

## **EVS = Countless Happiness!**

## Tamta - volunteer from Georgia

I came to Poland knowing nothing about the culture, and history. I never heard of Bialystok before applying for the project. And now I can say that, this past year was the experience of a life time.

I was EVS volunteer for 10 months in Bialystok, Poland. I worked in a special school for children with disabilities. My main task as a volunteer was to be assistant for the children, that means any kind of help that is needed during lesson. I love the challenge of helping someone to be happy, gain confidence and make progress. To me, it was a privilege and honor to work with children with disabilities. I am not expert in this field, but spending time with them gave me opportunity to understand them better, their needs, problems, wishes, ideas, ways how they think.

Now, when I'm thinking how to write "EVS memory" and what to say, in my mind there are just people, all the beloved friends I made there. We become family in a really short time and honestly I can say all of them are real treasures and all memories we shared together live with me.

For me people are making cities. I was surrounded by a lot of volunteers from different countries, which gave me the opportunity to know better their culture and points of view on different aspects of life. We discussed every kind of topic, all of us had completely different backgrounds and this had an impact on how I think now about the world. It has offered me new perspectives and allowed me to create new values of tolerance.

And now every time when I remind the word Bialystok, I just remember the faces of all the amazing people I met. You all gave me Bialystok! I have learned something new from each one and I brought friends and social connection back home with me.

But All good things must come to an end...

P.S. If I had a chance to go back in time, undoubtedly I would!

P.P.S. Niebo jest niebieskie! (our first polish sentence)

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