EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS

VOLUNTARY ACTIVITY PROJECT

September 2022 -12 month
info pack for applicants
Skuodas, Lithuania

Skuodo rajonas laukia jūsų

ABOUT US

Skuodas nursery-kindergarten institution has been actively working in the field of preschool education focused on its target group 1,5 -7-year-old children and their parents since the year 2001. During this time efforts have been made to consistently improve the child's educational system and to discover innovative teaching techniques. That is why the staff of professional preschool educators now work with other specialists such as speech therapists, public health care professionals, arts and music teachers, social pedagogues.

The priorities of our institution are to provide high-quality preschool and pre-primary education services, ensuring an active child's self-expression in the educational process. Strengthen community interaction, create positive relationships between the child, the family and the teacher, based on partnership, communication and cooperation, and respect towards one another.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

European Solidarity Corps project involves one volunteer from Ukraine for long term volunteering from 03.09.2022 until 30.08.2023 for 12 months in a small town Skuodas, Lithuania. The ideas of the European Solidarity Corps project were inspired by multifaceted benefits, positive changes that were brought by experience gained by various organizations in the international volunteering field. Volunteering facilitates the use of non-formal education ideas in practical activities and encourages its self-education. Project involves everyone to take an active step towards professional and human experience for making a better future and to discover their potential of creating a better worldview for a young person. "Tell me who your friends are, and I will tell you who you are" Young people are very influenced by people who surround them, how they impact them. New people in an organization always brings innovative ideas, knowledge, experience for youth in a small town as Skuodas helps to discover the variety of different beliefs and attitudes, and interest in active life.

The main objective of this project is to welcome one motivated volunteer who would help to ensure an active child's self-expression in the educational process. to creating positive relationships between the child, the family, and the teacher, based on cooperation and respect towards one another and surrounding the child with love and care. A secure and creative environment will be created to reach this goal and volunteers will be able to implement themselves by helping the host organization to achieve its objectives.

ABOUT YOU

The volunteer is not required to have special experience and skills in the working field, but he or she should believe in and enjoy working with a team in the public sector, because this is the major type of person they will be working with costumers.

Our basic request to volunter are:

- You are willing to learn and invest your own time, energy and ideas into your work here in our institution. The love that you will give will come back to you in double.
- Aged 18-30
- You want to work with children age 3 to 7 years old.
- you can speak English.
- You are initiative, creative and social.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

So activities for volunteers will be organized according to these topics. The main activities for the volunteer will be:

- To take part in organized events and projects in the kindergarten;
- To help our educators prepare and carry out educational, sport, art and music activities in children's groups;
- Most importantly – to spend time and play with the children.
- To implement your own cross and hobbies in workshops for kids;

EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of the 12 – month stage the volunteers will be able to improve/acquire:

- Knowledge and experience in organizing volunteering actions.
- Communication skills in English and his/her own mother language; knowledge of basic Lithuanian language.
- Knowledge of non-formal youth educati on, open work methods.
- Skills in managing the relationship with youth.
- Skills to work in an international team.
- Experience in volunteering and interculturalism.
- Time management skills, team coordination skills, they will learn what it means to bring a change in the environment where they live and they will also develop the European and intercultural dimension.
- Entrepreneurial skills – the volunteers will develop their sense of initiative and entrepreneurship by sharing, designing and coordinating own activities.
- Knowledge about the Lithuanian culture, traditions, habits.
- The volunteers will also improve their social and speaking skills and will become more motivated to engage in community life as a result of their working with youth during the project.

CONDITIONS

Travel

Trip fro your country and come back is covered by the program, maximum budgeds depends on the distance between your country and Lithuania.

Accommodation and board

The volunteer will live in apartment together with other volunteers. Each volunteer will have his/her own room and there will be common areas: bathroom, kitchen, living room. The rooms are provided with heating, hot water, dishes.

The volunteer will receive monthly 140€ for food and 4€ of pocket money per day pocket money.

In order to receive the amount the volunteers together with hosting organizations have to open an account in the same country in which the association does the transfer. To do that they need a passport.

Health insurance

You will be covered with private insurance (but volunteers, need anyway to bring with them the Europe Insurance card).

Local transport

Given the fact that Skuodas is a small town and there's no public means of transport, the volunteers to the place where the activities take place will be on foot. It takes only 10 minutes to walk to get to the place.

Expected working hours

Volunteers will work 6 hours per day, 5 days a week from Monday to Friday two consecutive days off per week.

Holidays: two days off per month. National Holidays are also free days.

Mobile phone

Once you're in Lithuania, we will purchase a local SIM card to use in your phone (be sure your phone is unlocked). There are several mobile phone networks in Lithuania.

Working place

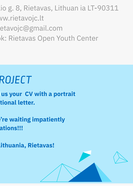
Project activities mainly will take place in the Skuodas nursery-kindergarten.

INFORMATION ABOUT SKUODAS

Located in northwest Lithuania, Skuodas is known as the most remote city from Vilnius the capital of the Republic of Lithuania. Skuodas is the center of the Skuodas district. From all of the Republic of Lithuania district centers, it has the closest border with another country (Latvia), that's why we often say with good reason that Lithuania starts from Skuodas.

Few facts about Skuodas, which everyone should know if they are planning to volunteer here:

- Skuodas isn't a large city (5,96 km2 territory, 5967 citizens);
- Skuodas is the center of the Skuodas district (around 19000 citizens). The volunteer will work and implement all kinds of activities through the whole Skuodas district. Skuodas district municipal library R. Granauskio public library has 15 subunits located around the district;
- You can reach any destination in Skuodas on foot;
- Every subunit town or village of Skuodas district can be easily reached by public transport or a car.
- At first sight, people may seem restrained or even angry, but that's only the typical result of the Nordic way of hiding friendly, warm, but a little timid personality;
- The district of Skuodas is green. Meaning it has plenty of forests, parks, mounds and more;
- Skuodas lacks people that can fluently speak in English, however, it is possible to communicate;



Skuodas
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LgO3Sx_1RBE

- During leisure in Skuodas district you can: Attend concerts; Visit pool; Attend a sports club; Visit sauna; Visit cafes; Swim in Skuodas lake, also know as Skuodo jūra; Participate in tennis, basketball, and other workouts; Walk and relax in parks, forests. Visit many summer festivals in Skuodas and its districts; Ride horses.

It's also important to point out that if leisure time is going to be fun yet useful and efficient, it depends on the personal needs, wishes, and creativity of the volunteer. Skuodas is not very far from bigger cities, for example – Kretinga, Mažeikiai, Palanga, Klaipėda.

- Although most books in the library are in Lithuanian, there is a modest section with English and French books. You will be allowed to borrow them;
- In Skuodas there are two big supermarkets, one of them 5 minutes away from the flat on foot.

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APPLY FOR PROJECT

If you are interested please send us your CV with a portrait picture and motivational letter.

Best of luck in writing and we're waiting impatiently for your applications!!!

Warmest greetings from Lithuania, Rietavas!