

ABOUT ACT

Association Communities for Youth is a NGO acting in City of Bailesti South West Oltenia region of Romania. ACT mission is to develop, implement and support youth development programs built around the concepts of lifelong learning, mobility and associativity. ACT works to empower young people to participate actively in society to improve their own lives. The aim of this empowerment is to establish a wide-based community movement which encourages the positive involvement of young people in solving issues which affect them, treating them as resources, not as problems.

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Open Call for the ACT TOGETHER - ACT - *group EVS* *project*

Through this **Open Call** the organization Association Communities for Youth - **ACT** is looking for **Volunteers** for the **ACT TOGETHER** project

Type of project: Mobility for youth – **European Voluntary Service**

Venue: City of **Craiova, Dolj County**, South West part of **Romania**

EVS Stage Duration: **01/03/2019 – 31/08/2019**

How many volunteers: **8 volunteers** in total.

Profile of the Volunteer we seek:

- Aged between **18 to 30 years**
- The volunteers who apply for this project need to **like and be willing to work with youth** for 6 months.
- **active, open-minded, creative, innovative, responsible and motivated volunteers**
- The volunteers of this project should, above all else, show willingness to **learn** and see their **EVS experience** as a **learning process**.
- **Basic level of English** (being able to make herself/himself understood by the others – able to communicate).

This is a long read, here is the shortest possible version:

You will be a volunteer and work with youth for 6 months in Craiova, Romania.

All expenses are covered by us and you will learn a lot and have lots of fun.

What will I DO in the ACT TOGETHER project?

GENERAL OBJECTIVE

The general objective of this project shall be the creation of a local volunteers database of young people interested in doing volunteering both at local level as well as international level.

PROJECT SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- The formation of a volunteering database of over 500 youth from craiova and surrounding areas that can be used to match interested individuals and local/regional, national and international volunteering opportunities.
- Rise awareness about volunteering and its benefits of over 1000 young people through awareness building campaigns organised with the help of 8 volunteers.
- Develop, organise and implement together with the 8 volunteers a social volunteering programme for at least 50 local youth.
- Develop, implement and facilitate the achievement of 8 personalised learning plans that stimulate the personal and professional development of 8 volunteer over the course of 6 months.
- Increase local awareness of the Solidarity corps platform and facilitate the registration of over 500 new potential volunteers.

The volunteers will be involved in the planning, organisation, monitoring and evaluation of the following main activities:

- Promotion of the volunteering concept in high schools of craiova and region of Dolj county. This activity will make use of different awareness rising and promotion activities to promote the concept/idea of volunteer to young people. We wish to promote knowledge about the benefits of volunteering, stimulate enthusiasm for the practice, and popularise volunteering opportunities(those created by ACT, by other local/national organisations, by international organisations). They will place a heavy focus on E+ and the Solidarity corps as an easy and surefire way of going on interanational volunteering stages. We plan on doing this promotion campaign in all the highschoools of Craiova (aside of a few exceptions), about 20 highschoools. We also aim to travel to nearby highschoools in rural areas such as Segarcea, Filiasi, Calafat and Bailesti. The promotion will take several forms from open space presentations, spreading flyers, placing information stands and organising workshops with small groups (10-15 youth) using non-formal methods to promote volunteering.

- Creating a local volunteer database - in all of the schools we will promote, where we shall collect data from interested youth in order to build a database of contact details, interest of youth (culture, environment, etc.), kinds of institutions (cultural, social etc.), availability (times of year, how many hours per week/month they would be willing to offer), kinds of activities they would like to get involved in. On one hand this will allow ACT to design volunteering opportunities in which these youth can get involved, on the other hand ACT can make a matching between these youth and local/national/international volunteering opportunities.
- Counseling youth about volunteering opportunities and personal development this will take place during the promotion campaign (during workshops and stands placed in schools) but also at the ACT office where youth can come talk about what volunteering opportunities would be available, get support on how they can access them (registration, application procedures), get support in registering for the Solidarity corps and search for opportunities etc.
- Social Volunteering Programme - the international volunteers of ACT Together project shall engage local youth to plan, organize and implement volunteering activities for youth in social assistance institutions. ACT has worked in the past with 2 such institutions in Craiova (Beethoven Highschool and Sf Mina Special School). The activities organized will aim to provide some leisure and entertainment opportunities for institutionalized youth who deal with physical and mental disabilities.

