

Volunteer at Kaunas l'Arche community

📍 Kaunas, Lithuania

Kaunas l'Arche community is a small faith-based community of friendship and mutuality between people with intellectual disability and those who assist them. Community life, spirituality and professionalism are the desired basis of our organization. The community operates as a Day center, Social workshop, Living home and Supported decision making department. The mission of l'Arche communities is to reveal the gifts of people with or without disabilities through close and communal relationships. We believe, that every person has unique value and can enrich our world by his/her unique personality and abilities.



TASKS

During the day people with disability assisted by employees and volunteers do ceramic or wood works, make candles, soap, take care of home and garden and do daily duties together. Also there are common activities, feasts, trips, camps, other events during the weekends or other time. All the activities are to help people with disabilities to lead quality and fulfilling life and to be a valued part of the community and wide society.

- To assist persons with intellectual disabilities in daily routine and tasks, to help them to do things themselves (not instead of the person);
- To assist them in the kitchen, garden, home works, handcrafts, sports, trips, celebrations, journeys, talks, games...; to organize a leisure time;
- To communicate and discover the person and his/her personality and let yourself to be discovered; to initiate/keep a conversation with persons with disability, to motivate them;
- To collaborate with the whole team of assistants;
- According to your skills, desires and the need of the community – to participate in the outreach and/or fundraising, making photos, decorating for the feasts and many other.

PRACTICALITIES

- Volunteering app. 30-35 hours/week
- On-arrival and mid-term trainings
- Accommodation in a private room in a shared apartment
- Monthly ticket for public transport (if applicable)
- Monthly food and pocket money
- Volunteer group meetings once/month and meeting with a mentor once/month
- Online or face-to-face Lithuanian language classes
- Organization of solidarity and volunteering events

