



Zavod za usposabljanje Janeza Levca  
Karlovška c. 18, 1000 Ljubljana

Dear Friends and Partners,

We are looking for volunteers for our **EVS project 'EMPOWER TO INCLUDE'**.

### **ABOUT THE PROJECT**

The project will take place in Slovenian capital city, **Ljubljana** at **Zavod za usposabljanje Janeza Levca** (ZUJL; The Special Education Centre Janez Levec).

We will host **2 volunteers for 10 months**, from the **1. 9. 2013 until the 30. 6. 2014**.

The theme of the project is **antidiscrimination** and **disability**.

### **ABOUT THE WORK**

In general the volunteers will **work with children and youngsters as well as with adults with special needs** (mental disabilities, learning difficulties and behavioural problems). They will be included in our everyday activities; they will have the opportunity to help the educators and teachers with the organisation of the free time activities.

We also want the volunteers to play an active role in other activities we organise, outdoor activities, international exchanges, seminars and especially our events within **the International festival year "Play with me"**.

To read more about it, we invite you to visit our webpage  
<http://www.igranjezmano.eu/en/FestivalyearbrPlaywithme.aspx>

*Volunteers are an important part of the festival itself, bringing their own ideas into life and realizing them through numerous challenging activities.*

### **PREVIOUS EXPERIENCES**

We have been hosting EVS volunteers for four times in a row, so we are well acquainted with the project itself. Many of our international volunteers have decided to stay in Slovenia and are still closely connected with our organisation.

*Hosting the volunteers has proved as a great enrichment not only for the volunteers themselves but also to the organisation, which is why we are motivated to host new volunteers.*

## **ABOUT THE HOST ORGANISATION**

The Special Education Centre Janez Levec is one of the biggest educational organisations in Slovenia that is working with children and youngsters as well as with adults with mental disability or/and with learning or behavioural problems. We are **experts for special education**.

These youngsters and children are often pushed on the edge of active social life. Besides **educating** (our main task) we are **organising activities** with which we want to place these children and youngsters in the focus, the centre of society.

*These activities promote an inclusive culture and socialising among all children and youngsters from different educational, cultural and social backgrounds.*

To read more about the institution, check [http://www.zujl.si/Uprava\\_Wiki/About%20us.aspx](http://www.zujl.si/Uprava_Wiki/About%20us.aspx).

## **CONDITIONS**

We are looking for **open-hearted volunteers**.

Considering the size of the institution and the number of activities we are involved in, **adaptability to new situations** is of crucial importance.

As the volunteers will be working with children and youngsters with special needs, having very little knowledge of English, **the knowledge of a Slavic language and the willingness to learn Slovenian** are highly appreciated.

The project is also opened for **volunteers with fewer opportunities**.

## **ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

All interested candidates should send us their CVs and MLs to [prostovoljstvo.igrajsezmano@gmail.com](mailto:prostovoljstvo.igrajsezmano@gmail.com) **before the 13<sup>th</sup> of January 2013**. We would like to ask you to send us information on the Sending organisation as well (name, reference nr, contact person, e-mail of the contact person).

Please note:

Every Host and Sending Organisation located in a Programme Country, in a South East European (SEE) Country or in an Eastern Europe and Caucasus (EECA) Country must be accredited and have a reference to an approved Expression of Interest (EI).

## **CONTACT**

In case of further questions, please contact Tina Verbič, project assistant at [prostovoljstvo.igrajsezmano@gmail.com](mailto:prostovoljstvo.igrajsezmano@gmail.com).

Looking forward to cooperating with you!

Best regards,

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