**ONE YEAR VOLUNTEERING IN YOUTHCLUBS**

**CZECH REPUBLIC**

**Dates**

12 months (beginning 1stof August 2018– 31st of July 2019)

**Organization: PREVENT 99**

**Number of volunteers** serving together: 2

**Countries:** members of EU

**Topickeywords:**youth work, social work with gypsy minority, youth club, non-formal education

**About our organization:**

Civic association PREVENT z.ú. operates in South Bohemia region of Czech Republic since 1999, especially in **working with children** and young people (primary prevention programs, experiential learning, non-formal education, social services for children and youth, youth clubs).On the field of **addiction** isprovidinga **social** and**therapeutical services** ( todrug users and their families).**Educational activities** (conferences, training courses and seminars for teachers, social workers, etc.). Prevent implements social services in the two **clubs for children and youth**. „Cross - PreventNZDM“in town Strakonice and „Station 17 – NZDM Prevent“in town Blatná. Clubs provide social services and non - formal educationfor children and adolescents from 12 years to 26 years.Its goals are to help the youngsters spend their leisure time meaningfully and provide social service and support in live difficult situations. Workers are preparing leisure time programs and provide support in the difficult period of adolescence. To each of youth club come approx..110 clients per year.

Volunteering in our organization is about working in youth clubs. It is focused mostly on youth with fewer opportunities, Romas and children on the street. It is about helping them, create and organize leisure time with meaningful activities, animation of some activities, supporting them, play with them and work on social services field. Volunteering here is also about helping with visibility in our NGO and our activities.

Our previous experience with ERASMUS +

Our organization has organized several projects under the Youth in Action programme. Most of them were training courses. Since 2007, it was a projects called "Smart Blonde", “Skinned off in Prague”, “VOLUNTEER IN PREVENT”, “Ctrl+alt+del“, “Message in the Bottle”, “Run Into the Wild”. In 2009, we realized the EVS project with name “VOLUNTEER IN PREVENT "and in 2014 and 2015, we were partners for EVS project "Prevention and non-formal education in NGO", which was implemented by a non-profit organization DO SVĚTA.

Role of volunteers

1. Preparing and providing a leisure time activity for children in youth clubs in Strakonice and Blatná (together with our workers and one more volunteer)
2. Support team of trainers during outdoor activities (maximum. once a month)
3. Work on specific small projects of youth clubs. It means volunteers will work with our employees on proceeds activation projects for example open days in local museum, theatre, beneficial concert, presentation of work on some school and so on.
4. Volunteers will help on promo and visibility of our organization – Volunteers will have an opportunity to help us with organizing and creating ideas of visibility and public relations field. We want to support effective presentation of our activities and NGO, so there are a lot of opportunities to do some changes, presentations, activities etc.
5. Volunteers in their own project. We want to support concrete volunteers in creation and realization of their own projects.
6. Volunteer in visibility of EVS. Volunteers will help with managing visibility of EVS and Erasmus + and NZDM. They will organize presentation and meetings.

**What volunteers will learn and experience:**

 Languages (develop English, start with Czech)

 • Volunteer will experience work with youth, providing of social services, effect of non-formal education and experiential learning style in some activities which we are providing

• They will strengthen or learn how to work with youth, how organize things, how evaluate, how to provide reflection, how to work in team under supervision

 •They develop their competencies in communication, planning-reflecting process, project’s thinking, and working on public relation field

• They will increase their awareness about Czech culture

• They will experience multicultural environment to live together with another volunteer from another country

• They will experience specific approach to the Roma’s ethnical minority in Czech Republic.