

EVS in Poland 2018-2019
working with street children from dysfunctional families

1. DETAILS ABOUT THE PROJECT

- a) Project number: 2017-3-PL01-KA105-047205
- b) Project title: **Helping weak, getting stronger**
- c) **Coordinating Organization:**
Pomeranian Foundation of Development, Culture and Art
(PIC: 920118818; accreditation reference: 2016-1-PL01-KA110-035109;),
- d) **Receiving Organization:**
Wędko Association (PIC: 914799629; accreditation reference: 2017-1-PL01-KA110-035828),
- e) **Timing**
Activity could begin any time, but no later than 5st of November 2018.

2. THE VOLUNTEER'S ACTIVITY INFORMATION

The Volunteer will take part in everyday activity of the Receiving Organization. The Volunteer will work with children from poor or dysfunctional families, who often spend time after school and weekends on streets. Kids need people with creativity, full of ideas how to spend time and sensible for their needs and problems.

Working with young people from dysfunctional families requires self-confidence and creativity. Young people need to be disciplined, but it is worth to get their hearts by offering them common activities and willingness to help. The advantage of working in the Receiving Organization is creativity and the search for new forms of inspiring youth. Working with street children requires sensitivity to the need for love, but also patience (children can be loud and difficult to discipline). The volunteer has to form an authority, but not by force, but by kindness and consistency. It should be ingenious to offer new activities to children. It is important that the volunteer has a distance to himself that will allow him to enter the world of childhood emotions.

The organization of active forms of spending time for street children will take place mainly in Toruń, in the Old Town (including courtyards, streets and playgrounds). Examples of working methods: help with homework, conversations in a foreign language, artistic activities (e.g. theater, drawing, handicraft, street art); sports activities (eg. football, volleyball, table tennis, table football); organization of games (eg. board games, outdoor games, competitions, trips), proposing by the Volunteer new forms of non-formal education, talks about the customs of other countries and the diversity of culture European; responding to the current needs of children.

An additional element of the Volunteer's activity will be meetings in schools with young people. This is an important element of promoting EVS and the Erasmus + program, but also integrating volunteers with the local community. The topics of the meetings will be agreed in advance with the teacher, volunteer and students - via the Coordinating Organization. It will address problems that affect and interest young people: the situation on the labor market, roads and prospects for personal and professional development, political, economic and social situation in Europe, stereotypes, migration and cultural minorities in Europe, as well as the idea of European Voluntary Service and its benefits, differences (especially cuisine, customs and etiquette) between Poland and the countries of origin of the volunteer.

The Volunteer will also have the opportunity to meet with local NGOs who would like to establish international cooperation, but either they do not know whether it is worth, or how to do it, or they do not have partners. The meetings are aimed at establishing contact and cooperation between Polish NGOs and organizations from the country of origin of the volunteer, who can mediate in them. The coordinating organization will be the organizer of all meetings.

3. ORGANIZATIONAL CONDITIONS OF VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITY

- a) Place and duration
country: POLAND city: TORUŃ address: UL. JEŃCZMIENNA 10
6 months (Activity could begin any time, but no later than 5st of November 2018)
- b) Accommodation:
One-person or two-person room in one of students' house in Toruń (distant from the place of activity by a maximum of 3 kilometers), with a joint bathroom.

- c) **Alimentation and Pocket money**
The Volunteer will receive in cash a sum of 64,25 euro per every two weeks to cover food costs, which he will buy on his own. The Volunteer will have free access to a full equipped kitchen located in accommodation place.
The Volunteer will receive in cash a sum of 45,75 euro per every two weeks (paid in advance) as part of individual support (91,50 euro per month: 549,00 euro per 6 months).
Counting together: pocket money (91,50 euro) + alimentation costs (128,50 euro) = 270,00 euro per one month for one volunteer.
- d) **Travel costs**
Tickets to Poland are bought by a volunteer. Travel costs will be returned to the volunteer in cash immediately upon arrival, after showing the tickets. The return ticket will be bought in consultation with the volunteer by the Coordinating Organization. Total travel costs cannot be more than 275,00 euro for both way travel.
- e) **Linguistic support**
The Online Linguistic Support (OLS) supports language learning for Erasmus+ mobility participants. Additionally, the Volunteer will take part in free polish language course.
- f) **The insurance**
The insurance covering travel and 6 months of activity will be assured by the Sending Organization (registration of the Volunteer in CIGNA), who will also help the Volunteer to get European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).
- g) **Immediately after arriving in Toruń the Volunteer will contact with Contact person from the Coordinating Organization: Mr. Witold Jankowiak (phone: +48 607 191 484; e-mail: witold.jankowiak@fundacja-torun.pl).**

4. THE VOLUNTEER PROFILE

- needs to be prepared to work with children
- creative, full of ideas
- patient and open to children needs
- trustworthy

The Volunteer would have a great opportunity to learn independence, responsibility for work and to acquire communication skills. In contact with children in need, with their limitations and barriers, they will have the opportunity to value their own attitudes.

5. WĘDKA ASSIATION ABOUT ITSELF

We are an association working mainly with children and youth, but not only. We're trying to find especially those children who come from families with pathological problems (such as alcoholism, unemployment, violence, mental illness and others). Thanks to our effort we create a place where children can come after classes to do homework, play with your peers, seek and develop your passions. They feel comfortable here, and we believe that it is the sense of security that will make them stronger, more secure in adult life self and aware of their value. In our activities, we try to remember to give to children a fishing rod instead of a fish, which means that we show them how to solve difficult situations by themselves, and we do not do it instead of them. Wędką means *fishing rod*.

6. CONTACT INFORMATION

a) The Coordinating Organization:

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