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## Paths of culture

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**Project title:** Paths of culture (Poti kulture)

**Duration:** August 1. 2018 – May 31. 2019

**Activity:** Volunteer project (ex. EVS)

**No. of volunteers:** 4 (2 per country)

**Applicable country of partners:** Programme countries

**Accommodations:** Private rooms with shared (with other volunteers) kitchen, bathroom and living room

**Funds for volunteers:** travel cost reimbursement (according to official standards of EC), food money (150€/month), pocket money (85€/month)

**Profile of participants:** It is preferable that they have volunteered before, but it is not a requirement. An advantage is being active in the artistic field. English speaking. Can be participants with fewer opportunities, with prior arrangement.

**Short description of the project:**

The project will take three basic directions:

1. Help in the day-to-day activities in the youth centre
2. Help with the production of Katzen Kabaret – in our town and small towns across Slovenia
3. Help with Path of industrial heritage project – an interactive and educational “tour” of local derelict factories as well as the activities and communities that now dwell within

**Hosting organisation and country:**

The youth centre Kotlovnica is a place dedicated to develop the untapped potential of young people. We host activities and events on many topics, but mainly focus on culture, entertainment and entrepreneurship. We try to give youngsters chances to develop their untapped potential by giving leading them on their way and give them the technical capabilities and share knowledge, experience and connections with them. We organise concerts, theatre plays, poetry nights and other events along with five festivals throughout the year (link for the biggest one is below). Our other unit is a co-working space for young entrepreneurs where they develop their business ideas.

In the past three years we had the Gunpowder initiative in the EVS programme - three projects, which lasted from 1st of August until 30th May (the third one is still on-going). The projects were revolving around industrial heritage - the volunteers were renovating and documenting a derelict gunpowder factory, making documentary films about it and making models of it. In the last project they are also helping with the activities and projects that are going on within it. Apart from that, they helped with the day-to-day going on in the youth centre. On both of these projects we hosted four volunteers.

Slovenia great opportunity for young adventurers and travellers not only for our own nature and culture, but, a small country on the crossroads of southern, central and Eastern Europe offers a also the fact that the borders to Italy, Austria, Hungary or Croatia are never more than an hour's drive away.

### **The project:**

The EVS project will take place from 1. August 2018 to 31. May 2019. It will host 4 youngsters (2 per partner country), ages 18 to 29. The central theme will be arts and rural development.

The project will go in three main directions, each of which will take one third of their time. These parts are not hierarchically arranged as all of them are equally important.

The first one will be help in the youth centre in day-to-day activities (help with workshops, tending the bar, help with venue preparation) as well as help on the five festivals that we produce. Here they will also be able to attend different workshops, which include, but are not limited to: video production, music production, stage lights and stage sound, theatre classes, improvisational theatre, design, crafts, painting. As members of our team they will gradually, as they become accustomed to the environment, be able to influence our programme through suggestions and also with their own events/projects. Other affiliated organisations (cultural, youth council, student club,...) will also give them an opportunity for them to expand their horizons and to include themselves in the local community. This part may also include some work on the industrial heritage of our town.

The second one will be helping work on a cabaret. Cabaret is a form of public performance where, through a series of musical sketches, the performers tell stories with a social or political connotations. The youth centre produces a cabaret every year, each one on a different topic (previous ones were migrations, space, war, addiction). During the EVS placement the volunteers will help with the production of a new one here in our youth centre, and also go around Slovenia to produce it in other youth/cultural organisations with other local teams. In this aspect they will be helping a professional

mentor (who studied in a theatre school in Florence) not only by acting as performers, but also in the production/organisational aspect.

The third part will involve working on the "Path of industrial heritage" project. It is an interactive group tour of the town with an emphasis on factories from a bygone era. They now house cultural or sports clubs and societies, young entrepreneurs, new factories or are beginning to degrade. In this part they will help with the preparation of the path and be "actors" when the project goes live.

The volunteers will, through their work get to know the going-ons of at least three NGOs working on different field of youth work. Apart from their help they will gain competences, such as teamwork, interaction with others, community building, ... They will also get to know how to build a website, produce videos, attain basic design techniques and if they want also the techniques of stage lights, sound and music production.

### **Useful links:**

Youth centre FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/kotlovnica/> (sorry, but it's in Slovenian language)

Entrepreneurial unit FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/coworkingkamnik/?fref=ts> (also, only Slovenian)

Our biggest festival Kamfest's gallery: <http://www.kamfest.org/kamfest-2015/slo/galerija>

Our municipality: <http://kamnik-tourism.si/index.php/home/>