

Youth Forum - EYE Macedonia

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Dear reader,

Youth Forum EYE, together with its partners in Macedonia, has been finalizing the placements for EVS volunteers for Macedonia, which will arrive in the summer of 2006. At the moment we are looking for partner organisations from the EU that will be interested in sending us volunteers for those projects. For this you will have to apply to your National Agencies for the YOUTH Programme, due to the fact that Macedonia is still a partner country and it doesn't have National Agency.

Below in this document you will find short descriptions of placements for the volunteers. In most of the projects Youth Forum EYE, as an official info contact point for the YOUTH program in Macedonia, is coordinating organization. There are only several projects that we will be hosting. For more information please get in touch with us using the contacts listed above.

Macedonia as country has just got the status of candidate member for European Union. The country is in the process of changing the system and adjustment with the laws, regulations and standards of the European Union. Republic of Macedonia is parliamentary democracy. Our capital is Skopje (700,000 inhabitants). We have long history starting from Alexander the Great, passing through the Byzantium Empire, Turkish Empire, towards Yugoslavian federation in the 20th century and independent and on the way to EU, today. More about Macedonia you can find on Macedonia country profile (on our web/page) or even more about the history on www.historyofmacedonia.org

We are looking forward to present to you the experience called Macedonia!

Greetings from sunny Macedonia!

The team of Youth Forum EYE

The following is a short description of the placements available for long-term European Voluntary Service in Republic of Macedonia.

Projects duration: July 2006- August 2007 (possibility for 9, 10 or 12 month's service)

The starting date of the projects is depending on the volunteer and the sending organization. It can be as soon on 10th of July 2006 and lattes till 01st of September 2006.

The duration of the project is open on preference of the volunteers. Our proposal is 9 months.

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Project Title: **Motion to my emotion**

Placement in: Skopje

Host organization: Youth Educational Forum

Coordinating organization: Youth Forum EYE

For those interested to learn many things about debating, project management and non-formal education, this is a great possibility. The youth educational forum is an NGO focused on promoting the idea that debating is an excellent way for young people to obtain optimal knowledge. It has recently even become an optional subject in several high-schools in Macedonia. Apart from this, the organization is running several projects in Macedonia, focused on high-school and university students, aiming for a more creative approach in the teaching methods, as well as for improvement of the student rights and generally, for increasing the public awareness about the advantages of the non-formal education and it's effects.

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Project Title: **Rocking (my) chances**

Placement in: Skopje

Host organization: Youth Educational Forum

Coordinating organization: Youth Forum EYE

For people with excellent communicational skills, this is a great possibility. The Agency VRABOTUVANJE.COM has a vision to set up new standards in the employment processes in Macedonia and the region, as well as becoming the most trusted and used Employment Agency in the region. Our mission is to provide quick, cheap and efficient package of employment services for the companies in need of professionals, and to provide HOPE for the unemployed people in finding a job. Our logo is: "your employment is our goal and duty". Up to now, we have offered many innovative services, both to the unemployed, and the companies. We have started our own educational campaign for unemployed people on how to prepare professional CV's and motivation letters as well as how to prepare for and overcome the stress of an interview, and many other skills needed in order to obtain an employment.

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Project Title: **Me. Point of view.**

Placement in: Skopje

Host organization: Youth Educational Forum

Coordinating organization: Youth Forum EYE

This is a great opportunity for all those interested in photography and film-making. This production is specialized in multinational projects and is very renowned in the film-making industry in the region. We will provide the volunteer with an up-close view of all the aspects of filming and producing video materials, and methods of overcoming obstacles during the process. Candidates with experience in film-making will be given advantage.

Project Title: **Why (no) comment**

Placement in: Skopje

Host organization: Youth Educational Forum

Coordinating organization: Youth Forum EYE

The Children's and Youth Parliament of Macedonia is a national organization that has clubs in elementary and in high-schools throughout the country. We work on several themes, like youth participation, EU, democracy and projects for children, usually from marginalized groups, so the volunteer will be able to choose to work on one of our projects. We want to make children and young people in the country aware that their voice should be heard, and that they shouldn't be ashamed of their opinion. We do this through many non-formal education projects, with many guests and VIP's from Macedonia.

Project Title: **Street**

Placement in: Bitola

Host organization: Felix

Coordinating organization: Youth Forum EYE

Felix is organization from Bitola that is mainly working with Roma. The volunteer will be working in on a project involving mainly Roma children. They will organizes out of school activities for these children, helps them finish the school obligations and also help them to acquire new skills like learning foreign languages, computer skills etc.

Also the volunteers will be involved in creation of a local magazine for promotion of the possibilities for youngsters in the local community.

Project Title: **Green leaf**

Placement in: Struga

Host organization: Niko Nestor ECO Club

Coordinating organization: Youth Forum EYE

The volunteer will assist in creation of eco activities, summer work camps and other educational activities in non formal manner. The work is with the high school pupils of the Niko Nestor High School. He\she will assist in local actions for raising awareness for those eco problems to the local people in one of the most popular tourist places in Macedonia. Regular communication with medias, creation of leaflets, posters and spreading info troughs internet.

Project Title: **Woman on Earth**

Placement in: Struga

Host organization: Office for Gender Issues in Municipality of Struga

Coordinating organization: Youth Forum EYE

The volunteer will assist in the office for gender issues in the municipality of Struga. Mainly the work is focused on teaching woman of the villages on their rights as well promotional activities. We plane to create a local strategy for promotion of woman participation in politics, inclusion of Muslim woman in society. We have Polish volunteer working in this moment (Anja).

Project Title: **DO RIGHT**
Placement in: Struga
Host organization: Youth Forum EYE

The volunteers will assist in the creation of a monthly magazine on the topic of human rights. They will have short course to enhance their computer skills and will also be part of the coordination team among the 2 ethnic groups that prepare the magazine - pupils of Macedonian and Albanian ethnic background. The work is divide between journalists, creative, distribution and promotion teams. We have Portuguese volunteer working (Andre).

Project Title: **SPECIAL KIDS**
Placement in: Struga
Host organization: Poraka \ Message
Coordinating organization: Youth Forum EYE

Poraka is a daily centre for young people and children with disabilities in Struga. The volunteer will work in the day care centre for youngsters will light and medium mental handicap. There he/she will assist the team in teaching the youngsters on basic life skills. In this project we have finish EVS volunteer (Sini) working.

Project Title: **Youth for Youth**
Placement in: Skopje
Host organization: Youth Council of Gazi Baba
Coordinating organization: Youth Forum EYE

Youth Council of Gazi Baba is youth organization in the Municipality of Gazi Baba in city of Skopje. The volunteer will assist the team that cooperates with the municipality in creation of youth policy as well as organising sport events as tournaments for youngsters in this municipality, concerts, and other different events.

Project Title: **VoluntNET**
Placement in: Skopje
Host organization: Voluntary Centre of Skopje
Coordinating organization: Youth Forum EYE

The volunteer will be promoting local voluntarism, will work on organization of local working camps with children from elementary school, working on awareness campaign for creation of law on voluntarism in Macedonia, promoting international working camps and etc. As youth organization VCS is in cooperation with international work camps associations and one part of the volunteer task will be to promote camps in Macedonia and abroad trough internet.

Project Title: Moving in Right Direction

Placement in: Struga

Host organization: Youth Forum EYE

Youth Forum EYE is youth organization created by young people and for young people. We are working in different programs which are including promotion of volunteerism. Youth Forum EYE is Official Info Contact point for the YOUTH program in Macedonia from September 2005. Our role is to promote YOUTH program to other youth associations in Macedonia and as well to Macedonian volunteers. An organization of working camps is second biggest activity of the organization. Every year we organize different camp on which young people from all over the world are taking part. Sending volunteers to international camps is as well part of the program. The volunteer will be promoting local voluntarism; will work on organization of local working camps with children and young people, working on awareness campaign for creation of law on voluntarism in Macedonia, promoting international working camps and etc.

Project Title: Youth without borders

Placement in: Skopje

Host organization: Youth Council of Kisela Voda

Coordinating organization: Youth Forum EYE

Youth Council of Kisela Voda is youth organization in the Municipality of Kisela Voda in city of Skopje. The volunteer will assist the team that cooperates with the municipality in creation of youth policy as well as organising sport events as tournaments for youngsters in this municipality, concerts, and other different events. He\she will be working with be communicating regular with other youth councils in Macedonia for coordination of different activities.

Project Title: VOICES

Placement in: Skopje

Host organization: Macedonian Youth Press

Coordinating organization: Youth Forum EYE

Macedonian Youth Press is association of young people interested in working with medias, journalism and information. We have main organization in Skopje and other local organizations in different towns in Macedonia. We are working closely with the students unions in different faculties in Skopje and as part of our cooperation is creation of Youth newspaper in the dormitories in Skopje, called VOICES. The volunteer will assist the team of young people in all the activities for the magazine: starting from interviews, photography, editing and etc.

Project Title: (NO) PREJUDICES?

Placement in: Skopje

Host organization: Hera

Coordinating organization: Youth Forum EYE

The main activities of HERA, an association for health education founded in 1999, are connected with the promotion of the health habits among the young people and adolescents with a special accent on providing appropriate sexual education. It is a promoter of the non-formal sexual education, consoler of the young people and supporter. HERA is accomplishing its goals by implementing projects for the elimination of the prejudices toward AIDS and promoting the rights of the marginalized groups like homosexuals.

Project Title: **Broadcast the success**

Placement in: Prilep

Host organization: NGO support centre

Coordinating organization: Youth Forum EYE

The NGO Support Centre is designed for strengthening the role of NGOs in the civil society. The NGO Support Centre pursues its goal by supporting NGO organization and operation in local communities and by strengthening their capacities for cooperation with other NGOs, local government, private sector and media. Also it is supporting various types of initiatives connected with the civil society, marginalized groups and youth. In order to enlarge the knowledge in these areas, the NGO Support Center initiates and organizes plenty of projects, tribunes, workshops, round tables and forums

Project Title: **Cha(lle)nges for the youth**

Placement in: Prilep

Host organization: Youth Centre Prilep

Coordinating organization: Youth Forum EYE

The mission of the Youth Centre Prilep, a youth NGO established in 1999, is the active involvement of the youth in the democratic processes that will lead to the extensive development of the civil society. The idea for its founding was to create conditions for common action of the young individuals and associations in order to identify and fulfill the youth's needs. Moreover, the Youth Centre Prilep is working on the strengthening of the cooperation among the young people from different ethnic groups and promotes multiethnic living. In order to achieve its objectives, it organizes a non-formal education for the youth in form of training courses, workshops and seminars and support youth initiatives and campaigns.

Project Title: **Meet the past, create the future**

Placement in: Skopje

Host organization: Institute for old Slavic Culture

Coordinating organization: Youth Forum EYE

"The Institute for the Old Slavic Culture" is a one of the four National Institutes in the Republic of Macedonia. The experts who are working in the Institute for Old Slavic Culture are exploring the culture of the old Slavic culture and other nations that have inhabited the territory of the Republic of Macedonia and the region. During the 30 years of working tradition, more than 200 national and international (bilateral and multilateral) projects have been realized through this Institute. The material findings obtained by the realization of these projects and the conclusions of the experts presented in the professional publications, have had enormous importance in the process of creation and recognition of the history and culture of the Macedonian people.