

Project environment: profile of the organization and local community

Krośnice is situated in southern-eastern part of Lower Silesia near the border with Wielkopolska region. As a Polish administrative unit it belongs to the Milicz region. This region has beautiful nature of fish-breeding ponds and has amazing variety of flora and fauna. Krośnice is an agricultural region, a part of The Barycz River Valley and there is no industry around. In Wierzchowice, a village near to Krośnice, there is one of the biggest containers of natural gas in Poland. There is also a primary and secondary school, health centre, nursery, a bank, a bar, a coffee shop, a hotel, a Police station, a post office, catholic church, gas station and bus and train station in Krośnice. The number of people living here is about 2000.

Proposed activities for EVS volunteers

Volunteers will be working as assistants of the instructor from Culture House. They will assist in the work of other instructors on the regular basis.

Volunteers will take part in organizing concerts, performances, festivals, sport competitions, local events. They will also cooperate with the people who run classes and workshops in the Culture House e.g. artistic and sport workshops, theatre workshops, chess workshops. Also, one of the tasks of the volunteers will be assisting in the work of the local point of Eurodesk. Volunteers will run workshops in the chosen area or organize cultural events, e.g. cultural evening to present their countries. We're expecting the volunteers to show us something about their national culture and traditions.

We strongly believe that we can give various possibilities, e.g.:

- thanks to preparing classes for children and youth volunteers will learn different artistic and sport techniques (artistic, sport workshop), improve or learn playing chess (chess workshop), will learn the methods of working with children and youth;
- volunteers will be engaged in organization of activities for all the local community;
- volunteers will learn how to work with projects and manage them, will learn to find information and organize it (helping at Eurodesk), will learn the basics of organizing cultural events and promoting them;
- volunteers will get acquainted with the community life of a small rural area, traditions that disappear in big urban centers but are still alive in such areas as Krośnice;
- volunteers will discover the area of Milicz Ponds and see how the inhabitants of the Park "Barycz Valley" live;
- volunteers will be able to originate ideas and implement events, e.g. those that promote countries where they come from, or any other cultural event in the chosen area;
- volunteers will be encouraged to dedicate their time to plan and prepare their own activities, with our help.

Volunteer profiles and recruitment process

We can cooperate with any partner, the recruitment process is open.

The volunteer should be interested in animating the free time of young people, as well as be able to work in a team, be flexible and creative. The volunteer should be willing to work on the computer as well as have some coordination and artistic or sport skills.

We expect him/her to be interested in the topic of culture or sport. We would be glad if the volunteer were interested in photography, drawing or other art.

Risk prevention, safety and protection

Work of the volunteer and his accommodation will be in the safe place. Krośnice is a small rural area, so the volunteer will not be under danger of road accidents. All the buildings that we use have technical facilities, and fulfill the requirements of building control.

In case of crisis that might be caused because of the long being far away from home, the first aid will be given by the workers. In case that this help will be insufficient, there is a psychologist and the volunteer will be able to talk to him/her. The project will be monitored by the coordinating organization all the time.

Motivation and EVS experience

We would like to make it possible for the people of Krośnice to meet the representatives of other culture. First of all, such meeting can broaden the horizons of young people that are searching for their place in life. We hope that volunteers will enrich the activities conducted for the youth. We would like that the stay of the volunteers in our centre and our community had an added value. We would like that the culture of the volunteer and Polish culture integrate with each other, and create a beautiful unity.

Description of the organization

Regional Union of Culture and Libraries in its activity embraces all the after-school rural centers and libraries from the area of Krośnice region: Culture House in Bukowice, Culture Centre in Krośnice. Culture House realizes activities in the area of education and culture. The main goal of Culture House is to prepare and engage the community into active participation in culture and co-creation of its value.

Ten people are employed in the Regional Union of Culture and Libraries on the regular basis. We cooperate with people who conduct classes for children and youth. The activities are directed to various social groups. The most important target group are children and youth.

Every week we do a 'special activity' which can be a concert, an exhibition, workshops or a poetry reading evening. Every summer we organize Harvest Home and Orchard Festival, where we invite all the local community to celebrate. It is a big party for all the population of our commune.

We provide information about the European Union to young people in our commune, we're part of EURODESK project (in our Culture House we have a point of information about EU and possibilities that it gives to youth)

If you are interested in participating and creating project with us
please sent to me your European CV and questionnaire
(in attachment).

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