



**Team For Youth Association**

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## Carnaval de Nonformal Plus

European Voluntary Service, Baia Mare, Romania

Aug/2014 – Apr/2015

Oct 2014/Jun 2015

### The host association - Team for Youth

Activities at T4UTH revolve around a set of values that have formed in time and have grown together with the experience of our team: interculturality, volunteerism, tolerance, team spirit, and excellence. Based on these beliefs, our assumed mission is to stimulate the youngsters to develop themselves through volunteering activities, international mobility and nonformal education.

The tools used to achieve our team's vision include international voluntary activities and other projects that facilitate youth mobility beyond borders. The partnerships we have built locally and internationally offer us a proper environment for recruiting, training and placing volunteers in projects with a variety of themes.

### The host community – Baia Mare

Located about 600 km away from Bucharest (the capital of Romania), close to the Ukrainian and the Hungarian borders, home to 115,000 inhabitants, **Baia Mare**, the capital of Maramureş County, hosts a mixture of cultural and ethnic variety. A history of more than 2000 years of gold, silver and other nonferrous metals extraction has carved its landscapes and culture, with many architectural remaining from the medieval time.

The city itself has a number of cultural attractions, several parks and one of the best public libraries in Romania. Being surrounded by hills and mountains makes it perfect for all sorts of activities throughout all the four seasons, with spectacular hiking tracks like Creasta Cocoşului, Vârful Igniş or Vârful Pietrosu, a beautiful lake to cool you in the summer and many ski resorts for winter sports. Not to mention that Maramureş itself gives you the opportunity to dive into one of the last places where rural European medieval life still thrives, with hand-built ancient wooden churches, traditional music, colorful costumes and festivals. Widely known for their hospitality, people living in Maramureş are always ready to give a helping hand.

### The volunteer

T4UTH sketched the general features for the profile of the candidates, according to the activities proposed. The candidate should be between 18 to 30 years and willing to know other cultures, to work with people from disadvantaged backgrounds, to be trained to grow personally and



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to learn and teach non-formal methods. It is preferable that the potential candidate can motivate themselves to get involved with T4UTH and have the initiative to organize new activities individually or with an international team.

- Feeling comfortable with the idea of being the centre of attention, comfortable to answer the curiosity of others about them.
- Being an ambassador of their culture, willing to talk and make presentation about their country.
- Being decided to analyze situations, communicate about problems and seek solutions to make things work better, both for themselves and the others, being proactive and confident.
- Being willing to learn and develop themselves, in an intercultural team.

We would very much appreciate a good level of English, so there would be no major communication barriers between the staff and the volunteer, and the volunteers among themselves, as English is the main language used at T4UTH.

## **The activities**

Team for Youth offers two packages of activities.

### **I. Aug/2014 – Apr/2015**

The activities from this package are related to nonformal methods of learning, and are centered in organizing a one-week carnival of nonformal education. The tasks of the volunteers will be as follows:

- Documenting one method of nonformal education;
- Gathering a team of local and international volunteers and coordinating it in implementing the chosen method;
- Promoting the carnival and the method, implementing it, and then evaluate the impact it had on the different categories (local community in general, the participants, the team of volunteers, the volunteer him/herself);
- Creating a how-to-do video about the chosen method, in which to present dos and don'ts, and give advice on how to implement it;
- Organizing workshops on the chosen method for the youngsters in the local community, to ensure the multiplying effect.



## II. Oct 2014/Jun 2015

The activities from the second package are mostly focused on children and teenagers.

Therefore, the volunteers can choose from:

- Activities in the kindergarten – helping children with their tasks, taking part in the English and/or dance lessons;
- Activities in orphanages – organizing games and different recreational and nonformal activities for the children and teenagers in orphanages;
- Activities in the Roma Centre – organizing games and different recreational and nonformal activities for the children and teenagers in the Roma Center;
- Activities in schools – assisting the language teachers, preparing exercises and conversation topics for the students;
- Organizing and implementing workshops for the youngsters in Baia Mare, depending on the skills and preferences of the volunteer, and the demand for activities in the local community;
- Preparing and delivering presentations about their country or about other subjects that would be interesting for the youngsters in the community;
- Organizing info-desks in high schools and universities, promoting volunteering and EVS;
- Writing articles for the volunteers' blog.

The volunteers will benefit from the full support of the T4UTH staff and local volunteers in promoting, preparing, and implementing the activities. T4UTH will also provide for the volunteers a mentor, a Romanian teacher, and, if needed, an English teacher as well.

The volunteers will share a flat with other long-term volunteers and there might also be the case of sharing one room with two beds. The volunteers will receive 400 RON (approximately 100 €) for food and 60 € pocket money, both wired in their account at the beginning of each month. T4UTH will also provide a Romanian sim card, charged monthly, wi-fi in the flats and the office, and bikes.

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Pupper show in T4UTH garden for the children from the Roma Center



Polish cultural presentation



EVS volunteers having fun



Carnaval de Nonformal – first edition

