

YOU are WELCOME in VALMIERA!



Dear upcoming volunteer!

This year we are organizing annual hot air balloon fiesta & Latvian national championship “Valmiera Cup 2013” (see information about last year > www.balloon.lv). Therefore this is information for you to get introduced with the project and its environment:

- First of all this is a **short term group European voluntary service (EVS) project for 2 months**. After this project you will be able to participate in other EVS project for max 10 months in other country if you will be interested to do voluntary work in the future. Other volunteers, who choose long-term projects, cannot do EVS for the second time. So you are lucky if you read this!
- Project offers to cover all the expenses – starting from travel from your country to Latvia until daily expenses that are covered from the project. You will receive food and pocket money and you will have a separate room for living and shared bathroom with other volunteer (2 persons per 2 room apartment)
- This project will give you knowledge on how to organize international sports event in field of hot air ballooning, how to promote Event and what it takes to become an official within the Event. As an addition to the above mentioned, there will be 3 main trainings – on-arrival training organized by Latvian National Agency for “Youth in Action”, training for being a crew member in hot air ballooning team & Latvian language courses during the first month with Italian / English / Latvian speaking teacher.
- You will be in a good company of 7 other youngsters, local mentor (advisor) and project manager as well as your Officials (Event office manager, Chief Scorer, Event sport director and others)
- The duration of the **stay in Latvia is during June and August for 1,5 – 2 months** – this is not perfectly clear yet. The event is going to be held in Valmiera (city where you will be hosted www.valmiera.lv) from **24th – 28th of July!**
- EVENT is usually attended by 15 – 25 hot air balloon teams from Baltic states (Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania) & closest states like Poland, Russia, Czech Republic, sometimes Germany and other countries. Every ballooning team consists of pilot + 3 crew members. Usually Event involves ~120 persons including ballooning teams, volunteers and Officials.



We are planning to host **7 volunteers** from different countries.

What we EXPECT from YOU:

- To be interested in hot air ballooning and event organization
- To be able to speak fluently English (if you are not good enough currently, you can ask your sending organization to organize individual courses for your needs)
- To have willingness to undertake different tasks together with Event Officials (staff)
- To spend 2 months in Latvia and learn basics of Latvian
- To present your country during event.

How is this project organized?

This project involves volunteer (YOU), sending organization from your country, coordinating organization with EVS project experience since 2002 & hosting organization “99 hot air balloons”, known as the biggest hot air balloon club in Latvia (hey, we are not so big, we have 7 hot air balloons and 8 pilots but we are the biggest club in Latvia ☺). Coordinating organization does the administrative work (project management), hosting organization is responsible for organizing Event, sending organization has to prepare you for the departure to Latvia & YOU have to come to Latvia in June to start your **E V S!** Easy as that! ☺

And please contact us if you have some questions!

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Have a soft landings!

