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ASIRYS



**EVS / LONG-TERM VOLUNTEERING
MOBILITY**

Târgu Frumos, Iași,
ROMANIA

ABOUT SUPER TINERI (ASIRYS) HOSTING ORGANISATION



Super Tineri (ASIRYS) Association is a non-profit and non-political organization, established in 2009 in Romania, which aims to develop communities through active participation, volunteering, cultural and non-formal education.

ASIRYS is one of the most active youth and community development association from North-East Romania, and has an important portfolio of good practices in volunteering, non-formal education and European cooperation.

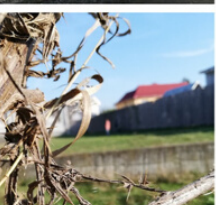
ASIRYS runs a youth center and a sustainable development hub and works with more than 25 local schools and institutions. In 2019, the association hosted 32 volunteers from Norway, Spain, Italy, Bulgaria, Mexico, Colombia, Turkey and Greece, for short and long term EVS. The organisation works with a high number of local volunteers and teachers, and develops a variety of activities, events and projects to engage them.





LOCATION

Tîrgu Frumos city, the central place where ASIRYS have the office, is situated in Moldova region of Romania, Iași county. From the geographic point of view, the city is positioned at the intersection of major roads connecting cities as Pașcani, Iași, Roman and Hârlău. Located on the main road to Iași, the town was mentioned in the testimonies of many foreign travelers. Even the main office is based in Tîrgu Frumos, the association is organizing activities and projects in different villages and cities of Romania, cooperating with local authorities, schools and other NGOs.



Mission

Engage youth in order to develop them into leaders of positive and sustainable change for their communities.

Aim

Involve 4 European volunteers in artistic solidarity activities to create personal development opportunities for children and young people in small, rural communities in which the organization operates.

Objectives

- Developing skills and competences useful for the personal, educational, social, civic and professional development of 4 young European artists by a 8-month volunteering mobility involving creative and artistic activities: dance, painting, music, photography, pyre-engraving, cooking workshops, crafts and other cultural activities.
- Promoting volunteering and the European Solidarity Programme in 10 northeastern schools and lyceums.
- Increasing the access to artistic activities for the personal development of 80 children and young people from rural areas.



Arts Lab 1

In 2019, we hosted 32 volunteers and interns. 4 of them spent 6 to 9 months being active in the Arts Lab 1, an EVS project. Arts Lab 2 is the upgraded version therefore you will have the chance to learn more and to benefit of the experience achieved by our team during last year.

Arts Lab 1 involved more than 1000 youth, children, teachers and parents.



“Italy is a closed circle. It’s hard and expensive to share art, expose your art. In Romania they help you, enter in a pub and you see art, not only in galleries.”

Sandro, former volunteer from Sardinia, Italy



The creative non-formal workshops facilitated by the volunteers reached more than 20 communities from all the region. The topics were diverse from ballet and contemporary dance classes, painting workshops, photography, digital education, chess, basketball, theater, crafting to traditional games, cultural gastronomy and graffiti. Starting with 2020, ASIRYS will open a new creative space, of 285 sq m, where more beautiful things will happen. Are you ready for it?



ARTS LAB 2 ACTIVITIES

YOUTH CENTER WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

You will develop your own workshops, events and activities based on your passions, ideas, learning needs, for the youth of local community.

CONFERENCE & FOLCLORISTICA FESTIVAL

Organized in March 2020, the conference will gather 30 youth workers, active volunteers and teachers from north-east Romania. Folcloristica festival is an annual event that promotes folklore and traditions of Romania using creative methodologies. You will help to organize these events, sharing your own experience and cultural heritage with the participants.

ARTS LAB IN SCHOOLS

You will create a non-formal program for children 10 to 14 years old (e.g. chess club, photo lab, ballet workshop, sports games, cooking team etc.). At the end of the program we will organize a Final Event to share the results with local community.

EUROPEAN PROJECTS

You will be part of the team every time we will organize an Erasmus+ seminar, youth exchange, training course, getting the opportunity to learn how to write, plan, implement, facilitate, evaluate an European project.

PERSONAL PROJECTS

What would you like to do more? We are open to listen and to encourage you to come up with your own ideas and personal projects for local community!



VOLUNTEERS PROFILE



- between 18-30 y.o.;
- from any EU country;
- never participated in a long-term volunteering activity under Erasmus+/ESC Programme;
- min. A2 level of English;
- pro-active, ability to work independently;
- interest in arts, sports and/or youth projects.



