

EVS FOR CAUCASUS

WORKING WITH REFUGEES AND POLISH LEARNERS

The project "EVS for Caucasus" will take place in Poland, the city called Bialystok. The duration of the volunteer's activity will be around 3,5 months (til 8th of May - can be prolonged, depends when the volunteer arrives) in the DIALOGUE Foundation. When the volunteer should start? ASAP because the project has started on 9th of August and we need a volunteer to substitute the one who resigned.

We are looking for one volunteer to take part in this project. There are already 3 European Volunteers taking part in this project, one girl from Greece and two boys from Italy.

The volunteers work in the kindergarten for refugees' children, with the assistance of the kindergarten teacher. They also organise extra classes for refugee kids and teenagers. The classes will be compatible with volunteers' hobbies and qualifications and will be aimed at organizing free time for children, teenagers and adults, involving them in active participation in social life, integrating with the Polish and international society. The extra activities can be in the refugee centre, temporary shelter or in foundation. The new volunteer will also coorganize English classes with Greek volunteer for foreigners kids and teenagers twice per a week.

Apart from working in the centre, the volunteers from time to time visit primary schools, junior high schools, high schools, universities and specialistic institutions throughout the region of Podlaskie, giving lessons about their countries or human rights, stereotypes and refugees, aiming at raising the society's awareness of the refugee issue.

They will be also able to design their own activities to reach the aim of the project and help to prepare integration events. Informal learning methods, like discussion, presentation, exchange of ideas, opinions, training combined with discussion of the issue, tandem learning, learning by doing, individual and group initiatives, will be dominating throughout the project.

The effect of the project will be the development of intercultural dialogue, raising awareness of the refugee issue among the participants and recipients of the project, increasing the level of knowledge and competence of both participants and recipients. Additional effect will be increasing the visibility of the ERASMUS+ Programme in the region.

And here in the short points:

Main tasks of volunteer:

- Working with children at the kindergarten of the refugee centre;

- Designing extra activities and games for refugees children and teenagers in the refugee centre and foundation;
- Conducting workshops about your country, refugees issues, tolerance, stereotypes etc. at local schools (kindergartens, primary schools, high schools, higher education and specialist institutions);
- Participating in different trainings, e.g. about refugees issues or art crafts;
- Attending regularly a Polish language course (Polish course started already but a volunteer can try to catch up with and also have tandem with Polish locals)
- Preparing special events, like cultural evenings, cooking workshops, movie evenings;

The training about refugee issues will be also provided, to facilitate volunteers' adaptation to the environment, where the activities will take place. Volunteer will be able to attend on arrival and mid term training.

In Bialystok the volunteers will be accommodated in a dormitory located near the city center, with private rooms and bedsheets provided, as well as a fridge. Toilet is shared with one more person. The kitchen is shared for the corridor.

Volunteer receives pocket money: 3 euro per a day and money for food: 17 zł per a day. The bus tickets to travel in Bialystok is reimbused.

Volunteer can take 2 free days per each month.

If you are interested in this project, please send your CV and Motivation Letter in English for e-mail: wolontariat@mentoring.pl.