European Voluntary Service in Poland

Dear partners and future volunteers,

In this document you will find the description of our actual EVS hosting place:

- **ANAWOJ association in Michałowo/ Poland**

We are searching for 2 EVS volunteer (male & female) in duration

from 01.03.2018 to 30.11.2018 (9 months)

and we are awaiting your applications! In case of any questions please, do not hesitate to contact us!

Application deadline for candidates: 31/12/2017

To apply: please send your CV+ application form + photo

to the following email-address: anawoj@interia.pl

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Hosting place: ANAWOJ association in Michałowo
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Description of host organization

Association of International and Intercultural Exchange **ANAWOJ** is a non-governmental organization from north - eastern of Poland, from Podlasie region, working on local, regional and international level. We actively participate in development of our region and promote the civil and social activity among inhabitants. We act to promote the intercultural exchange and dialog between different cultures and people from different cultural and social ground. Our target groups are: mainly kids and youth, but also their parents, teachers, youth workers, youth leaders and also seniors. Our regular activities are:

- International youth exchanges, international summer work camps, regional seminars about Youth in action program and workshops for youth leader about project management;
- Sending, hosting and accompanying volunteers and trainees;
- Animation of the cultural live by preparing trainings, educational-seminars, cultural parties;
- Activities in field of heritage protection (like for instance renovation works on old Jewish or German cemeteries in our region);
- Organization of meetings with young people to create the leisure-time-activity, to discuss the present problems and future and to argue about "anti-alien-feeling" and stereotypes;
- Since 2011 we are very active in fields of: active citizenship, youth participation in democracy, global education, sustainable development, and environmental and ecological education.

With European Voluntary Service we have been working since 2002. Some of the members of our association had been EVS volunteers before. We wanted others to use the same possibility and encourage them to take part in the same programme. Since 2002 we have sent more than 100 volunteers to different countries in frames of EVS. Since year 2006 we also have been inviting people to our country as well. As coordinating organization we help other organizations to host volunteers in their institutions and take care about administrative and qualititative aspects of their activities (since 2006 more than 60 volunteers). Furthermore we are also active as hosting organisation and invite volunteers from different countries to us (since 2008).

We see the deep meaning of the idea of voluntary service and it is very important for us, not only in international context of EVS but also in local dimension - we want to support and encourage young people living in our community to became active and do whatever it takes to improve the quality of own lives and invest in better future. We let them be included in European society. Being involved and also being active has huge impact on the way our own and others future is being created. That is what we would like to show, that the idea of voluntary service makes sense, that even "without money" you can do something fantastic and be engaged in developement of the local community. What motivates us most in our work with international volunteers is that we can bring a "piece of Europe" to the rural region of Podlachia and that the volunteer can show possibilities, through own example, also present others that they can also help our organisation in work with the youth, kids and adults in our region. There is a lot of things that we can learn from other countries and EVS-volunteers always bring a lot of new ideas from

their own cultures, show different ways of solving problems and acting and effectively help us to develop our projects and organisation.

General information about the project: “GLOCAL Volunteering”

As part of the „GLOCAL Volunteering” project, we want to coordinate voluntary service of 28 European volunteers within 2 years in 8 EVS hosting organisations in the Podlaskie region. Volunteers will promote diversity, intercultural and interreligious dialogue, tolerance and respect for human rights across the various institutions. The idea of the project was based on the difficulties, challenges and needs that we have observed in our many years of work and organizing EVS project in our region.

As a core element of our strategy, we want to add a new element, a common denominator - "GlOCAL" to standard EVS actions. Thanks to coordinating organizations volunteers will be provided with the knowledge and tools to educate people about the problems of modern world, help them understand global interdependencies, and stimulate a sense of co-responsibility for the earth we live through our daily choices.

