

Call for a volunteer from Armenia for European Voluntary Service project in Hungary

Project Title: **Building intercultural bridges in Tatabánya**

Voluntary Service Dates: start date: 20th March 2017 – end date: 19th February 2018
(11 months total)

Location: Tatabánya, Komárom-Esztergom County, North- West Hungary

Profile of volunteers:

- Age from 18-30 years old, resident of Armenia
- highly motivated and committed
- creative and open minded
- good social and communicational skill
- user level computer skill
- accurate work
- confident use of English language

This call is only for volunteers/applicants from Armenia.
For more information regarding the application for the service please write to the EVS sending organization from Armenia- [Youth Cooperation Centre of Dilijan NGO](#)

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Open places: 1 (we are looking for 1 resident of Armenia)

Project brief:

The key object of this project is to support the mobility of local youth, to familiarize them with volunteering by promoting volunteer service programs and helping them to develop social responsibility. The project aims to support youth communities, and It gives them chance to get acquainted with foreign cultures that allows to develop the most important virtues indispensable for existing in a European dimension: tolerance, empathy and creativity.

Within the framework of this project we would like to develop management skills of the future volunteers via involving them in the organisation of international projects, such as international conference for youth in 2017, etc.

Hosting organization:

A Vértés Agorája – as a division of Agora Nonprofit Kft – is a local centre for culture and education aiming to develop and organize the cultural life of the local community, respecting and preserving traditions and promoting innovation. The institution, which has lately been reorganized in a newly renovated environment, has respect for local identity and the values and characteristics of Tatabánya. Furthermore, it aims to create new traditions by establishing alternative community development trends.

One of the fundamental aims of the Vértés Agorája is community development on thematic base in respect of age groups, supporting and reinforcing active communities.

Our institution provides the opportunity and venue for programs that support valuable free time activities for all age groups. It plays an essential role in organizing representative events such as concerts, exhibitions, workshops, talent spotting events, career fairs and local history lectures, presentations. The key features of the programs are complexity and creativity.

Youth as a highlighted target group is supported by offices such as Agora Start Tehetségpont for talent management and Ifjúsági és Start Iroda for vocational and lifestyle orientation.

Room and board:

Our organization will provide a two roomed sublet with all facilities provided: equipped kitchen, washing machine, fridge, internet availability etc. The flat is close to the workplace, the local train and bus station and to the city center. Meal is provided by food allowance beside the pocket money.

Activities:

- Representative events: event projection and management (concerts, exhibitions)
- Training and education: contributing to training management, promoting international volunteering in secondary schools, contributing to the management of international cultural events, assisting in the organization of vocational orientations, career fairs that regularly take place at AVértés Agorája
- Community development and talent management: assisting in the start-up of community development procedures, following up cultural events
- Sport events: family and sport days, assisting in the organization of sport competitions
- Tourism: discovering, promoting local sights, summing up local tourist routes, assisting in organizing hiking and pilgrimage
- Marketing: taking part in the work of the marketing team, preparing throwaways, posters, advertising events via social media and on other online platforms

About the city of Tatabánya:

Tatabánya with its 72.000 inhabitants the largest settlement in Komárom-Esztergom County. The city is the industrial and administrative seat of the county. The geological location of Tatabánya is ideal regarding transportation. It is a railway and public road junction between two capitals Wien and Budapest: the settlement lays next to the M1 highway and the railways international main line. There are trains from Tatabánya to Wien in every hour and to Budapest in every thirty minutes. Between Tatabánya and the surrounding settlements there is a recently constructed bicycle linkage. Through this new bicycle road it's very easy to reach the northern state boarder of Hungary with Slovakia.

Tatabánya and its area locates in between the two dominant mountain Gerecse and Vértés with their extraordinary site and floral diversity, and significant size of wild animal population.

More than the 25% of this area is under some kind of natural protection. The local karst water system contributed to the evolution of numerous caves. These caves are also under strict natural protection.

The core of the local society in Tatabánya consist of two nationalities: swabs (living in Alsógalla and Felsőgalla) and Slovaks (living Bánhida) beside the Hungarians as the represented majority. This three nationality lives together in peace for centuries now. Although with the beginning of the coal mining a mass immigration has begun, what dissolved the differences between the ethnical groups, the traditions have been kept until present days.

There are five nurseries, eighteen kindergartens, sixteen primary school, ten middle school and an academy of business and economics in Tatabánya.

Tatabánya has several cultural institutions (Jászai Mari Theatre, County Library, County Archives museums, A Vértes Agorája multifunctional community centre and four smaller cultural centre) and high standard sport establishments (Földi Imre sports hall, recently renewed swimming pool, football fields available for public usage too) as well as many popular festival and other events such as Charcoal Gastrofestival, Beer Festival, annual Gerecse 50 Performance Tour.

There are numerous listed building of industrial heritage, and contemporary pieces of art in Tatabánya, but there are significant natural values in the surrounding of the city as well, such as Selim cave with its prehistorical findings. There are also several possibility to spend the free time usefully around this area. At the outskirts of Tatabánya you can find Hungary's second Via Ferrata park with three tracks, professional assistance, open all year long for visitors and the fans of climbing. The local hiking trails, the medieval ruins hidden in the forest attract many tourists every year.

About the profile of volunteers, we are looking for:

We wish to host creative, open and proactive volunteers, who contribute in developing our events, and helps us to encourage local youth to think in international dimensions, helps them in better understanding and interacting with different cultures.

A most of our activities will be done among various kinds of people, it is important to possess good social and communicational skill. For planning and preparing programs user-level computer skill, accurate work, is required.

In order to support the professional development of the volunteers during their service, we encourage our future volunteers to learn by proceeding those kinds of tasks what require concentration, creativity and autonomy. We provide opportunity to the volunteers to get an insight into the work of event and training organization, youth talent recruiting, and building partnerships between NGOs, civic communities, local entrepreneurs, companies, keeping in contact with local institutions of education, and culture.

About financial issues for the project:

For travelling from and to their origin countries the volunteer has this budget: **360 €**

Pocket money: **90 € /month**

Meal is provided by food allowance beside the pocket money.

About Hungarian language learning:

Hungarian language learning possibility is provided by A Vértes Agorája.

Do not forget to bring with you:

- European Health Card.
- All travel documents already used: invoices, boarding passes and tickets (the return ones you'll have to send them to PK by post once in your country).
- Warm clothes, this is Spain but it will be also winter in here.
- Swimming suit for summer.
- Your own laptop or IT device. Your house maybe provides Internet connection but not the IT equipment.
- Your music instrument if you play some music.

How to apply:

Important: Please send us your CV and Letter of Motivation /both in English/ by **15th of February, 2017** to: evs@yccd.am

Your Name, EVS in Hungary as a subject line of your e-mail

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*Only shortlisted candidates will be notified and contacted.