



# YES, YOUTH CAN

BUILDING A CULTURE OF  
YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN  
GORI MUNICIPALITY  
AND RURAL AREAS

GORI STRATEGIC  
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

ESC VOLUNTEERING PROJECT

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# WELCOME TO GORI



Associazione Atelier Europeo (coordinating association) and Gori Strategic Municipality (hosting organisation) welcome you in Gori.

Gori Municipality is located in the central part of the Eastern Georgia. Municipality includes one city and 120 villages. Number of the municipality's population is 125 692. Its Administrative center is the City of Gori, which is 75km far from capital city, Tbilisi and 93km from Tbilisi International Airport. The international motorway cross municipality's territory and is 3km far from the city of Gori. Additionally, Georgia's main railway lays in Gori Municipality. Thereby, Gori Municipality is easily approachable by the railway or motorway.

For more information about Gori and Georgia please visit the following links:

➤ [http://georgia.travel/en\\_US](http://georgia.travel/en_US)

➤ [http://georgia.travel/en\\_US/shida-kartli/gori](http://georgia.travel/en_US/shida-kartli/gori)

PROJECT **YES, YOUTH CAN** IS A VOLUNTEERING PROJECT THAT WILL HOST 2 ITALIAN VOLUNTEERS IN GORI FOR 11 MONTHS.

DURING THE PROJECT VOLUNTEERS WILL SUPPORT GORI STRATEGIC MUNICIPALITY IN ITS MISSION TO BRING MORE **YOUTH VOICES INTO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT** BY CREATING A FRAMEWORK THAT WILL **INCREASE CIVIC PARTICIPATION OF YOUNGSTERS** FROM DISADVANTAGED NEIGHBOURHOODS AND MOBILIZE **YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN DECISION-MAKING PROCESS.**

## Gori Strategic Municipality Development (HO)

Gori Strategic Municipality Development is a Georgian not-for-profit non governmental organization with the mission to provide the platform for the development of self-aware, progressive and engaged youth in civil society.

GSMD is implementing non formal learning programs in the following fields:

- Social entrepreneurship
- Youth policy and youth education
- Development and Cooperation: European Projects
- Non-violent communication and conflict management
- Personal Development
- Cultural activities and outdoor activities

## Atelier Europeo (SO)

As coordinating and sending organization for this project, AE aims to empower young people in order to raise their level of participation in the society and increase their awareness on volunteers values in day-to-day life while developing actual solid skills on managing their life in a way that promotes employability, intercultural skills and inclusive growth.



# PROJECT TASKS

YES YOUTH CAN! aims to bring more youth voices into local development by creating a framework that will increase civic participation of youngsters from disadvantaged neighborhoods and mobilize youth participation in decision-making process.

These purposes will be carried out through several activities, each of one related to one of more of our specific goals such as:

- establish and run thematic **youth clubs** in the **urban and rural areas** of the municipality in order to develop youth's social skills;
- **research** specific needs of youth from rural villages;
- **advocate** youth initiatives with the local authorities;
- raise awareness of youth about their civil rights and promote higher participation in **decision-making processes**
- develop partnership links, research EU grants and arrange projects' application

