

Long Term Volunteering

Those who say it cannot be done should not interrupt the people doing it.
(Chinese proverb)

EVS Vacancies List

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1 Azerbaijan

1.1 AYAFE Azerbaijan

1.1.1 Youth for Cultural Heritage

Theme:	Art, culture, history
Location	Baku
Start:	2011-11-15
End:	2012-09-15
Application:	on-going, please send applications as soon as possible
Vacancies	1
Languages:	
↔ Project:	English, Russian, Other
↔ Local:	Russian, Other

Project Description:

The project aims at raising awareness about the necessity to protect, preserve and promote cultural heritage in general and the inscribed World Heritage sites in particular. The project aims at demonstrating the value of non-formal education as an approach to disseminate the values to a large public, also to young people. It aims at exploring opportunities for a dynamic dialog between the heritage and young people in the promotion and protection of the sites.

Ask your sending organisation for the infosheet with detailed information.

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Work: The main task of the volunteers will be to organise various educational and cultural activities for cultural diversity and heritage protection. The volunteers will organize debates and discussions with the local community and young people about the importance of world heritage and the knowledge and techniques needed for its preservation. In order to increase the visibility of the site, the volunteers will work in close cooperation with the Administration, which taking place around the site, organising specific workshops to share with the participants and local community information on world heritage sites in their own countries. The volunteers will prepare special booklets, brochures and leaflets about the protection of cultural heritage and they will organize workshops, seminars and discussions with young people and students from different Universities of Baku. Host organization will help to the volunteers to involve the local youth to the

activities.

Requirements: The volunteers need motivation in working with cultural heritage, historical monuments, museums, be enthusiastic, creative, and energetic. They should speak a good level of English, some knowledge of Russian or Turkish/Azeri is appreciated. Ability for teamwork is important. Also they should be able to work independently and to cope with the existing social and cultural differences in Azerbaijan. Characteristics: flexibility, adaptability, maturity and personal motivation.

Food: The volunteers will get food money and can prepare his/ her own meals. During lunchtime, they will have free time in order to have a lunch in cafeterias close to work place.

Accommodation: The volunteers will live together with other EVS volunteers in an apartment. Mattresses and blankets will be provided, as well as basic furniture. Volunteers will receive free card for public transport.

Pocket money: 70 EUR per month

Insurance: AXA

Fees: None

Visa: –

Others: –

2 Croatia

2.1 Volunteers Centre Zagreb

2.1.1 Velebit Association Kuterev

Theme:	Environment
Location	Kuterevo, Velebit Mountain, Croatia
Duration:	6-12 months
Application:	Looking for vols for summer/autumn 2012, application to be submitted on April/May deadline. Preference will be given to vols with fewer opportunities.
Vacancies	4
Languages:	
↔ Project:	English
↔ Local:	Croatian

Project Description:

The project is realized by Velebit Association Kuterev. Its main aims are the preservation of natural and cultural heritage in the region. The main activities of the organization are the care of resident bears and the bear facilities within the

Bear Refuge, informative and educational work with visitors as well as running the Volunteers' Station.

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Work: Vols will be involved in 1 or more activities associated with 1 of the 3 main areas that the organization deals with: nature conservation, local community, culture and volunteering. According to preference, experience and motivation, vols will be involved in some of these activities:

1) Nature conservation projects: Bear Refuge Project; Non-invasive sampling for brown bear population genetic analyses; Road mitigation measures on amphibian populations; Bear Walking Trail

2) Preserving indigenous knowledge: Collecting and documenting ethnological and natural values; Using different forms and methods (interviews, photography, video) to create a collection that will be used for educational purposes

3) Volunteer projects: Coordination of groups during the workcamp season (April-September); Animating kindergarten and school children

Work: 5 days/week (about 30 hours)

Requirements: We are looking for volunteers who can cope with living a calm and uneventful life but also working in big teams with a lot of people around them and in a very dynamic, intensive and challenging environment. We do not have special demands for volunteers or requirements for particular skills or knowledge.

Food: Most of the meals will be prepared together with other volunteers.

Accommodation: Volunteers will live in the village of Kuterevo in the mountain of Velebit, on the border of the Nature Park. They will be accommodated within the village in an apartment, where they will have a private room or share a room with another volunteer.

Pocket money: 95 EUR per month

Insurance: AXA Insurance Company

Fees: None

Visa: –

Others: This project will be hosted by VUK (Velebitska Udruga Kuterevo), a partner organisation with which we are working together for several years.

Preference will be given to volunteers with fewer opportunities.

3 Moldova

3.1 AVI Moldova

3.1.1 Social center for elderly people

Theme:	Children, teenagers, elderly people
Location	Chisinau
Start:	2011-11-15
End:	2012-09-15
Application:	on-going, as soon as possible, application to SCI Germany, sandra.kowalski@sci-d.de
Vacancies	1
Languages:	
↔ Project:	English,Russian,Romanian
↔ Local:	Russian,Romanian

Project Description:

The volunteer will be involved in a social project of a partner of AVI-Moldova, a Social Center for Old lonely People whose target group is mainly elderly people. Ask your sending organisation for the infosheet with detailed information.

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Work: The main work will consist of helping in the Canteen (homeless shelter) where 120 people are coming to eat. It is necessary to help with the distribution of the food and afterwards to collect dishes from tables. Just after the hot lunch many people are used to spend a few hours in the centre. We would like the volunteer to help organize different activities for them (singing, dancing, games). Each month the people coming to Cantina are changing. Usually at the beginning of the month is needed to organize welcome games of getting to know each other and a few workshops on communication.

Requirements: The volunteer should be motivated and willing to get closely in touch with the difficult living situation and with the social problems of poverty and loneliness. He/she should show interest in social voluntary work, especially with old people. The volunteer must not be afraid of contact with mentally disabled adults who do not speak or hear, or have speaking problems. open minded, ready to work in a team with other AVI-Moldova volunteers

Food: The volunteer can eat in the Cantina all working days. The food is the same as that prepared for the old people. You can buy all necessary products

and can prepare the food at home. vegetarian is no problem, because vegetables are available.

Accommodation: one separate room in a guest family or in an apartment

Pocket money: 80 EUR per month

Insurance: AXA

Fees: None

Visa: –

Others: –

4 Russia

4.1 Siberian Creative Group Russia

4.1.1 Orphanage "Malyshok"

Theme:	Children, teenagers, elderly people
Location	Ulan Ude, Siberia
Start:	2011-11-15
End:	2012-09-15
Application:	applications as soon as possible
Vacancies	1
Languages:	
↔ Project:	English,Russian
↔ Local:	Russian,Other

Project Description:

The "Malyshok" orphanage is a social care institution which hosts between 100 and 120 orphans and children abandoned by their parents. The children are provided with social and medical care and being prepared for school. The aim of the orphanage is to give a home to socially disadvantaged children and to help them integrate into society. The volunteers will work with the children, organise activities with them to help them integrate into society.

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Work: The volunteers will provide individual care for children aged 2-7 years in the orphanage.

The volunteers will conduct games to increase the children's social, cognitive, and practical abilities: o Games educating about geometrical forms, different animals and teaching numbers; o Classes on teaching children different techniques of handicraft. o Group games to increase social abilities and teach the children to follow rules during the game; o Conducting cooking classes with small groups of two children to teach them how to make a cake and to provide knowledge about different types of ingredients;

Also it is very important to give the children individual attention and show them at least some aspects of the world outside of the orphanage. Volunteers will take one child at a time out of the group. Community integration is part of the project. EVS volunteers also involve many local young people in the work with the children.

Requirements: The volunteer should be highly motivated and think positively. It is important that he is able to work independently and has some organisational skills. S/he needs to be very interested in the work with children. Creativity and interest in handicrafts are a plus. When working with small children, the volunteer has to display a lot of attention and care. Basic knowledge of Russian is required.