The above mentioned activities are the general overview but **each volunteer has the opportunity to propose, implement and carry on new types of activities based on previous experiences, personal preferences, skills and abilities and well as have direct control over the methods used to implement the activities.**

What will I learn in the ACT TOGETHER project?

Our methodology of learning by doing or experiential learning places the volunteer at the center of his/her learning process and encourages commitment to it. Each volunteer will have a personalized development plan that targets personal skills as well as professional skills, a mentor to help guide the volunteer and a counterpart to guide him in working with the target group in the working institutions.

In the project we will be employing Learning by doing methodology based on a 4 cyclical stages model:

1. Concrete Experience – going out and engaging with the activity
2. Reflection on that experience on a personal basis – self-reflection and guided reflection assisted by the mentor which aims at derivation of general rules describing the experience, or the application of previous experiences and knowledge to it
3. Abstract Conceptualization – supported by the participatory planning model and dynamic role distribution practiced by the management team. In this stage the management helps the volunteer in the ways of modifying the next occurrence of the experience
4. Active Experimentation – turning the abstract into concrete activities and restarting the cycle at no.1

All throughout the learning process and the project **you will be assisted by the ACT team** and a **personal mentor** in managing what, when and how you learn all these skills.

At the end you will receive a **Youthpass certificate** which is a **European Instrument for recognition and certification of skills** acquired in EVS

Practical Arrangements & Financial aspects

Travel: ACT will purchase **flight tickets** while the Sending Organisation will make sure that the volunteer is well informed, has all documents and gets safely on board.

Local transport: will be **covered by ACT**, upon arrival they will receive info on how to use public transport, a map of the transit lines etc.

Accommodation: ACT will host the volunteers **in rented apartments** in the **city of Craiova**. Each accommodation will assure **good living conditions** (private beds, equipped kitchen and bathroom, heating system, running cold/ hot water, Wi-Fi).

Working programme: working hours are flexible and adapted to the schedule of the target institutions and is usually **3-4 hours/day in with the youngsters and 1-2 hours/day for preparing the activities**.

Each volunteer is entitled to receiving **2 free days/week** (typically weekends but in case that an activity requires work on the weekend the volunteer will be free in the next days) and a total of

12 days of vacation in the project that you can use as you want.

Language support: The volunteers receive Romanian language lessons **2 sessions per week for the first 4 months and 1 session per week** for the rest of the project.

Communication: each volunteer will receive a **Romanian SIM cards** for mobile phones which will be recharged monthly

Financial aspects: International travel, local transport, accommodation and utility fees, monthly communication costs, costs related to activities **are covered directly by ACT**.

Monthly food allowance: 120 euro/month

Pocket money: 90 euro/month

What support will be available during your EVS?

The **mentor** will be responsible for **the general personal support of the volunteer**. They are in charge of **solving practical problems** arising being the "first line of support" available. They will be the **volunteer's go-to person for any personal problems** as well as being responsible for **guiding the volunteer** through the **learning process**. The mentor will be there to help you identify **learning needs** and **opportunities**, help you **plan** your learning process and help in the **self-evaluation**.

The **counterparts** (staff from the schools – **teachers/professionals**)-that will be **supporting the volunteers in the actual implementation process of the activities**. They will provide the volunteers with professional support in delivering their activities.

Additional support will be offered by ACT in the form **Preparation, Adaptation and Training programme** which is a programme designed to transmit all the necessary skill and abilities for the project focusing on skills and abilities building programme, providing them with methods, tools and materials that will support and facilitate their activities in the project.

Have we caught your attention? Here `s how to apply!

1. Prepare a **CV**(preferably using the europass model [here](#)) and a **motivation letter**
2. We will have a **Skype interview** with you
3. We announce if you have been selected and we prepare the paperwork

If you are interested and want more information you can also [CONTACT US AT](#)

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