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Erasmus+

EVS Info Pack “Share Volunteering”

01/11/2017 – 31/05/2018

Mărășești, ROMANIA

Project description

"Share Volunteering" is a long-term EVS project that aims to promote the value of volunteering. The purpose of the project is to promote volunteering among children/youth in Marasesti town, by organizing practical volunteering actions with a view to social inclusion of disadvantaged youth.

The project will involve 4 EVS volunteers from 4 different countries: Spain, Italy, France and Greece.

Project activities: 01/11/2017 – 31/05/2018 (7 months)

Venue: Project activities will take place in the schools of Marasesti town. Marasesti is a small town in Vrancea county, situated in the east of Romania, in the historical region of Moldavia.

Target group

The volunteers will work with the following target groups: children/youngsters 6 – 14 years old.

Activities

Project activities will have the form of practical workshops, organized during the homeroom/advisory classes, civic education classes, English language classes and art and craft classes. The activities will address themes such as equality, social solidarity, social entrepreneurship, respecting the environment, human rights. The activities are meant to focus on awareness of the need to connect the school to the vision of active citizenship with the support of EVS volunteers, who will enable the shift from a formal education to a non-formal one, by involving the children/youngsters and teachers in relevant volunteering activities in the community.

The tasks of the volunteers will be:

- engage children/youngsters in different civic, cultural, artistic activities, recycling campaigns, hygienizing the environment, creating green spaces in the community, intergenerational activities;
- collaborate with teachers to encourage and support children/youngsters in defining, planning and organizing their own ideas of volunteering actions and then help them put the ideas into practice;
- dissemination of project's activities by uploading videos/stories on schools' websites, You Tube, organisation's website, Facebook group.



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Expected learning outcomes:

By the end of the 7 – 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 Romanian language.
- skills to work in an international team.
- skills in managing the relationship with disadvantaged children and youth;
- knowledge of the organization of NGOs, 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 designing and coordinating project activities.
- coordination skills, teamwork, leadership, partnership management and project management, that serve them in future projects.
- the volunteers will also improve their social and networking skills and will become more motivated to engage in community life as a result of their working with children and youth during the project.
- knowledge about the Romanian culture, traditions, customs, gastronomy.

Other details:

Accommodation: The volunteers will live in a flat accommodation in Mărășești, in shared bedrooms, individual beds, with common area, shared cooking, washing, laundry and social facilities, free wi-fi included.

Food: Volunteers will receive a monthly food allowance to buy food products and cook for themselves. They will also receive a monthly allowance of 60 Euro in form of “pocket money”.

Local Transport: Given the fact that Marasesti is a small town and there’s no public means of transport, the movement to the place where the activities take place will be on foot. It takes only 10 minutes’ walk to get to the place.

Travel: The volunteers together with their Sending Organisations will be responsible for arranging their travel. The travel costs will be reimbursed at the end of the project according to the distance band limits imposed by the European Commission.

Holidays: EVS volunteers will work 6 hours per day, 5 days a week, two consecutive days off per week and two days off per month.

National Holidays are also free days.



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Training during the project

The volunteers will be accompanied and supported at all times during the activities by the teachers from classes and they will receive training at the beginning of their stage to become familiar with the way the activities will be implemented. They will receive ongoing support from activity coordinators, teachers, and staff of our organization.

The volunteers will attend the On-Arrival Training and Mid-Term Evaluation, organized by the Romanian National Agency.

The volunteers will also receive Romanian language training 2 sessions per week for the first 3 months.

Volunteer profile

- Young people aged 18-30 years old, motivated to actively engage in voluntary workshops that will address themes such as: equality, social solidarity, social entrepreneurship, respecting the environment, human rights;
- the volunteers should be willing to spend time with children, patient, empathetic, eager to learn new things;
- The volunteers should have good knowledge of English; be willing to learn Romanian, able to work in a team;
- The volunteers should be responsible, flexible, non-discriminatory;
- They should be motivated by this project and able to attend the full duration of the project.

How to apply

The volunteers should send an email with their CV and Motivation Letter at voluntariatpentruviata@gmail.com. Then we will send an application form to be filled in.

Project Environment



Mărășești is a small town in Vrancea county, situated in the east of Romania. **Mărășești** is known as a town with a great historical significance because here took place a major battle during the First World War. The Mausoleum of Marasesti, one of the most important memorial sites in



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Europe, was built in the place where, in the summer of 1917, great battles were fought between Germany and Romania. Nowadays, Mărășești is the poorest town of Vrancea County, with a population of approximately 11,000 inhabitants on the decrease comparing to previous years. The town is a disadvantaged area, with no economy and most of its inhabitants receive social security benefits or are in extreme poverty. Nevertheless, in this town there are 4 elementary schools attended by 1200 children aged 6-14 years old and one High School attended by 200 students who are facing the absence of positive role models and conscious leaders. This project aims to help children in schools to take the first steps towards a better future and personal development, gaining confidence and becoming familiar to the European values.

About us

Asociația Voluntariat pentru Viata is an NGO, based in Romania, founded in November 2012 on the initiative of some specialists in the field of education, art, history, social assistance.

The mission of Asociația Voluntariat pentru Viata is to promote volunteering and civic consciousness by developing activities that contribute to increased public awareness of the contribution of volunteers to the local community and to the society in general.

Asociația Voluntariat pentru Viata performs the following duties:

- develops activities based on non-formal education aiming to enhance social functioning, integration and cooperation among young people;
- provides counsel, therapy and specialized assistance in order to prevent social marginalization.

In 2012, Asociația Voluntariat Pentru Viata started its work in Marasesti town in order to support a sustainable local development. First, the Organization developed and implemented youth projects in the framework of Youth in Action programme (Youth Initiatives promoting cultural heritage and environment). Then, the Organisation started to develop European projects under the Erasmus+ programme.

A large part of the activities that we carry out are focused around supporting the disadvantaged children and their families to have access to education and involving young people, in particular, and community members in volunteering actions.

Our Organization also initiated an on-going collaboration with the School Centre for Inclusive Education "Elena Doamna" from Focsani, an institution which schools more than 300 students with special educational needs, but also children from families with fewer opportunities who are at risk of marginalization and social exclusion. Our Organization wants to change the view on these children and wants to start working directly with children and young people who are at risk of social marginalization because of their disabilities.