



HANDS ON!

Where? The town of Skuodas, Lithuania

What? Volunteering in the Kindergarten 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 Kindergarten of Skuodas is located in the city of Skuodas which is settled in the Northern part of the Klaipeda county. The city is considered to be the provinces as it only has up to 5, 000 inhabitants.

Our institution has been actively working in the field of preschool education focused on its target group 1,5 - 7 year old children and their parents since the year 2001. During this time efforts have been made to consistently improve child's educational system and to discover innovative teaching techniques

The priorities of our institution are to provide high-quality preschool and pre-primary education services, ensuring active child's self-expression in the educational process. Strengthen community interaction, create positive relationships between the child, the family and the teacher, based on partnership, communication and cooperation, and respect towards one another.

The Kindergarten of Skuodas works 5 days a week from Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. till 7 p.m. The state holidays are not working days. The institution has one month holiday in summer (usually in July).

Preschool and pre-primary education programs are carried out in accordance with the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania. Those programs offer a whole framework of well-thought-out methods, measures, approaches and specific practical tasks that help educators develop child's personality foundation that is social and emotional skills. Since a few years now we have been implementing as well an international program called "Friends of Zipis" in order to promote healthy life style, sensibility to environment and creativity.

OUR TEAM CONSISTS OF:

The administrative team consists of the director, her adviser for educational matters and her second adviser for economic affairs. The institution has two buildings (Liepaite and Saulute)

in which there are: -14 preschool education groups -4 pre-primary education groups -3 special education groups. In each preschool group during the day there is an educator and her assistant.

In all there are more than 60 professional preschool educators, that work with other specialists such as: speech therapists, public health care professionals, arts and music teachers, social pedagogues.

WHAT WOULD BE YOUR TASKS:

Children participate in daily group classes, sport, art and music lessons, through which they are getting used to the routine of school, the process of focusing and learning, and obtaining social skills needed in making new friends. Our future volunteer's main task would be to help our educators prepare and carry out these activities in children's groups. The volunteer will also take part in organized events and projects created for the corresponding period, such as Summer camps for children and their families.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES:

Good English language skills of the volunteer would be very useful as our institution's educators would surely like to use the opportunity to improve their English language level. Therefore an English language club in the Kindergarten of Skuodas lead by the volunteer would be very beneficial to our organisation.

Also our institution would like to have English lessons started for 3 to 6 years old children. We hope that the volunteer would take up these lessons in the form of games. During working hours the volunteer will be given enough time and the necessary tools to prepare these daily activities.

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

We are seeking for an initiative, creative and social volunteers that are able to work with children of age three to seven years old. Previous experience with volunteering or preschool children education can be very valuable, but is not requested. The most important for participants would be the willingness to learn and invest their own time, energy and ideas into their work here in our institution. Volunteer should be prepared to work independently and accomplish given assignments as well as to engage in team work.

COMMON MISTAKES (what you should keep in mind):

The volunteer should simply check the exact location of the town of Skuodas. The nearest bigger city is 50 kilometers away, so the future participant should keep in mind that he or she will be using quite a lot interurban buses. Also the volunteer should check the preliminary half-year weather forecasts in order to prepare his/her wardrobe accordingly.

IMPORTANT REMARKS:

We just want to point out that the work will mainly be with little children, so love and patience is a must and the volunteer should bring them with him 😊

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 accommodated in a private room in a shared apartment (3-5 people).
3. You will be part of the group of volunteers of the coordinating organization A.C. Patria.
4. You will be able to study Lithuanian language with the OLS language program.
5. You will be participating in an on-arrival and a mid-term (if applicable) trainings.
6. You will have regular meetings with your mentor.

WORKING SPACE WOULD BE SOMETHING LIKE THIS:



YOUR LIVING SPACES WOULD BE SOMETHING LIKE THIS:

