

EVS Vacancies List

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SCG Russia

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*** * * SCI International * * ***

There will be an EVS vacancy in the SCI office in the coming months. Applications must be received by the 7th April 2007. Please note that all applications must be supported by a sending organisation, be from a programme country (EU member states + Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Turkey) and be between 18 - 30 years.

The IS has applied for funding to host an EVS volunteer in the office. The post would be from mid July 2007 - mid July 2008. We are now making the call for

applicants for this position, but please be aware the funding has not yet been approved but will hopefully be confirmed later in April.

The MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES of the Project LTV are to support the other staff in promoting and developing the international work of SCI in Europe and in supporting the implementation of SCI's Strategic Plan. The EVS volunteer will work closely with the peace education elements of the plan, as well as other projects run by the IS.

SPECIFIC DUTIES

A. Assist the coordination of several projects connected to the Strategic Plan:

- Peace Education seminar Nov/Dec 2007 in Poland (is confirmed)
- Summer University September 2007 in Romania (to be confirmed)
- Working in conflict areas 2008 (to be developed and to be confirmed)
 - Peace training or seminar in Asia 2008 (to be developed and to be confirmed)

Helping preparing funding applications for project grants related to projects within the framework of the Strategic Plan.

Helping the Finance Officer in keeping sound financial records and budgets for the activities and projects in which s/he is involved.

B. Support the general work of the international secretariat:

Supporting the overall communication in the movement providing general information or responding to specific requests to relevant parts of the movement.

Helping in preparing funding applications for administrative grants.

The LTV will be expected to undertake certain administrative duties. Next to general office duties, these will include responsibility for the upkeep of the office and office equipment.

The LTV may be expected to undertake other appropriate tasks at the request of the International Coordinator or International Finance Officer.

Depending on background, skills and personal interests of the volunteer there would be some scope to adapt the task description as mentioned above.

PROFILE/SKILLS REQUIRED

- Interest in SCI and the work we do
- Preferably experience in SCI
- Preferably experience in project development and project management
- An interest in peace education
- Able to work independently and to work in team
- Social skills and being able to integrate in a multicultural team
- Good English speaking and writing
- 18-30(!) years young (due to EVS requirements)

- Computer literate
- Able to apply for an EVS position, meaning not have done EVS before and coming from a Youth in Action programme(!) country (EU member states + Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Turkey). Apologies for interested people from other countries!
- Be supported by a sending organisation

CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

- An interesting working environment
- Possibilities to learn about SCI, volunteering, project and office management
- An allowance of 420 EURO per month. In Belgium, this is fairly sufficient for all elementary costs of food, leisure time activities and a few extras.
- We provide accommodation. This means a room of your own in a house, where in most cases bathroom, kitchen, and living room would be shared with the other inhabitants of the house.
- A working week of 37.5 hours
- 21 holidays per year plus 11 statutory holidays
- Normal EVS conditions, for example EVS Insurance and travels to Belgium
- SCI will pay approved expenses and costs connected with the work.
- Travels to Belgium are covered by EVS

PLEASE SEND A COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM TO:

SCI International Secretariat
 St.-Jacobsmarkt 82
 B-2000 Antwerpen, Belgium
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 E-mail: info@sciint.org (also for any queries on the position)

Deadline for applications: 7 April 2007.

*** * * New Group Belarus * * ***

Theme of the project: Disabilities
 Name: NGO for the blind, Minsk, Belarus
 Location: Minsk, Belarus
 Work starts: 2007-10-01
 Work ends: 2008-08-01
 Application deadline: 2007-06-01
 Decision date: 2007-06-15
 Total number of volunteers 2
 Country: Germany
 Project language: Russian
 Local language: Russian
 Short description: working with blind people
 Long description: NGO for the blind, Minsk, Belarus SCI Germany applied as coordinating organisation for this multilateral EVS-project. SCI France, OWA Poland, KVT Finland, VSI Ireland CVS Bulgaria and SCI Germany have been

applying as sending organisations and their applicants will get first priority. However, the other branches can feel free to send applications as well. Application deadline: 1. June 2007 Project & Work: The volunteer will be working together with the NGO for the blind in Minsk, developing and helping in the daily work of the organisation. This NGO was formed only last year and takes a modern and innovative approach to the integration of the blind. The volunteer will support the organisation by carrying out tasks such as: 1. Escorting blind youth people to trainings, seminars and other educational events, also into cinema, theatre and etc. 2. Organizing and participating in sport activities, as well as ecological and other thematical events. 3. Delivering language courses in the language of the volunteer 4. Helping in translating documents and materials 5. Searching for information for partner organizations for improving the activities of the organization 6. Computer work and possibly web-site support 7. Supporting the organization of regular meetings for blind youth and children for increasing of the communicative skills and intercultural learning The volunteer will get experience and learn methods of how to work with blind people – participation in special trainings will increase the organizational and communicative skills, get the experience necessary how to organize and manage projects with the blind. The mentor will be regularly in touch and will monitor the needs and coordinate the support to the EVS volunteer. Number of volunteers: 2 Requirements: Basic knowledge of Russian, motivation, independence, organizational skills Age limit: 18-30 Period: 10 month from October 2007 Project language: Russian Local language: Russian Food: EVS covered Accommodation: host family or dormitory Insurance: AXA - covered by EVS Pocket money: 90 Euro Other: SCI Germany is coordinating the EVS exchange, so please send your applications there. Application deadline: 1. June 2007

