

EVS location: Kaunas, Lithuania

EVS project: Activity in Vsi Meda project (Ebru art)

EVS project duration: 2018.03.01 – 2018.08.31 (6 months)

Application: CV and motivation letter to evspatria@gmail.com

Volunteer: resident of Italy

About

Vsi Meda project is the first and only one institution in Lithuania which is performing educational, social, cultural, therapeutic and rehabilitation activity by globally unique Ebru art – painting on the water technique. The main aim of our activity is to help and reach every single child in Lithuania through Ebru art therapy, regardless of his/her social situation.

Our activities

We have applied the Ebru art as a therapeutic and educational tool in the following activities:

- education and training sectors. Since four years we have been implementing the non-formal education project “Ebru Art – painting on the water”
- medical institutions. We work with medical institutions and rehabilitation centers. We apply Ebru art therapy for the children and the adults with disabilities and cancer
- self-expression. We organize artistic expression studio in summer time in different towns in Lithuania. We also organize day camps and an individual week camp for children aged 6-14 years in the region of Neringa
- events. During the last three years on the 1st of June we have been organizing a traveling Republican social event "A Colorful Hope". We promote and apply Ebru art technology in various town festivals, bands, presentations, community meetings, corporate events, seminars for teachers, nannies, students, family celebrations (birthdays, christenings, hen parties, class meetings), etc.
- social projects. Since four years we are applying Ebru art in the social action "For the colorful and fair childhood". We are always looking for partners, volunteers and sponsors.



Proposed activities

The volunteer will be able to engage more in activities which interest him/her the most from those mentioned above in the general description of the activities of Vsi Meda project.

The volunteer will be introduced in the Ebru art - painting on water technologies and in the basics of the psychosocial consulting. He/she will have space and time to take initiative and organize events by him/herself or together with the team of Kaunas thus learning organizing skills. The volunteer will also be invited to help to prepare project for local and international initiatives for prevention from crimes, drugs, or behaviour troubles within the families. This will give the volunteer a better understanding of current situation in Lithuania and to learn how to work in difficult situations.



Volunteer's profile

The most important is for the volunteer to be motivated, communicative, open to learn new things, new languages and new skills. Any experience in event organization as well as in working/volunteering within a community would be an advantage. Moreover, the volunteer should be tolerant to every human being he/she meets.

Environment

Kaunas is the second largest city in Lithuania. It is 100 km away from the capital Vilnius. Kaunas has near 300 000 inhabitants (something like Catania in Italy, Cluj-Napoca in Romania or Thessaloniki in Greece☺). The most interesting things about Kaunas are that it is resting at the confluence of country's two largest rivers in Lithuania, Neris and Nemunas. Kaunas was a temporary capital of Lithuania between the two World Wars and it is still one of the main cultural and economical centers in Lithuania. There are 8 universities and a variety of museums in Kaunas.



In Kaunas old town and new town you will find a variety of cafés, restaurants, pubs and clubs. There are parks and open squares where people can gather and have picnics, sport activities or just sit around and relax. Everything in Kaunas city is relatively close, around 20-30 km in radius from the city center. Universities and non-formal groups propose various after studies activities which foreigners are also welcomed to join.

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Practical things

1. Volunteering 30-35 h/week in the organization. There will be one person (a tutor) responsible for planning the schedule with you, advising on everyday tasks
2. Every volunteer in Kaunas will be provided with a monthly ticket for public transport
3. Every volunteer gets a private room in a shared apartment (3-5 people) in Kaunas
4. Every volunteer will be part of the group of volunteers at the coordinating organization A.C. Patria
5. Every volunteer will have to pay his/her own internet connection fee which may reach ~6 EUR/month
6. Every volunteer will have 3-month-long Lithuanian language course

Trainings

1. On arrival training
2. Midterm training (only if the activity lasts more than 6 months in total)
3. Monthly meetings with the volunteers in Kaunas
4. Regular meetings with your mentor.