

EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY SERVICE IN ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH "VITAVA"



Coordinating organization

Centre for Youth Cooperation
and Mobility

Host Organization

Association for Children and
Youth VITAVA

Location

Gdynia, Poland

Time

From September of 2020
to August of 2021

**If you are interested in joining
our team and taking part in
European Voluntary Service fill
in this online application
before the deadline:**

ARE YOU RESPONSIBLE AND ORGANIZED? DO YOU LIKE TO WORK WITH CHILDREN? DO YOU WANT TO DISCOVER NEW CULTURES AND LIVE IN AN INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT? IF YOUR ANSWER IS YES, WE CHALLENGE YOU TO TAKE PART IN EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY SERVICE WITH OUR ORGANIZATION!

WHO ARE WE?

We are a Center that works with children from dysfunctional families and/or single parent families in which problems such as alcohol, addiction, unemployment, low economic status, physical and psychological violence are present. Children have educational problems and sometimes highly disordered behavior. Some of them had experienced heavy emotional trauma. Children are relegated to the Center by school educators, social workers and legal guardians.

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WHAT WE DO WE DO IN VITAVA?

The main aim of our programme is to create conditions of regular development for children in the atmosphere of safety and acceptance and to manage psychological trauma.

In the day-care center we carry on various types of activities for children: intellectual, artistic or motor ones. We run reeducation activities as well. We pay attention especially to group and individual socio-therapeutic workshops.

We provide to our pupils: staying in friendly, cheerful, orderly environment where certain values are obeyed.

We help in doing homework, we provide a snack prepared by children themselves with the help of educators.

We aim to reduce the risk of drug and alcohol abuse, managing with psychological trauma, organizing alternative ways of spending spare time.

We organize traditional and integrational events such as: Andrzejki (St Andrew's Day), Mikołajki (St Nicolas Day), Jasełka (traditional Christmas performance), Christmas Eve, Children's Day, and the possibility of developing their artistic, sporty and theatre interests in order to improve their interpersonal skills.



Tasks

The main role of the volunteers is to assist the employees in work and to give support to the children in everyday activities of the Association.

You will help children with their homeworks (eg. on English lessons or other), run thematic workshops, depending on your hobbies and interest, help in meal preparation and keeping the place clean after the workshops.

You will also help in planning organizing workshops and events for children and youth.

Moreover while working with professional psychologists and pedagogues you will have a possibility learn from their everyday work and to gain from their experience.



Criteria

A volunteer should be interested in the work with children and youth. S/he should be an open person, willing to share with his/her culture. A volunteer should like to develop and improve his/her skills and abilities, be open for experiments, have some hobbies/interests and like to share with them when organizing some activities for children. The volunteer should be interested and open-minded to contribute with his/her own creativity in the organization's work and willingly develop his/her personality. It is welcome if the volunteer has basic English and/or Russian language skills and is willing to study Polish, which would help a lot in the daily life of a volunteer.



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