Food: monthly allowance for food

Accommodation: shared flat

Pocket money: 90 EUR per month

Insurance: AXA

Fees: None

Visa: only visa for 90 days at a time, travel costs for 2 trips back home to renew the visa will be covered

Others: –

4.2 Youth Memorial Russia

4.2.1 Youth Memorial, Perm, Russia

Theme:	Socially disadvantaged
Location	Perm, Russia
Start:	2011-11-15
End:	2012-09-15
Application:	on-going, as soon as possible
Vacancies	1
Languages:	
↔ Project:	Russian
↔ Local:	Russian

Project Description:

The project brings together young volunteers and elderly people who were subjected to political repression in the Soviet period. The vol helps elderly people in their every day life. They are lonely and have few social links, the volunteer has a very important function enriching their life. While doing different household jobs for the elderly and communicating with them, the volunteer gets to know about the political history of Russia, about the conditions in which victims of political repression live today. Besides, the volunteer gets to know the work of the non-commercial sector in Russia.

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Work: 1. Work with the elderly victims of political repression is the major part of the project: home visiting to clean the flat and shopping for food and medications. 2. Work with youth is the second important part of the volunteer's activity. The volunteer are involved in youth projects of "Memorial". They help to organize the weekly meetings of the youth club, where volunteers meet for discussions; they take part in learning seminars and civil actions of the Youth Memorial; they take part in summer youth projects, summer schools and others. The EVS volunteers could be camp leaders (if they wish) together with a local in our projects. 3. They are also responsible for the public relations work (meetings with students, public discussions, participation on the TV or radio broadcasts, web site, etc.) That takes about 10% of the working time.

Requirements: basic Russian would be good, at least strong wish to learn the language

Food: covered by EVS funding

Accommodation: covered by EVS funding

Pocket money: 90 EUR per month

Insurance: AXA insurance

Fees: None

Visa: yes, needed, hosting organisation will give support

Others: –

5 Ukraine

5.1 SVIT Ukraine

5.1.1 Eco school”

Theme:	Environment
Location	Artemovsk
Start:	2011-11-15
End:	2012-09-15
Application:	on-going, applications are accepted as soon as possible, first come, first served
Vacancies	1
Languages:	
↔ Project:	English
↔ Local:	Russian

Project Description:

As environmental education receives little attention in the formal educational system, and provides few opportunities for practical implication and activities, the project of Bakhmat in this field has received a lot of attention from schoolchildren. The goal of the project is to educate young people of Artemovsk on environmental issues and raise their environmental awareness. Additionally, the project aims to develop opportunities for extra-curricular activities of school children, involve them in volunteer work and environmental actions.

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Work: Eco-school is environmental education and awareness raising project for teenagers from different schools, which combines practical environmental exercises, learning some theory about environment, exercises games on leadership and group dynamics.

Eco-school consists of 2 types of activities: 1. Eco-club which brings together 15-20 teenagers from different schools, who meet 1-2 times a week for practical environmental exercises, learning some theory about environment, exercises games on leadership and group dynamics. The course for one group lasts 2 months (it will be repeated several times during the project depending on size of the group and number of interested students to join); working languages are English and Russian. The whole EVS project will consist of several courses of Eco-club.

2. The other type of activity is conducting Eco-school as series of interactive workshops at schools for senior classes. 6 schools of Artemovsk and 1 college are hosting the lessons.

Requirements: - Motivation to contribute to the project+be involved in environmental issues - Good knowledge of English - Previous voluntary experience (like workcamps) - Willingness to work with young people between 14 and 20+experience in this field - Experiences in group- and campleading - Basic knowledge of environmental issues and willingness to learn more (desirable, but not obligatory) - Basic Russian (optional), willingness to learn Russian - Ability to work independently

Food: covered by EVS

Accommodation: separate room in a guest family or in an apartment/ dormitory, it depends on the interests of the volunteer.

Pocket money: 80 EUR per month

Insurance: AXA - covered by EVS

Fees: None

Visa: –

Others: SCI Germany is coordinating organisation. SCI Catalunya Spain, SCI Belgium, SCI Italy, VSI Ireland, OWA Poland, SCI Region Nord France, Volunteers' centre Zagreb Croatia, KVT Finland, Zavod Voluntariat Slovenia, IVS Great Britain, DeAmicitia Spain and SCI-Germany are accredited sending organisations for this programme and their applicants will get first priority. However, the other branches can feel free to send applications as well.