BENEFITS

- monthly allowance covering food (150 euro/month);
- pocket money (90 euro/month);
- free accommodation;
- reimbursement of travel expenses (according lump sum);
- Romanian language course;
- health insurance by Cigna - www.cignahealthbenefits.com;
- 2 volunteering training in Romania: on-arrival and mid-term with all the international volunteers hosted in Romania;
- workshops and training facilitated by the hosting and partners organisations and institutions;
- personal and professional development experiences;
- opportunity to contribute to sustainable development of poor communities;
- 2 days off per week + 2 days off per month (can be accumulated in 24 days off in a year)
- support of a coordinator and a mentor
- YouthPass at the end of the volunteering project

Accommodation

- You will live in a villa, rented by the organisation, in the town of Tîrgu Frumos;
- The address is str. George Topârceanu, no. 5 B, postal code: 705300, Tîrgu Frumos city, Iași county;
- You will stay in double/single rooms;
- The house is basic equipped (there is a washing machine, cooking vessels, central heating, hot water, sheets but not towels);
- There are 4 rooms, two bathrooms, a kitchen, a living room and a small garden where during the spring you can cultivate your own vegetable if you want;
- You will need to clean and recycle your waste, also have a sustainable behavior regarding the resources you will use;
- The youth center is 5 min. walking from the house;
- The city center, the supermarkets and the fresh market are 3 to 10 minutes far away;
- Tîrgu Frumos is a small and safe town, our volunteers loved the nature, the access to fresh food directly from local producers, the feeling of peace and security, the local people;
- Tîrgu Frumos is cheaper than other cities from Romania, so your pocket and food money will be enough to have a decent life;
- If you are a "party lover" there are not many options for you, just during the summer the town is more alive;
- You can easily travel to Iași, the second biggest city and university center of Romania, which is located at 45 km, being well connected, every 30 minutes there is a bus or a train (2 euro one way).



CHALLENGES

We believe is important to share with you the main challenges our former volunteers faced during their volunteering service. Of course, each person is different, that is why we always want to create a safe space and have an open communication in order to solve potential issues together. What we noticed was that the challenges made us more connected and led our volunteers to a meaningful learning experience.

Our project is requiring a lot of initiative from the volunteers, which sometimes it is hard when are language barriers, lack of experience or resources.

You will face a cultural shock, it is normal when you move in another country, to overcome it is important to speak about it with people around you.

There will be conflicts in the house and during the activities, therefore is important to define together from the beginning clear rules.

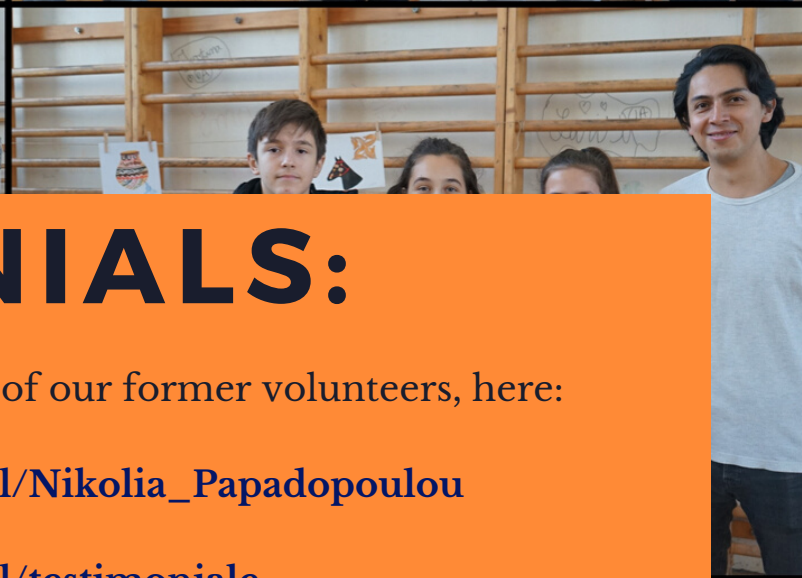
You must serve the community for 35 h/week. It may be unpleasant for you, but is important to know that the program is flexible, sometimes last-minute changes can occur, according to the local contexts.





APPLY!

- **Send us your contacts via European Solidarity Corps:**
https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity/placement/10446_en
- **Fill in this online form:** <http://bit.do/artslab>
- **If your application is accepted, we will contact you for a Skype interview.**
- **Look for a sending organisation in your area.**
- **If you are selected, you can start anytime in January, latest 1 February 2020.**
- **For any question, contact us to** office@supertineri.org.



TESTIMONIALS:

Read more about the experiences of our former volunteers, here:

www.supertineri.org/search/label/Nikolia_Papadopoulou

www.supertineri.org/search/label/testimoniale

