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INTRODUCTION

WELCOME!



Dear brave, young person.

What you have right here is a first step to the greatest adventure of your life.

Here you can find all necessary information about 10 month European Solidarity Corps volunteering project, that happens in the city of Kielce in Poland. You have opportunity to work with children in schools and kindergartens. You can change the local community, by promoting solidarity, multiculturalism, tolerance and European values.

You can develop in many areas, you can find your path in life, you can change for the better. But it's all in your hands. You will live through the best moments of your life as well as stressful ones - but it's normal. And from our side we will try to provide you with the support to the best of our abilities.

If you think you can deal with that, than we would be really glad to have you here!

Regional Volunteer Centre Team

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

The project revolves around working with children and local community. Your tasks will include:

- *Preparing and delivering workshops for children in accordance with capacity and skills of volunteers and the needs of schools.

- *Supporting organization of various school events (e.g. Independence Day, Christmas, Grandmother's Day etc.)

- *Supporting language classes (introducing games and different activities within formal setting)

- *Preparing afterschool activities. Promoting volunteering (local and European) in schools.

In the case of integrating facilities – supporting disabled children in dressing up, washing hands, eating meals, etc.

- *Taking care of the visibility of the project (taking and posting pictures on Facebook, preparing a Christmas postcards, creating a movie, etc.)

- *Participating and preparing international events to create a space for interaction between foreigners in Kielce (students, ESC volunteers, interns) with locals.

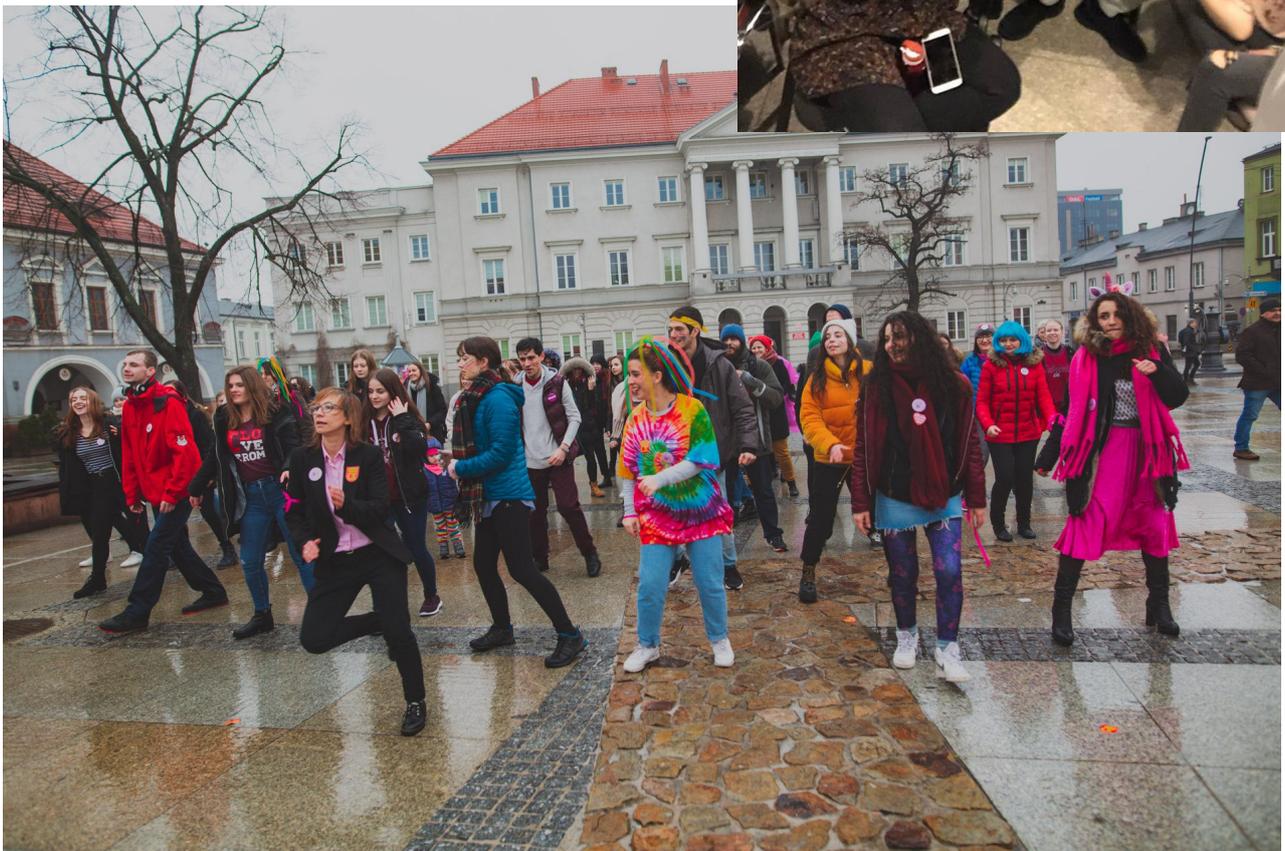
- *Participating in On-Arrival and Mid-Term training organized by polish National Agency.

- *Participating in the meetings in the office and meetings with mentors.

- *Preparing workshops for the other volunteers and for the local community under Youth Station framework.

