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PATHWAYS OF CHANGE

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Title: PATHWAYS OF CHANGE

Date and Venue: September 2016 for 12 months at the Youth Centre and Youth Hostel
Brežice

Volunteers: 2

We're looking for volunteers that are interested in working with youth in the field of Human rights through all kind of art, music, theatre, multimedia, to work with youngster, to empower young people for active participation and are eager to learn 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, who may have a specialized interest human rights, in arts & crafts, sport, multimedia ... and are fluent in English.



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. At this time, it employs 22 experts - youth workers, 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 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).



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.



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Through the work, EVS volunteers will get very good experience from different field of work. Mainly working with youngsters (preparing and organizing workshop for youngsters and motivating them to be more active), but also getting to know with the topic of human rights, active participation, multimedia, project writing and project management, learning new languages - Slovenian, improve their level of English, helping in organizing events, helping in implementing different kind of projects etc.



The main activities will be organized considering the competences and the attitudes of each volunteer, example: human rights campaigns, workshop on different human rights topics, organizing and preparing different kind of activities, involving youth people – i.e. photo/video/art contest competition on topic of Human rights, but also art workshops, concerts, festivals, multimedia production, summer camps, music, outdoor activities, healthy life style and sport etc.



Profile of participants: We want to work with enthusiastic, good-tempered, active youngsters, who have a wish share their interests with youngsters, whose skills will be helpful and valuable for our organization and local community. The young volunteers will be integrated in all daily activities depending on 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.

Aim of the project: The main aim of this project is promote and raise awareness about Human Rights among the youth in the region of Brežice using different kind of methods and tools, specially art & multimedia.

Objectives:

- To share skills and knowledge in Human Rights with youth
- To work on youth and education issues combined with human rights promotion
- To organize and give presentations about human rights
- To gain knowledge on project management
- To promote volunteerism and active participation and citizenship among youth in the regions



- To encourage personal and professional development of EVS volunteers through the project and its different activities using methods connected with art & multimedia.

We would like to point out that the city of Brežice has been actively involved in the refugees crisis, since our little town is near the border with Croatia where more than half a million people crossed the border in the last few months. That of course left quite a big impact on local people, positive and negative one. With our project we would like to raise awareness among locals about human rights, no hate speech, fight against xenophobia, and respect for everyone. We believe this project can contribute a lot in the process of making people more aware of human rights and that together we can open some pathways of change.

Tasks of volunteers: Proposed Activities:

- To organize, create and implement different activities during the project, in order to promote Human Rights, active participation and citizenship;
- To interact with local youth and to help to assemble and motivate local volunteers;
- To organize intercultural learning activities;
- To participate in different activities implemented by ZPTM Brežice (such as No Hate Speech campaign, Festivals, Non formal education activities, ...);
- To promote Erasmus+ and volunteerism in the region;
- To cooperate with local volunteers and local youth associations while preparing and implementing different workshops on relevant topics as HR, active youth participation, citizenship and etc.;
- To learn how to write project concepts and assist in writing project proposals, communicating with partner organizations, organizing conference and other events non formal education activities, cultural events, concerts, performances, activities for children, camps, doing researches, etc;
- To facilitate workshops related to other topics that volunteer is interested in;
- To organize activities and projects for members of schools and local community;
- To foster local motivation and interest in volunteering in general;
- To promote intercultural exchange through different activities.

Youth centre Brežice, among other activities, is also organizing and preparing all sorts of events (concerts, festivals, fairs, lessons, courses, arts and workshops for youngsters and adults), multimedia production (photo, video), EVS promotion activities that EVS will be able to take part in if interested. The volunteer will be encouraged to help to make a plan and run those activities. The volunteers will implement **their own personal projects** and get help with this. He/she will also have the possibility to learn and get to know other activities and projects we work at, and he/she could contribute his/her own ideas and personal interests to the programs. The **personal mentor** will assign the project / contact person to the participant, so he/she can always ask this person for help or guidance. Volunteer will never run activities alone; there will always be a mentor or some other animators, who will help with translations and learning support. In case we would need additional support and help in specific topics we will connect with local experts, organizations and institutions since the centre has successfully built big and quality networks and partnerships on local, national and international level.

Volunteer will work at (other suggested activities):

- Once a week the volunteer could organize a thematic activity according to his/her talents and interests. (The volunteer will be free to fill in this activity as he/she wishes!; for example: workshops on Human rights, non-formal education ... creative activities, art&crafts, music, video, photography, organize summer camps ...);
- During one week school holidays (every two months) volunteer can organize different group activities, workshops (for example activities for UNESCO International Days);
- Once a month she/he could prepare intercultural activities (workshop where youngster could learn about the country where volunteer comes from);
- Native language lessons for youngsters or adults;
- Will also have a chance to take part in intergenerational activities;
- Volunteer has also be able to prepare and design posters & flyers for this activities, therefore computer skills of design and video programs are welcome;
- Volunteers will encourage local youth for active participation through different activities and encourage them to be creative.



Criteria: We are looking for young people who are open, motivated to make a difference, willing to work in an international team! If you like to work with youngsters, and have interest in human rights topics and in art & multimedia (design and video skills) 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.



Procedure: We ask for a motivation letter and CV. The selection is made based on the CV and motivation letter. Candidates who will be required to attend the second selection will be asked to fill an additional questionnaire. The volunteers will be selected on the basis of the received applications. This selection is made by the members of the staff. We are looking for 2 volunteers from two different countries. In any case, all candidates will be informed about organization's decision.

For more info, please contact: natasa.kalin@mc-brezice.si.

We expect the sending organization to be dedicated to the project, to be able to communicate well and quickly with us and after all to prepare the volunteer very well. **Deadline for the application: 4.4.2016.**

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

Deadline for applications: 4.4.2016, send us Motivation letter and CV to natasa.kalin@mc-brezice.si

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