

The Youth Center Postojna is looking for an EVS Volunteer from Italy!

Application deadline: 10 April 2017

Open to: young person aged 18-30 from Italy

Venue: Postojna, Slovenia

Period: From 1 May 2017 to 30 April 2018

Postojna from above:



Youth Center Postojna (MCP) is a place where youth can simply hang out, but also take part in various activities. There are various workshops and events that offer alternative and creative ways of spending free time and of developing each individual's potential. The Center provides a well-equipped rehearsal place for bands, which also serves as a mini recording studio. It also organizes a wide range of cultural events: concerts, mostly with young and upcoming artists, jam sessions, art exhibitions, international evenings, film screenings, etc. It also organizes children workshops throughout the year, among them a two-week summer workshop. The summer's main event, however, is the traditional two-week long festival **Zmaj 'ma mlade** which celebrated its 20th anniversary last year. It includes various events for young and older audiences alike, such as concerts, theater plays, stand-up comedy and puppet shows, exhibitions, sports tournaments, a marathon, an open-air library, and so forth.

Summer festival Zmaj 'ma mlade



The Center is also the leading NGO that provides support to the organization, advocacy and participation of youth in the civil society, and promotes volunteering in the wider Postojna area as well as in the Primorsko-notranjska region. Its main goal is to assist in the implementation of free non-formal education for youth and to support non-formal youth groups in the execution of projects (with a focus on intercultural and social inclusion). Additionally, the Center gathers and distributes information intended to youth, assists in the implementation of youth association activities, coordinates volunteers who implement programs, and so forth. It also offers the opportunity to take part in international youth exchanges, and since 2012, it is accredited at the Erasmus+ National Agency as a sending, receiving and coordinating organization to run projects under the aegis of the European Voluntary Service.

Postojna is a small town a half-hour drive away from the capital Ljubljana, from the coast, and from Italy.

Project description

The volunteer, together with another volunteer from Italy, will mostly work on the project “Together into the Future” which has two goals. The first is to integrate unaccompanied minors from Afghanistan, Pakistan and Syria into the local community, and the second is to help Albanian immigrants assume a more active role within the local community. Volunteers are expected to run workshops that will bring together the unaccompanied minors, Albanian immigrants and local youth. The foreseen activities will take place both indoors and outdoors, from sport activities to painting and handicraft, from museum visits to movie screenings.

Additionally, the volunteer is expected to take part in other activities organized by the Center, such as concerts, exhibitions, international evenings, and especially the summer festival Zmaj 'ma mlade. In particular, the volunteer is expected to help with the promotion of events, for example, by making photos and short videos, by updating the web and Facebook pages, etc.



Summer children vacation



Volunteer profile

The volunteer should like working with children/youth, be sociable, open, patient, flexible and pragmatic. Given that most activities take place in the afternoons and often during weekends, the volunteer should be prepared to work flexible hours.

In the process, s/he will learn how to work in a team as well as independently. S/he will widen her/his horizons by becoming acquainted with other cultures. S/he also will improve her/his language, communication, organizational, leadership, and social networking skills. This is also a great opportunity to become familiar with the Slovenian language and culture.

Accommodation, food and transport arrangements

The volunteer will share an apartment with another EVS volunteer. There they will be provided with all necessities. They will receive pocket and food money on a regular basis. Health insurance is covered, as well as travel expenses to and from Slovenia. They will also be provided with a bike as a means of transportation.

Training during the project

The volunteer will take part in the on-arrival training and mid-term evaluation organized by the National Agency. S/he will have a mentor to help with integration into the local community and with the evaluation of learning outcomes. The coordinator will provide support with the administrative part of the project, planning of tasks and on-the-work training. Personal support will be available throughout the duration of the project.

How to apply

To apply to the project, volunteer needs to send CV in Europass format and a motivation letter specific to the project written in english to this e-mail: evs@linkyouth.org until 10th of April.