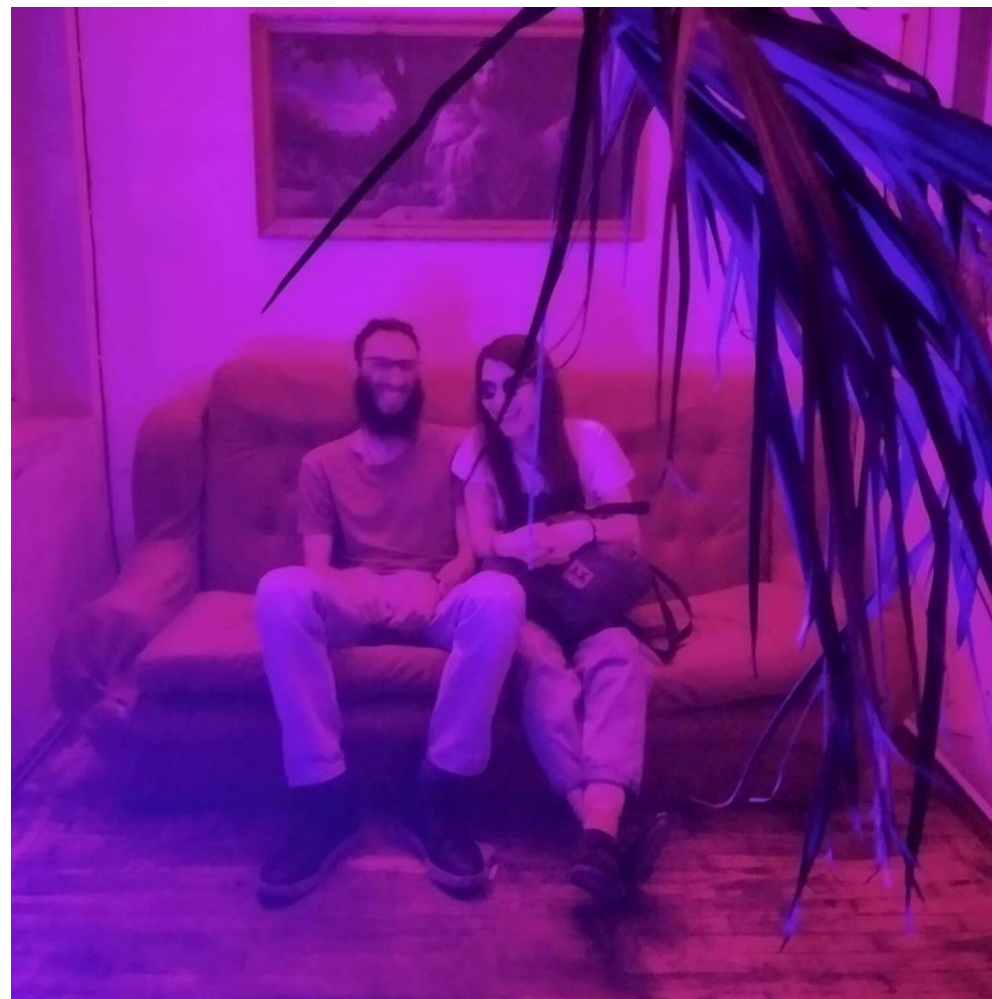


# PROJECT TASKS

The volunteer will work 5 days a week, approximately 35 hours. The working hours are usually from 10-17 including lunch break, but sometimes work times can vary depending on events that the association is taking part in.

Volunteer will be involved in following activities:

- Promotion of youth dialogue , in particular through the practice of **focus groups, trainings, seminars activities** among youth. Volunteers will develop basic and transversal skills using innovative and learner-centred pedagogical approaches; they will enhance ICT (Information and Communication Technologies).
- **Research and data collection** on youth needs (field research)
- **EU project drafting**



# PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

## We offer the volunteers:

- A chance to live in a new culture
- Non formal education learning
- Georgian Language Course
- A project where you can inspire others

## We expect from volunteers:

- Flexibility and proactiveness
- Open-mindedness
- Respect

Regarding the volunteer profiles, we think that the following characteristics can be useful both to implement the project with success, and to grant a satisfactory experience to the protagonists.

**INTEREST IN THE PROJECT:** it is important for volunteers to participate fully in the project, having the desire to contribute actively and agree on the objectives. Under these conditions, the experience can become an opportunity to determine the human and professional growth of the volunteers.

**EXPERIENCES AND COMPETENCES:** it's preferable that volunteers have past experiences of work, either volunteer or paid, in the education area and are sensitive and involved in youth participation. Good level of English is appreciated. Experience in cultivating and developing partnership links and grant-making and project development will be preferable

**PERSONALITY:** Generally, we need positive, flexible and willing people able to be independent and to live and work in a multicultural context.



## Accommodation

The volunteers will be accommodated in Gori Municipality, Georgia. Their flat will be located no far than 15 minutes' walk (approximately) from the host organization's office. The office is located in the city center and is easy to be approached by foot or transport.

The volunteers will live in a flat, each one of them will have its own private room, they'll share kitchen and bathroom. The flat has wi-fi connection and all commodities.

## Support Measures

Volunteers will be supported by a supervisor and a mentor from GSMD. Weekly meetings will be scheduled as meetings with Atelier Europeo.

According to the funding rules of Erasmus+ and ESC Guide, travel will be reimbursed till 360€.

The pocket money will be 3€ per day, it will be paid at the beginning of each month, along with a sum of 114€/per month covering food. Local transport will be guaranteed.



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