
INFO PACK FOR VOLUNTEERS

„Youth for elders“ YOUTH PEACE GROUP DANUBE VUKOVAR, CROATIA



Dear volunteer/applicant,

We are looking forward to meet you at Youth Peace Group Danube in Vukovar, Croatia. We hope that this info pack will contribute to increase your understanding of our vacancy and that it will give you useful information about our organisation and the environment we offer to our volunteers.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION ABOUT YOUTH PEACE GROUP DANUBE

Who we are?

YPGD is a non-profit, non-governmental organization, which promotes civil and democratic society based on a culture of non-violence, tolerance, and respect for human rights.

Our Goals

The goal of the organization is to promote work of the youth and emancipation of individualism and personal liberties.

THE PRESENT - PROGRAMS WE'RE WORKING ON

PROGRAM I (ALTERNATIVE CULTURE): concerts, music workshops, theatre, visual arts workshops, video/photo, artistic, dancing, comic book workshops, exhibits, bulletins/fanzines

PROGRAM II (EUROPEAN INTEGRATION): European Integration promotional campaigns, European Solidarity Corps, Cross-border cooperation campaigns (programs and initiatives between NGO's of our neighbouring countries)

PROGRAM III (VOLUNTEERISM AND ACTIVISM): Volunteer camps program, Promotion of volunteerism and activism in the community, National and international volunteer exchanges, Youth Mobility

PROGRAM IV (EDUCATION/INFORMATION): Youth club, Music studio ; "Info desk" (Youth Service), Computer course, Foreign language courses, Info on self-employment, LEGO® Robotics, Education and logistics for children, youth, Counselling

More about us...

www.ypgd.org

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YNz_I5X5YFM&t=441s

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ypgd/featured>

<https://www.facebook.com/Y.P.G.D.Vukovar/?ref=bookmarks>

ABOUT THE VACANCY:

„Young for elders“ is project that would last 6 months including 2 volunteers.

For period
(April 1st – September 30th 2019).
Place of activity is Vukovar, Croatia.

Project „Youth for elders“ aim is to enable development and gaining new knowledge, skills and competencies of young volunteers by helping elderly and disabled people and people with disabilities in Vukovar and activities for young people and ensure better social life of the elderly and in same time improve social inclusion of elderly people , raising awareness of the immediate and wider surrounding and in particular the young people of the needs for social inclusion, and to provide direct assistance to elderly and disabled people and people with disabilities.

The idea is to socially include elderly people from Vukovar with young people by organizing various activities for elderly people, that would be implemented by young people and thereby promote intergenerational solidarity. It is very important to encourage young people to be more socially conscious and socially involved through various forms of assistance to elderly and disabled people, to encourage volunteering, through participation in the work with the elderly, through social activities and thus through volunteering develop the skills necessary for the labour market of young people (responsibility, accuracy, sensitivity, communication skills, entrepreneurial spirit, develop a sense of value) and solidarity, which would have impact on the volunteers as well as on partner organizations to implement similar projects in their communities, or include volunteers in follow up activities after return or some other way and to ensure the competences for 2 volunteers.

Main activities:

- House assistance for the elderly and disabled,
- Social activities for the elderly and persons with disabilities;
- Social activities for local community; Promotion of opportunities for young people
- Participation in organizing the events and promotional activities for young people;
- Intercultural evenings;
- Personal project- every volunteer will develop their own project in order to gain competences to be able to conduct activities, develop creativity and leadership skills.

Volunteers in the implementation of these activities would have help from staff and local volunteers, and mentors assist in the learning process; The project would: improve the quality of life of elderly people and people with disabilities, and young people in Vukovar; strengthen social cohesion in the community, improve the knowledge and skills of young people to work with the target group - 2 volunteers, Increase creativity; Higher awareness of young people about the opportunities for young people - education, exchanges, training, camping, volunteering - Through implemented creative workshops and workshops strengthened competencies and knowledge and experience of young people; Prevented social exclusion and marginalization of elderly, powerless, disabled and young and given contribution to intergenerational solidarity.

