



HANDS ON!

Where? The town of Skuodas, Lithuania

What? Volunteering at the Open Youth Center of Skuodas

How long? 2019.03.04 – 2019.08.30

Interested? What to do? Send your CV and motivation letter to evspatria@gmail.com, we will arrange a skype meeting with you

ABOUT US:

The Open Youth Center of Skuodas is an informal educational institution that meets the needs of young people. It is an open and secure space for youth activities. The center is equipped with a game's room that has a pool table, mini foot table, ice hockey table and a play station. Also there is a newly renovated kitchen with a laundry room, as well as a large hall with sound equipment for concerts. All of this serves the young people to spend their time meaningfully in the center.

We, as youth workers, provide company for the visitors simply spending time together and suggesting social or educational activities.

2-3 times a week we visit the rural villages around Skuodas to entertain local youth and to propose leisure activities of various kinds.

OUR TEAM CONSISTS OF:

The staff consists of a director and two youth workers. From time to time a local or an international volunteer joins the team of the center for a few months.

WHAT WOULD BE YOUR TASKS:

The volunteer would participate in the mobile work with youth in the suburbs of Skuodas, as in small villages children have fewer opportunities for non-formal education. Our youth center has an 8-place minivan to reach rural places, where several hours of activities are organized in form of games.

The volunteer would be proposed to lead his native language courses, as it would be a unique chance for local youth to learn another foreign language.

Finally, all sort of events that are regularly organized in the Youth Center would also need volunteer's assistance, as the work always involves communication, which is the base for social, cultural, personal and educational development of young people.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES:

The volunteer first of all would be an assistant for our youth workers in daily tasks as well as in event management. Once the volunteer has adapted to our organisation he/she would

be encouraged to develop his/her personal project that the visitors of the center as well as the volunteer him/herself would benefit from.

YOUR PROFILE (what kind of volunteer we are looking for):

The volunteer should have the skills of a social worker, such as patience, respect and tolerance towards others and sincere intentions to help. The competences of an educator would also be important, such as the ability to find a way to personally approach each young person, the willingness to broaden the minds and to uplift the motivation for personal projects of teenagers and young adults.

COMMON MISTAKES (what you should keep in mind):

It would be useful for the volunteer to search for information about the open work with youth that is still considered to be quite a new method of work in Lithuania. In that way, the volunteer would know what to expect and with what kind of young people he/she would be working daily.

Also, the volunteer should check the location of our small town to have an idea of the geographical advantages and disadvantages.

LOOK:



IMPORTANT REMARKS:

Volunteering cannot be described, it can only be experienced.

PRACTICAL DETAILS:

1. You will volunteer 30-35 h/week. There will be one person (a tutor) in your organization responsible for planning the schedule with you and advising on everyday tasks
2. You will be provided with a monthly ticket for public transport (if applicable)
3. You will be accommodated in a private room in a shared apartment (3-5 people)
4. You will be part of the group of volunteers of the coordinating organization A.C. Patria
5. You will be able to study Lithuanian language with the OLS language program
6. You will be participating in an on-arrival and a mid-term (if applicable) trainings
7. You will have regular meetings with your mentor

YOU WOULD LIVE IN SOMETHING LIKE THIS:

