hours, obligatory for 2 months).
- Obligatory on-arrival and mid-term trainings in Poland.
- 6 hours of work per day (35 hours in host.org. per week + 5 hours for extra activities outside the host.org.).
- All the required medical examinations, 4-day training in our office to get participants started, health and safety training in host.org. are provided at the beginning of the project.

- Monthly pocket money is 150 EUR a month.
- Food money is 500 PLN a month. This money is enough to buy basic food to cook at home, not to go to restaurants.
- Reimbursement of the travel costs from the city of origin to Wroclaw and back (up to the amount based on the ESC Distance Calculator, the excessive amount will be paid by the participant).
- Local transportation card (for trams, buses and night buses).

- Place in a double room in a flat shared with other participants or students (with Internet access, equipped kitchen, clean towels and bedsheets). The flats have a "student standard".
- Mentor's support throughout the entire project.
- Support of a special mentor and additional support (e.g. psychologist) for participants who experience obstacles in their lives (health issues, geographic, social, educational, economic obstacles).



WHAT WILL YOU GAIN?



- improve your language skills (learn the basics of the Polish language, deepen your knowledge of English).
- learn about Polish culture and the cultures of other participants.
- have a better understanding of cultural differences and will learn to accept them.
- learn how to work in a team and resolve conflicts.
- learn how to tackle new challenges independently, which will help you become more confident.
- learn many interesting ways and methods of working with children and games for different ages.
- learn how to manage a big group of children.



- become familiar with the Polish Education System and the needs of primary school and preschool children.
- learn to develop and lead independent activities and workshops.
- learn how to plan and manage your time and finances.
- through regular meetings with the mentor and analysis of progress, you will find the most effective way(s) for you to learn.
- improve your employability by gaining international experience and gaining new skills.
- learn how to promote a project and its results and values within the local community by taking action and making new friends!

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

The whole recruitment process will be held by the Coordinating Organization the Foundation of Social Integration Prom.

IMPORTANT

After reading all the applications we will contact pre-selected candidates for an online interview. You might be asked to talk with a hosting organization representative. Final results will be announced within 7 days after the interview.

DEADLINE

Apply before the 15th of May 2023. Applications will only be considered if the required documents are fully completed.

CONTACT US

If you have any questions and you would like to clarify some details about the project , do not hesitate to contact us. Our ESC coordinators Anna and Valeriya are ready to answer your questions.



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