- *Filling weekly reports.

- *Sharing ideas and cooperating with other volunteers to prepare various activities and events (e.g. sport competition between school, coming to other school to do some cultural workshops, etc.).



WHEN AND WHERE?

The whole project will take place in school year 2019/2020, it will last ten months - from September to June.

In our project we cooperate with primary schools, kindergartens and youth centre. So almost whole experience will take place there.

WHO WILL BE INVOLVED?

On this particular project there will be 12 volunteers. Other than that in the project will be involved:

PROJECT COORDINATOR - a person that works for Regional Volunteer Center and manages the project. So the coordinator is responsible for things like logistics and supervision of the project.

SCHOOL COORDINATOR - a teacher that works in school. It's a first person to contact, as you will meet with the teacher almost at the daily basis. The teacher will be responsible for organizing the work of a volunteer, and for contacting the Regional Volunteer Centre.

MENTOR - someone that will take care about progress of the volunteers. On regular meetings

MATE - a young local volunteer, that helps with everyday things and with integration with local community.

ACCOUNTANT - that will deal with all financial matters regarding the project.

SENDING PARTNER - an organization from volunteers' country, that will help with everything before departure and will be a contact person in case of troubles.

WHAT IS PROVIDED?

Accommodation: you will have your own room in a flat shared with other volunteers.

Pocket money and food money: until 5th of each month (except for the first month, where you will receive money as soon as you'll have a polish bank account - usually it takes less than one week to do this) you will receive 220 euro (120 euro of pocket money and 100 euro for food). You will receive it via bank transfer to your polish bank account. 220 euro is easily enough to survive in Poland :)

Bus card: you will have a free bus card to move around in Kielce and surroundings, if you'll be going somewhere further (because of your duties on the project), we will return money.

Insurance: you will have a CIGNA insurance, that you can use in case of emergency.

Travel reimbursement: we will return you the money for your travel to and back from the project :) The money for the way to Kielce will be return in the last month of the project, and the money for the tickets to go back - after fulfilling all the formalities. Keep in mind we will return money up to the limit, which depends on the distance of travel (the limit is for both ways):

100 and 499 KM: EUR 180

500 and 1 999 KM: EUR 275

2 000 and 2 999 KM: EUR 360

3 000 and 3 999 KM: EUR 530

You can always check which category you are using a travel distance calculator:
https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/distance-calculator_en

HOW TO APPLY?

The recruitment process consists of the following steps:

1. Create an account in European Solidarity Corps (unless you have one already). It's easy, just remember to fill your profile honestly, as this will be the base on which we will decide who will be accepted. You can register here: https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity_en
2. After creating an account you will have an participant's number, which you should send by email: volunteerinkielce@gmail.com. The title of the message should be: Volunteers for Solidarity application.
3. Then you will receive a case study to solve - it's a task that is related of what you will be doing on the project. We just want to see how you are going to approach your duties when you are on the project, and how creative you are - don't worry, that's nothing terrifying :)
4. After we accept your application, we will invite for an interview over Skype.
5. And then you just need to wait for the email from us with the next steps :) We will contact you with the sending organization that will help you out with everything. We will also prepare a draft of volunteering agreement, that you should sign before coming here.
6. Come to Poland! :) But before you do that please remember to let us know your travel plan, so we can arrange someone to pick you up when you arrive to Kielce.

AIRPORT TRANSFER/TRAVELLING

How to get from the airport to Kielce?

That's easier than you think! Although it depends which airport you will choose. Here is the information how to get from two closest ones to Kielce.

Cracow Airport (KRK)

From there you can use public transport bus or a train to the city centre, from where you have many buses and trains to Kielce.

Warsaw Chopin Airport (WAW)

This airport is in the city, so the center is easy to reach via bus or train.

Warsaw Modlin Airport (WMI)

Second airport in Warsaw, that's not in Warsaw :)
The easiest option to reach the center is to take a "Modlin Bus": <https://www.modlinbus.com/en>
It takes around 40 minutes and it costs around 33 PLN.

Ok, but how to figure out when there's a train/bus and everything? Don't fear, there's an app for it :)

1. <https://en.e-podroznik.pl/>

This site is really useful if you're travelling between different cities in Poland. You just put name of one city, then the other and it shows you available connections.

App (for Android):

[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.inno.epodroznik.android)

[id=com.inno.epodroznik.android](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.inno.epodroznik.android)

2. <https://jakdojade.pl>

The site that you can use to figure out public transport. It shows you connections you can use to reach your destination. It works in Kielce, so you can keep it on your phone:)

App (Android):

[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.citynav.jakdojade.pl.android&hl=pl)

[id=com.citynav.jakdojade.pl.android&hl=pl](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.citynav.jakdojade.pl.android&hl=pl)

App (iOS):

<https://apps.apple.com/pl/app/jakdojade/id506795511>

3. Bolt

It's just something like Uber, but the difference is that it works in Kielce :) (In Warsaw, Cracow and many other cities as well). You just need to add your credit card. The prices are 2-3 times cheaper than normal taxis.

App (Android):

[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=ee.mtakso.client)

[id=ee.mtakso.client](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=ee.mtakso.client)

App (iOS):

<https://apps.apple.com/pl/app/bolt-taxify/id675033630>

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