*** * * VIA Belgium * * ***

Theme of the project: Antiracism, antifascism, refugees and ethnic minorities
Name: EVS Free Refugee
Location: Deinze (Gent)
Work starts: 2007-09-01
Work ends: 2008-08-22
Application deadline: 2007-05-10
Decision date: 2007-05-14
Total number of volunteers 1
Project language: Dutch
Local language: Dutch
Short description: the centre in Deinze gives refuge to about 55 asylum seekers, of which 16 minors without accompaniment. The centre is the living place for he asylum seekers and organises several activities like education, leisure time activities and local community integrating stimulating activities. The target group are refugees: children, woman, men, youth and families. Some examples of the activities in the centre are bicycle workshops, language classes, internet workshops, study accompaniment, children activities, sewing workshops, sport activities,... They are always open towards new ideas and initiatives from the volunteers.

Long description: The aim of the EVS is to work as a full time volunteer in a Flemish refugee centre (Deinze) together with the volunteers that are already working in the centre. This means to take actively part to all the activities in centre that are not exclusive task of the paid staff. The volunteer will therefore organise activities for the different groups in the centre, for In the first period of his/her staying the volunteer will always work together with someone else from the team in order to learn the working of the centre. The volunteer will be followed by a mentor from the team the whole year long, and will normally sit together with this person every week for a talk on everything concerning the work and also possible problems. Refugee centre Deinze expects the volunteer to work rather independently (with backup of a personal mentor), to take his/her own initiatives, to be flexible and to have a basic empathy regarding the live of asylum seekers. The volunteer will also take part to the briefings and to the team meetings, but he/she will not be involved in secretary jobs, in questions concerning the procedure of the asylum seekers or concerning their personal files (professional secret). The work will be in close contact with the residents of the refugee centre, such as talking, organising leisure time activities, playing with the children, etc. The volunteer will work 37 hours, which means five days/week. This includes Dutch language classes that the volunteer can take together with the refugees. The work is organised in shifts and the volunteer should be willing to work also some evenings (untill 10.15pm) because together with the afternoons, those are the moments when most of the people are in the centre. The shifts might include the week-ends and holiday days, of course having then days free during the week to compensate...The working hours will be discussed and decided in the beginning at the moment of signing the contract. The rights and obligations are written down and will be given to the volunteer during the first 'visiting period' in the centre. So, the tasks of the volunteer will include: - work with the people in the centre and motivate them in taking part to the different activities, - playing with the children of the centre, organising workshops, - communicate and interact with the asylum seekers, - help the students with the study, - help with the logistic everyday aspects of the centre (i.e. helping in serving the meals), - helping in the organisation of the parties in the centre and of the open days, - giving language lessons, doing outdoor activities with the inhabitants... The volunteer will live in a host family. Insurance, pocket money covered by EVS funding.

Theme of the project: Socially disadvantaged (homeless people, poverty etc.)

Name: EVS 't Fietsateljee - 2003-BEFL-12

Location: Antwerp

Work starts: 2007-09-01

Work ends: 2008-08-31

Application deadline: 2007-05-10

Decision date: 2007-05-14

Total number of volunteers 1

Project language: Dutch

Local language: Dutch

Short description: The organisation is focused on people that can't function in the regular workingcircuit, because of a long term problematic situation (psychiatric, social, personal, problems). Offering them work-like activities (repairing and selling bikes) the social integration of the target groep is supported and the right to work is guaranteed.