Planned volunteers tasks:

- Helping elderly people in everyday life (doing small repairs and cleaning, painting, small administrative help, mowing and collecting grass and firewood)
- Connect young volunteers (local and international) with elder people through organised joint meetings (cooking, exchange of recipes, playing social games, discussions, companionship and creative workshops)
- Promotion of opportunities for young people - Participation in organizing the events and promotional activities for young people;- promotion ESC and Erasmus + programme
- Organisation of activities in order to increase knowledge about different cultures, societies and languages from countries volunteers came from and other countries (intercultural evenings) for elderly people and youth
- Development of personal project according to own interest and project aims - each EVS volunteer will develop own personal/individual activity within their EVS in order to develop competences to directly lead activity, develop creativity and leadership skills. EVS volunteers will get help in implementation of these activities from staff and volunteers and mentor will supervise and help in learning process.

Volunteers will use different technologies in their work to disseminate results and project and activities visibility (video, photo, articles/news) and tools for information, develop and design brochures, flyers, presentations, editing photos and movies from activities.

ACCOMMODATION:

Volunteers will be hosted in a house, sharing room in center of Vukovar. There are 2 beds in every room, bathroom, kitchen and living room. The towels, sheets and blankets are provided but you are welcome to bring your own if wanted.

Wifi available in the house.

FOOD

The volunteers will receive monthly allowance for food in amount of 180,00 euro in Croatian kuna (HRK) by the 5th of each month and be responsible for own cooking and preparation of meals.

POCKET MONEY

Each month, the volunteer will receive pocket money in amount set by Erasmus+ program guide to the standards of living in Croatia in amount of 155 euro in HRK by the 5th of each month. (5 euros per day)

LOCAL TRANSPORT

Transport from accommodation to workplace would be provided or covered by Host organization if necessary.

TRAVEL

Travel costs are fully covered and according to Erasmus+ Program (275 euros). The purchase of tickets will be made in agreement between volunteer, Sending and Hosting organization and after approval from Hosting organization.

INSURANCE

Volunteers would be signed to Cigna insurance. However, European health Insurance card must be required to the volunteer.

CERTIFICATION

A Youthpass will be issued by Youth Peace Group Danube

SUPPORT

Three people will be selected as support to the volunteer:

- a) **Mentor**, who will give personal support to the volunteer, work on learning outcomes and be the link between organization and volunteers if necessary
- b) **2 Supervisors** of the activities in charge of keeping all things related to the tasks of the volunteer during the project
- c) **Project manager - coordinator**, responsible for administrative issues and overall project performance

Language – OLS course and lessons in our organization.

ABOUT YOU

We generally look for volunteers who are dynamic, creative, sociable, patient and that know what they want to do.

You have to be motivated, able to work in team, be sociable, flexible and creative, we would like to host people with interesting and own ideas and open to different cultures. Strong motivation, willingness to see and to do something new, curiosity about the world and other cultures are welcome.

Selection criteria:



The candidates profile comes to terms with the conditions requested in the ESC Program. The program is opened to all volunteers between 18-30 years old.

ABOUT VUKOVAR

Vukovar is a city in eastern [Croatia](#). It has Croatia's largest river port, located at the confluence of the [Vuka River](#) and the [Danube](#). Vukovar is the seat of [Vukovar-Syrmia County](#). The city's registered population was 26,468 in the 2011 census, with a total of 27,683 in the municipality.

Vukovar is located 20 km (12 mi) northeast of Vinkovci and 36 km (22 mi) southeast of Osijek, with an elevation of 108 m (354 ft). Vukovar is located on the main road D2 Osijek—Vukovar—Ilok and on the Vinkovci—Vukovar railway (and road D55).

The city is spread out along the Danube River. Vukovar proper is in the southeast while Borovo Naselje forms a distinct unit in the northwest.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vukovar>

http://www.turizamvukovar.hr/vukovar_eng.php