

ACADEMY OF UKRAINIAN YOUTH

non-governmental organization

European Voluntary Service

"Academy of Ukrainian Youth" is a voluntary youth organisation which gives possibilities for children and young people for their personal, social, spiritual and cultural development; motivates youth to be active in social life and to realise their own projects; promotes intercultural learning, non formal education and voluntary work.

The aim of the organisation is the contribution to the upbringing and education of children and young people as the real Christians and responsible citizens of Ukraine.

Organisation has a club in Lviv region with 50 members (boys and girls in the 6–18 age groups) and 150 voluntary adult leaders.

Our organisation is the information and support centre of Youth in Action Program in Ukraine (network of SALTO EECA RC).

Type of activities:

- leadership trainings, seminars,
- leisure and educational programs (work with children, Summer Schools),
- social work, charity actions,
- international projects (youth exchanges, cross-border cooperation),
- publication of materials for youth leaders and volunteers,
- promotion of youth participation,
- language, European and debate clubs,
- development of long-term volunteering.



Experience in "Youth in Action" Program:

- realization of multilateral youth exchanges,
- organization of youth exchanges in Ukraine,
- participation in trainings, seminars and CMS,
- organization of on-arrival and mid-term trainings for EVS volunteers,
- Hosting (16) and sending (19) EVS volunteers.



NGO `Academy of Ukrainian Youth` is open for cooperation with organizations and volunteers from all over Europe. All candidates interested in the projects hosted by Academy, are asked to send us filled **application form with photo, CV and motivation letter**.

All the above mentioned documents should be sent to

evshosting.aum@gmail.com

Location
Theme of the Activity
Target Group

Lviv, Ukraine
Non-formal education, European awareness, Youth Polices
Children and youth

Volunteer`s Tasks

- **Organizing the meetings of European Club in youth center**

(in German/English/French/Polish languages, depending from the volunteer`s abilities) in the youth centre (two 2-hour meetings per week). These are informal meetings for young people, where volunteer together with the participants speaks about his/her own country (traditions, history, educational system, young people`s lifestyles) and the European Union.

The volunteer`s main task will be to provide the activities of the European School Clubs, to popularize and spread the idea of European integration, targeted at the schoolchildren. Through his/her work, volunteer will be implicated to life of school and local community.

- **Organizing the volunteer`s country cultural club** (the language is up to the volunteer) in youth centre or in one of local schools (2 hours once per week). Similar to the European Club, only that here the stress is on the volunteer`s country, i.e. watching movies, cooking some traditional cuisine, quizzes, stories, songs, holidays, etc.

- **Organizing the volunteer`s language discussion club** (the language is up to the volunteer) for local youth (2 hours once per week). This discussion club aims, that the volunteer would weekly meet with the group of interested in talking the volunteer`s language youth. The way the volunteer can organize it is up to him/her (debates, discussions, watching movie and them discussing the problem in it, talking on the current event in world of culture, politics, environment, etc).

- **Supporting activities for children** in youth center (art, games, music, workshops, summer school). Volunteer will help to provide activities for children aged 6-14 years old and teenagers 14-16 years old.

- **Supporting local activities of hosting organisation**, for example:

- ✓ Help in organization of the charity action "St. Nicolas will not forget about you" (November/ December). The annual charity action organized by our organization. It aims at uniting the young people and just everyone will to help to gather the presents for the poor children of Lviv and bring the presents to their flats on St. Nicolas day.

- ✓ Summer school for children (June-July) aged 6-9, and 9-12 years old.

- **Own initiative for local community** (6 hours per week).



Requirements

The volunteer can be of any gender and any background. The most important is to be highly motivated, creative, responsible, communicative and inspired to live, take part in activities. Our organization is looking for tolerant and open-minded volunteers who are ready to commit themselves actively to our projects and support the idea of European integration. Any earlier experience with youth work, international projects, trainings, etc. would be an advantage. During the EVS period the volunteer would be expected to learn at least some basic Ukrainian (as the practice shows, all motivated volunteers managed to speak and understand Ukrainian well).

Terms

1 or 2 volunteers needed for 10-12 months
From 1st September 2011 till 31st July 2012

Description of the organization:

L'Arche-Kovchek in Ukraine was officially recognized in 2008 and became a member of the International Federation of L'Arche communities (<http://www.larche.org>). L'Arche was founded in France in 1964 by Jean Vanier. Today there are more than 130 faith-based communities belonging to the L'Arche federation in 35 countries around the world. **L'Arche is centered on** the gifts and needs of people who have mental disabilities and are at the heart of the L'Arche community. Together with young people (assistants) choosing to live with them in small residences, they create a home and participate in meaningful daytime work and activities. **Today L'Arche-Kovchek in Lviv**, Ukraine brings together about 67 persons with mental disabilities and 19 assistants who share community life together in four daily handicraft workshops and afternoon program for those with more profound disabilities. Here persons with intellectual disabilities ("core members"), assistants and volunteers can express themselves through meaningful work, activity, sharing in friendship, celebration and prayer. Members engage in the creation of beaded artwork, decorative candles, icons, simple woodworking and greeting cards in an atmosphere of love and respect where everyone is equal.



Location

Lviv, Ukraine

Theme of the Activity

Disabilities

Target Group

Adults with mental disabilities, assistants and volunteers of L'Arche-Kovchek community.

Volunteer`s Tasks

We offer personal and spiritual growth in the community, opportunity to open up to the gifts of people with mental disabilities and to get some practice skills in craftwork. In each of the 5 workshops there are approximately 9 –15 people with mental disabilities and 3–5 assistants who work there constantly.

- Volunteers participate in daily (Monday–Friday) workshop's programs from 10 am. till 4 pm. for work, celebration and prayer. Volunteers help people with mental disabilities to make candles, greeting cards, icons, beads and others things.
- There is possibility for volunteers to take part in afternoon program with "core members" with more profound disabilities. Therefore volunteers should be able to assist with art and music activities and at moments help with pushing wheelchairs, access to toilet, or with eating etc. In general, they join the core members in activities, games and helping with some simply craft works.

Extracurricular program: To participate in community gatherings. To go somewhere for a weekend or a camp together. To participate in prayers and sharing.

Requirements

We would like to invite volunteers of any gender and any background. We don't insist on a Christian faith if you join us – we welcome people of any faith.

- Be open-minded, communicative, friendly, tolerant, responsible, and patient.
- A volunteer should have good mental and physical health.
- Should be able to work in a team and support the community spirit.
- To be open to new things, new culture and life's conditions therefore to be flexible, adaptable and mature.
- To have some basic knowledge of Ukrainian, Russian or Polish.

Terms

2 volunteers needed for 6–10 months From 1st October 2011 – 31st July 2012

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Other opportunities for EVS volunteers in Academy of Ukrainian Youth:

- language course for employees of the Lviv City Council in the frame of preparation to host EURO 2012 (good knowledge of English/Polish is required);
- help in organization of free time activities for children in psychiatric hospital;
- help in preparation and realization of youth exchanges in Ukraine;
- help in promotion of Youth in Action programme in Ukraine (presentations, development of guide-books and leaflets)

Support system

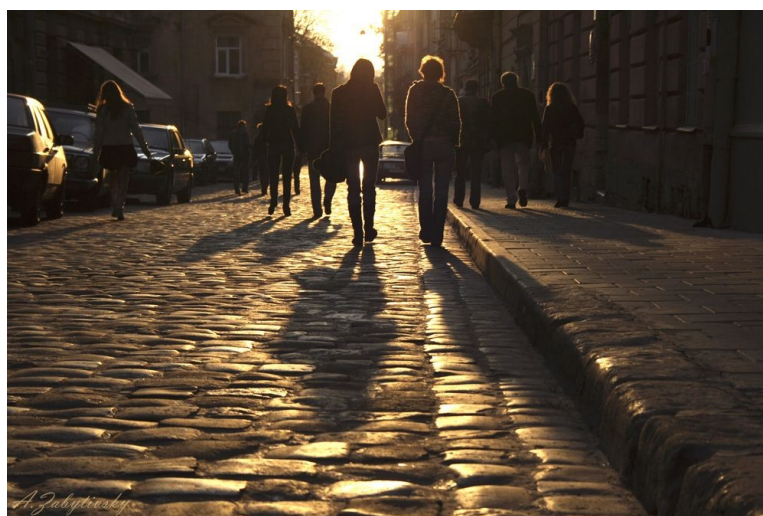
Most of local volunteers of Academy of Ukrainian Youth speak English, Russian and Polish, some volunteers speak German. Our organization is open and support ideas and initiatives of the volunteers. In the times where the volunteer experiences difficulties concerning his activities, he/she will have the full support of project coordinator, local volunteers, and mentor.



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Come to us to make your EVS!