We anticipate the following activities for all volunteers:

- supprting hosting organisations in daily work
- develop and conduct activities on diversity, intercultural and interreligious dialogue, tolerance and respect for human rights.
- join and create artistic performance promoting diversity and tolerance
- kids and youngsters animation and free time organization
- support in organizing school events: Day of Languages, European Day, Volunteer Day,
- organization of extra activities for pupils: Language, photography, dance, painting, artistic, computer
- animation of the local environment

The main places for activities are 8 receiving organisations:
School Centers in Dąbrowa Białostocka, Suchowola, Grodek, Special school centers nr 11 and 16 in Białystok, Special Educational School Centre Waldemar Kikolski in Bialystok, Esperanto assocation in Bialystok and ANAWOJ association in Michalowo.

Proposed activities for EVS volunteers:

- Organization of non-formal activities for children: like creative activities (handicraft, or music or plastic arts), sport and outdoor activities (in holiday camp, forest activities or on playground)
- Assisting and conducting sport activities for kids promoting “Fair play”
- Assisting and conducting activities in field of global education, environmental activities for children in nature and forest in cooperation with local Rangers from our Forest District
- Organizing workshops in field of non-formal education and “European workshops” in local partner institutions like: Culture Centre, Kindergarden, Primary and Secondary School and/ Workshop of Occupational Therapy for disabled person of our community
- Assistance in project management and office work (especial correspondence, public relations, updating of our homepage and local web-forum, edition of newsletter, creation of posters and information sheets and so on)
- Assistance in organization, preparation and creating of different kinds of seminars, workshops and trainings on regional, national and international level

- Presentation "European Voluntary Service" on all local and regional events in the region
- Preparation and organization of “language workshops’ for kids, youngsters and seniors of the village
- Leading the “intercultural cafe” for youngsters in ager 15-20 on two evenings per week in the culture centre.
- Promotion of cultural diversity and European citizenship (through games, cultural, manual, sport activities, quiz, cooking, discussions…).

Local environment:

Our head office is located in Michalowo, small town located near Bialystok in Podlachia region, in the northern-eastern part of Poland. The whole region is a part of so called Green Lungs of Poland - the territory with multitude of national and regional parks and nature reserves, great wilderness (the part of it is famous Bialowieza forest, for example), the largest swamps in the Central Europe. Bialystok (300 000 inhabitants) is the capital of this region. It is great administrative, academic and cultural centre).

Michalowo is located about 38 km from Bialystok and 15 km from Belorussian border. Counting 3000 inhabitants struggle with many problems. One of them is high unemployment and lack of perspectives. The big worry is also strong abuse of alcohol among young people. The association ANAWOJ is constantly trying to involve these young people in projects and to show them that live without alcohol is much better choice and gives a lot of different, interesting opportunities that can be created by their own involvement and creativity.

Volunteer’s profile:

- We are looking for 2 volunteers (male and/ or female)
- We wish to welcome **motivated young people with a lot of ideas, interested in working with children, young people, global education topic and outdoor activities.**
- Volunteers need to be creative and to have the ability to take initiative. It is important, that the volunteer has his/her own ideas for activities and motivation to realise them independently
- Welcome are **active volunteers with creative hobbies** (like plastic arts, handicraft, music instruments etc or **like sport**).
- Volunteers should be autonomous as they will live alone in a flat in a rural area. He/ she should be open to live in a small village (3000 inhabitants). The next big city is far 40 km and can be reached by local busses.

The volunteers we are searching for should like to work with youth, should be active, independent and creative as we wish them to realise their own small projects and activities. Life condition in Michalowo will be simple

(for instance wooden houses heated by stove), so the volunteer should be sure that he/ she want to live in such rough conditions. Instead we offer stay in nice and quit environment near nature and a lot of forest.

More details find here:

http://anawoj.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/ANAWOJ.pdf

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vEUNmi67gYU

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bYqtv5dN6jE

or here**: www.anawoj.org**

Application form find here:

http://anawoj.org/goszczenie-wolontariuszy/

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