



European Voluntary Service PLAY Promoting Lifetime Activities for Youth

Venue: Arad, Romania

Dates: 07.08.2014 - 07.06.2015

We are currently looking for five motivated volunteers residing in Germany to take part in a European Voluntary Service in Arad, Romania. The project involves 9 volunteers from Germany and Jordan.

Sending organisation: European Intercultural Forum e. V. (reference 2013-DE-62 in the EVS database: http://ec.europa.eu/youth/evs/aod/hei_en.cfm)

Hosting organisation: Societatea pentru Educatie si Cultura Nadlac (reference 2013-RO-84)

General Description

PLAY – Promoting Lifetime Activities for Youth is a Youth in Action Project which deals with children with disabilities, more precisely with children or teenagers who suffer from autism or Down syndrome. The project is a successful partnership between Societatea pentru Educatie si Cultura Nadlac (The Society for Education and Culture), the organisation receiving the EVS volunteers, on the one hand, and European Intercultural Forum from Germany and Youth Network for Development and Innovation from Jordan.

The 9 EVS volunteers are involved in non-formal activities in Arad, Romania for 10 months. The main activities include: facilitating creative workshops for children or youth with special needs (mental disability, learning difficulties, etc.), facilitating the therapy of autistic youth with animal-therapy techniques, ensuring online visibility of the project (blogging, website, etc.), organising special promotional events (e.g. for International Children Day) to increase awareness of the local community on social inclusion.

The main objectives of the service is to support the volunteers to acquire various competences (skills, attitudes, knowledge) that will help them to integrate successfully the labour market or for starting their own entrepreneurship.

Activities and role of the volunteers

The volunteers will integrate the team of international volunteers (9 volunteers from Germany and Jordan) and perform the activities in cooperation with local Romanian volunteers helping them with the communication in Romanian and with the activities. Weekly team meetings with the staff members of the hosting organisation are planned in order to discuss the activities and plan the programme. The volunteers will carry following activities:

- 1- organise art and theatre activities with children with special needs (mental and physical disabilities)
- 2- support excursions of children with special needs to animal farms (animal therapy)
- 3- support social media and Public Relation strategy of the hosting organisation (update website, writing blog articles, promoting the project's activities online, etc.)
- 4- organise public event to promote youth and social inclusion in the city of Arad e.g. photo exhibition, discussion round, flash-mobs, art event, etc.
- 5- promote volunteering and active participation e.g. making a short movie about volunteering, photo exhibition, etc.

6- time and space for personal project: each volunteer has the chance to develop and implement a personal project according to his/her own interests and wishes. Support is provided by the hosting organisation for carrying the activities.

Arrangements: The volunteers will share together a flat (possibly shared room with same gender) with shared kitchen and all needed facilities. They will work 5 days per week, 7 hours per day. Two consecutive days off per week are planned as well as 2 days holiday per month (for a 10 months project, 20 days off). Food will be provided to the volunteers with a food allowance according to local standards (the volunteer will cook for him/herself). The volunteer will receive a monthly allowance of EUR 60 (also called pocket money). Coaching and support to the volunteer, international health insurance, Romanian language course are also included in the programme. The grant covers 90% of the international travel costs of the volunteer from home to the venue and back.

Application procedures: send CV and motivation letter in English to eif.germany@googlemail.com .
Profile: resident in Germany, aged 18-28, being motivated for volunteering in an international team and with children/ youth with special needs. If you are unemployed or facing difficulties of any kind, your application is welcome!

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