

EVS in Slovenia

PLAY & GAIN

Open call for volunteers



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Date and Venue: Duration of activity: **2.4.2018-1.4.2019** in ZPTM Brežice, unit: Youth center Brežice, Slovenia

Volunteers: 2

Profile of volunteers: We're looking for 2 volunteers that are interested in all kind of art, music, theatre, multimedia, to work with kids and youngsters, to empower young people for active participation and are eager to learn and to get new experiences. We expect open minded, creative and highly motivated young people. We would like to host volunteers who have their own ideas to develop our project, which may have a specialized interest in arts & crafts, sports, theatre, multimedia ... and are fluent in English. We would like to include youngsters with fewer opportunities.



About the project Play & Gain:



Working as a volunteer in our Centre is a good learning opportunity for young people. The main aim of this project is promote active participation using different kind of methods and tools, specially, non-formal education, art & multimedia, working with local young volunteers for and with young people and kids. The aim of this project is to encourage the volunteers and the local youth to reflect on the role they play in society and how they can contribute to

improving it. Within the project we will also focused on promoting volunteerism (specially EVS) and active participation and citizenship among youth in the regions.

Volunteers will gain knowledge in project management and project writing, organizing workshops and other events of non-formal education activities, helping in organizing cultural events, performances, activities for children, camps, doing researches, learning new languages - Slovenian, improve their level of English, helping in implementing different kind workshops and activities: art workshops, concerts, festivals, multimedia production, summer camps, music, outdoor activities, healthy life style and sport, personal project etc.

The main activities will be organized considering the competences and the attitudes of each volunteer, example: workshops for kids and youngsters, organizing and preparing different kind of activities (international and intercultural events and activities, languages courses for youth, collaborating with local schools), involving youth people, organization and implementation activities for children (creative workshops, sports workshops, language courses, fairy tales for children, cooking workshops, intercultural workshops, holiday activities). They will have opportunity to prepare and implement workshops for young and adults (creative workshops, ICT workshops, personal growth



workshops, prevention workshops, healthy lifestyles and other workshops on the initiative of young people). The young volunteers will be integrated in all daily activities regarding to their interests and their potentialities. All of our staff members are open minded, so it will be easy for the volunteers to feel comfortable in the team. The aim of this project is to encourage the volunteers and the local youth to reflect on the role they play in society and how they can contribute to improving it.

Coordinating and hosting organization: ZPTM Brežice (unit: Mladinski Center Brežice / Youth Centre Brežice), NA Slovenia, Youth in Action

About the organization:



Institute for Entrepreneurship, Tourism and Youth Brežice - ZPTM Brežice - unit: Youth centre Brežice - is a public institution with a basic emphasis on work with and for the young people, focused onto the identification of needs, young people's interests, providing facilities and programs to satisfy those interests and presenting interesting content in our environment.

We have been active in the field of working with young people for more than 15 years, have more than 15 years experiences with EVS projects. At this time, it employs 22 experts, who are involved with activities such as non-formal education, culture, multimedia centre, youth multimedia production, entrepreneurship, information and counselling, children's program, international activities and projects, tourist-information network, promoting and implementing activities in the field of youth, entrepreneurship and tourism. Our regular activities include information, non-formal education activities, concert activities, exhibitions, literary evenings and travelogue lectures, supporting local youth culture, children's and holiday programs, international activities – organizing EVS projects, youth exchanges and trainings since 1999 (Youth, Youth in Action, Erasmus+). We coordinate the work of local active groups that promotes entrepreneurial thinking of young people. We organize monthly concerts of popular and alternative music, festivals, theatrical performances, exhibitions, literary events, travelogue lectures, non-formal education activities (course, workshops, lectures etc).



Our regular activities include:

- informing
- cultural activities (concerts of popular and alternative music, theater performances, exhibitions, literary events, theme evenings, festivals)
- supporting local youth culture (supporting associations and non-organized groups)
- children's and holiday programs

- international activities
- non formal education programs
- multimedia production
- sport activities
- etc.



ZPTM Brežice works successfully in Slovenia and also on the international level. We would like to point out our goal of enhancing existing international cooperation in various fields. We aim to make our local area more open for cultural production, education, international cooperation and exchange of good practice in youth work. The international cultural center with accommodation facilities is located close to the city center of Brežice, in the green heart of the city park, just a stone's throw away from the Brežice castle. The city of Brežice and its surroundings are marked by a rich natural and cultural heritage. We put a special emphasis on supporting and promoting international cooperation and intercultural exchange. ZPTM is a member of the Network of Youth Centres of Slovenia "MaMa", YouthNET network, ImeNet network, multimedia centres of Slovenia network "M3C", etc. In 2013, the institute also acquired a Label of quality awarded by the Council of Europe.



The public institution Youth center Brežice was founded in 1997 with a decree of the Municipality of Brežice, following an initiative of the coordination of youth organizations and many interested youngsters. March 22nd 1999 is the date that marks the active functioning and acquisition of the facilities, which were extended in 2010 and got a new look and additional contents.



Youth Centre maintenance of 2.844,4 m2 of indoor public premises and outdoor areas. The facilities are equipped so that different programs and activities can be carried out effectively, they are suitable for groups of different sizes, and our state-of- the-art technical equipment is available as well.

Youth Center Brežice is located in the picturesque park in the heart of town Brežice, away from the bustle of everyday life but still very close to main points of interest. Completely renovated and newly equipped, it welcomes you with modern facilities, pleasant



atmosphere and excellent service. Our meeting facilities complete with state-of- the-art equipment are perfectly suitable for all kinds of seminars, conferences, trainings, workshops, cultural events, nonformal education activities, activities for kids and youngsters, sport activities, etc.

Selection criteria: We are looking for young people (2) who are open minded, motivated to make a difference, willing to work in an international team! If you like to work with youngsters and kids, using different kind of tools and methods, that is a large plus. We expect the volunteer to be highly motivated for working in our organization and to have the willingness to do different work. The volunteer has to be willing and capable to work well both independently and in groups. We try to promote EVS among our youth as much as possible and to involve them in projects according to their interest regardless of their background, education, gender, religion, etc.



Selection procedure: We ask for a motivation letter and CV. The first round selection is made based on the CV and motivation letter. Candidates who will be required to attend the second phase of selection will be asked to fill an additional questionnaire, last round of selection will include also skype interview. The volunteers will be selected on the basis of the received applications and interview. This selection is made by the members of the staff. We are looking for 2 volunteers from two different countries (1 from Portugal and 1 from Italy). In any case, all candidates will be informed about organization's decision.

Deadline for applications: 5.3.2018. We will contact selected volunteers until 10th of March 2018. Info and application: international.mcb@gmail.com