

"EVS for Caucasus" is taking place in the Podlaskie region of Poland, with the coordinating and planning centre in Białystok, in the DIALOGUE Foundation. This project is the continuation of the project "Working in reception centers for refugees/ raising social awareness in the area of human rights and refugees", which has been run successfully since 2009.

We want to invite four volunteers to continue the activity. Their activity will last **9 months**, i.e. 273 days. The participating countries, apart from Poland, will be Spain, Slovenia, Germany and Italy.

Together with the coordinating organization, there will be 6 organizations involved. The volunteers will work **in the kindergarten for refugees' children, with the assistance of the kindergarten teacher and the coordinator, they will organize extra classes for refugee teenagers and adults**. 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.

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

Tasks for the volunteer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- regular working hours in the kindergarten in the reception centre;</li><li>- designing games and activities for children and teenagers;</li><li>- developing the strategy of integrating refugees in the society of the country they arrive in;</li><li>- visiting local schools to lead intercultural workshops;</li><li>- creating lesson plans, leading group discussions;</li><li>- organization of special events in and outside the refugee centre;</li></ul>

- extra activities for refugees designed by the volunteer in accordance with his/her interests;
- attending the Polish language course and learning Polish language;
- regular meetings with the project coordinator and the mentor;
- participating in training sessions.

#### **Practical arrangements for the volunteer**

##### **Food:**

Each volunteer receives from the Coordinating Organisation a settled amount of money to cover alimentation costs (405,00 – 418,00 PLN per month) and have to feed themselves.

They additionally get 30,00 PLN each month to pay for the Internet connection or mobile phone (the sim card with a Polish phone number is given to the volunteer).

##### **Accommodation:**

The Coordinating Organisation rents rooms in a dormitory. Here live the volunteers together with other volunteers or students. Each volunteer has a room on his/her own, with a bathroom shared by 4 rooms and a common kitchen.

Each volunteer takes the responsibility for any damage incurred in the accommodation.

The cost of any damages to the accommodation caused by a volunteer will be covered by him/herself.

##### **Working hours, days off per week, holidays:**

The volunteers work around 35 hours in the week, including the language course and other trainings. Working days are regularly from Monday till Friday. Exceptions can happen. In such a case the volunteer will be free another day of the week.

The volunteers have 2 days of holidays per month. Longer holidays must be consulted with the coordinator.

Volunteer promises to inform the project coordinator in advance about days off and planned vacation days.

The Dialogue Foundation is not responsible for the volunteer's activity in his/her free time.

##### **Pocket money:**

Each volunteer receives 90,00 Euro of pocket money monthly.

##### **Local transport:**

Each volunteer gets a monthly ticket for city travel.

The Coordinating Organization pays also the travel expenses connected with the on-arrival training and the mid-term meeting, organized by the Polish National Agency, on the basis of original tickets and invoices.

##### **Language support:**

The volunteers will be provided with a Polish language course (100 hours) in a group by a professional teacher.

**Trainings and support:**

The volunteers will participate in trainings organized by the National Agency.

Furthermore, they will receive training and support preparing them for working in the reception centres and other activities in the project. Mentor and coordinator will provide support in the volunteers' individual research and activities.