

Call for EVS volunteers

Who: Cluj-Napoca Volunteer Centre (2012-RO-19)

Where: Cluj-Napoca, Romania

When: September 2015 – August 2016

Cluj-Napoca Volunteer Center is searching for 6 volunteers to take part in a one year project in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, starting in September 2015. In the first part, the project will involve hospital animation activities (4 of the volunteers) and organizing cultural events (2 volunteers) in the local community.

In the second part of the service all the volunteers will be involved in organizing 2 public events within the National Volunteer Week, and will have the opportunity to develop and implement other personal initiatives.

The project has as **main objective** the personal development of the volunteers, including growth in areas such as communication skills, deeper understanding of the concept of mutual acceptance and tolerance, time management skills, planning and organizing events, team-work related skills, creativity, innovation etc.

At local community level, the project aims at enhancing the healing process of the children hospitalized in the local Children's hospital by creating an environment that will support that, developing mutual understanding and tolerance among children living in multicultural communities and promoting volunteering as a way of community development.

Tasks

What will the volunteers do?

As mentioned already, the project includes two main activities:

1. Activity 1 – developing a clinic animation programme in the local Children's hospital

This activity will involve 4 volunteers that will work in the hospital, mostly in the afternoon (from 13-17), in order to prevent their activities from interfering with the medical procedures that usually take place in the first part of the day.

The volunteers will work in 5 different parts of the pediatric hospital. At the beginning of the project the volunteers will be trained in a few introductory notions about clinic animation by the staff of our organization but also by other local volunteers that have been working already in this field.

The specific daily activities in the hospital will require the active input of each volunteer since the EVS volunteers will be the main actors in choosing the activities, planning them, preparing all the materials and delivering them to the children. The volunteers will not substitute the medical staff or be involved in activities that are similar to the medical attention given by doctors or nurses, but will bring something new to what a hospital offers in Romania. They will prepare

a series of educational and artistic activities such as: storytelling, English lessons (using the methods specific to the non-formal education), and planning different games according to the level of mobility of the patients.

2. Activity 2 – developing cultural events in partnership with Reactor (will involve 2 volunteers)

“REACTOR de creatie si experiment” is a non-governmental organization built by a group of young people. REACTOR is an independent and active theatre, dedicated to art for all ages, an alternative cultural space, a meeting point, a creation and research center. More information about the organization and their activity can be found on their website as well as on their Facebook pages (www.reactor-cluj.com; <https://www.facebook.com/ReactorCluj?fref=ts>; <https://www.facebook.com/mini.reactor.5?fref=ts>).

What can you do as an EVS volunteer in REACTOR? It’s simple, all sort of things:

- Meeting and befriending the public;
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- Assembly / disassembly the decor and space planning for each show;
- Support for sound and light for each show;
- Promoting the shows (creating posters, flyers, websites, participating in radio and TV shows);
- Maintaining a record of the bookings for each show;
- Maintenance of the space – including cleaning;
- Creation of props and décor for the shows;
- Photo and video documentation of the events;
- Updating the website and the Facebook fanpage;
- Participating/delivering practical workshops for children, etc.

Because most of the events in REACTOR are taking place during the weekend, the two EVS volunteers selected for this activity will be asked to work also 1 or 2 weekends per month, receiving in addition other two free days during the weekdays.

Other details:

The volunteers will work 4 days a week in their hosting location (either the Children’s hospital or the cultural organization – REACTOR). One day per week the volunteers will work all together in our office, planning the upcoming week and preparing the needed materials.

In the second part of the service, volunteers will be involved also in planning the National Volunteer Week, delivering presentations about EVS and developing personal initiatives.

The total number of working hours for the volunteer every day is of 6 hours, including the language courses and other type of activities. Other opportunities of the volunteers to get active include the possibility to be involved in three different rural schools, close to Cluj-Napoca and facilitate multicultural clubs in each of these, in order to foster the growth in tolerance and understanding among children living in rural multicultural communities consisting of Romanians, Hungarians, and Roma.

Procedure

1. All interested volunteers are asked to send their CV and motivation letter (both in) until **the 27th of March**, to the following email: international@centruldevoluntariat.ro
Please mention in the subject of your email for which of the two activities described above you are applying.
2. Applicants selected after the first phase will be contacted directly by e-mail for setting up a Skype interview (these will take place between **7-10 April 2015**).