Long description: The first week will be an introduction week in which the volunteer gets the chance to introduce herself in the group and to see all aspects of the work. - to do simple repairs of bicycles together with the disadvantaged volunteers (50%) These are not repairs that require a big technical knowledge. The informal contact with the target group is as important as the real work. All the work is under supervision and with support of a team member - individual guidance of disadvantaged volunteers (helped by staff members as much as needed, depending on the skills of the volunteer) (20%) This can be included in the tasks after some time, flexibly according to the skills of the volunteer. The volunteer will never have to do this alone, but always with support of a team member. - to help in daily activities of the organisation, depending on interests and skills of the volunteer (20%) - open the bicycle store The store is open from 10am to 17pm. The work is receiving and handing back bicycles for repair, selling second hand bicycles and selling accessories. The volunteer doesn't have to be alone in the shop, since there is always a team member present. - activities with target group - supervision on daily schedule Because the volunteers are long term unemployed people that are trying to get themselves ready for the labour market, many of them have difficulties with time schedules. Skills as punctuality, timekeeping and work discipline have to be re-learned. In this sense, the volunteer will help the staff in the follow-up of the daily schedule. It begins with a daily morning briefing in which the tasks of the day are explained. Further on time keeping is important as well as 'having open eyes' for volunteers that need help in the work, because not all of them can work good in a job situation; p.e. some will just stop working if not knowing how to do something instead of asking help - organising recreative activities and vocational training activities for the disadvantaged volunteers (10%) p.e. recreational and educational trips. According to interests and skills of the volunteer, she/he will help in the preparation and will also participate. New ideas are very welcome, the volunteer is free to organise creatively new activities. - co-guiding of the volunteer group (permanently and with help from staff) - taking part in team meetings (weekly/this can also be used as an evaluation moment) All tasks are flexible and open to suggestions from the volunteer, according to interests and skills. Creativity in inventing new activities and willingness to co-organise them is very welcome. The volunteer will live in a host family. Insurance and pocket money are covered by EVS funding.

***** DUHA Czech Republic *****

Theme of the project: Children, teenagers, elderly people

Name: Information on Rainbow Youth work

Location: Prague, Czech Republic

Work starts: 2007-08-01

Work ends: 2008-08-01

Application deadline: 2007-03-01

Decision date: 2007-03-15

Total number of volunteers: 1

Project language: English

Local language: Czech

Short description: An EVS volunteer will work in the headquarters in Prague, the capital city of the Czech Republic, mainly with the Voluntary Service Programme. It means s/he will work mainly with a team of young volunteers

and their coordinator and partly with the rest of the office (seven full time staff). Background of Duha (Rainbow)-Children and Youth Association for Leisure Time, Nature and Fun is one of the biggest NGO working with youth in the Czech Republic. We have around five thousand members dislocated in approximately 100 local groups all around the Czech Republic. Local groups run regularly activities with children and youth, summer camps and weekend activities in different fields such as climbing the mountains, playing table games, jeskyně, working with handicaps, playing games in nature, etc. These activities contribute to achievement a personal development of youth which is a main aim of our organisation. The headquarters in Prague provides broad service for the local groups and except that runs three independent projects: Children and Youth National Parliament, Music production (organising ethnic music concerts) and Voluntary Service. Voluntary Service provides international experiences for young people, not only members of Duha. In the team of volunteers we send volunteers to short and long term international camps/activities abroad and organise these camps in the Czech Republic for foreigners as well. We send about 80 volunteers 18-35 years old each summer and organise approximately 4-6 international projects a year (some of them run under the Youth Programme). Duha is based on work of volunteers in regular activities. Both programmes of National Parliament and Voluntary Service are familiar with the idea of volunteering and try to promote it within the society. It will be the first time we will host an EVS volunteer.

Long description: Objectives: The volunteer will be involved in a daily work of Voluntary Service Programme in order to understand all dimensions of our tasks and be acquainted with the permanent contact with volunteers. The main aim of the project is to involve an EVS volunteer into the dynamic environment of a voluntary service programme as well as the rest of headquarters. The general objectives are: To allow the volunteer to contribute to the coordination of international voluntary service programme; to spread out information and improve communication with Czech volunteers willing to join an EVS programme; to develop an independent project according to her/his interest; to enlarge the knowledge about Czech NGO reality (getting to know both the inner and outside factors), to involve the volunteer into the international organisation's environment. Support and training opportunities The volunteer will come to the environment of not only a national organisation, but as well an organisation working on international level. S/he can be involved as a participant in international trainings on attractive youth work or youth leader training. In the second half of a voluntary service s/he can help with organising pre-arrival trainings for Czech volunteers going abroad and a camp leader training. If s/he is interested, s/he can become a part of a training team. Volunteer's tasks The working hours of a volunteer are flexible. The general rhythm of the office is 9-17, but volunteers often come in the afternoon and stay till evening. Working days -five days a week, with five weeks of holidays within the twelve months of service. Sometimes the volunteer will work during weekends, for which extra days off can be taken. The volunteer will be asked to help with ongoing tasks of the Voluntary Service Programme, which will account for about 20% of her/his overall time. The volunteer will gain new experiences about attractive youth work during an international summer project, its evaluation and summarising and publishing a final report. Through concrete participation in activities (international occasions, planning weekend, evaluation with camp leaders, training for youth leaders, meeting office volunteers) s/he will have a better understanding of the specificity of different types of volunteering

and will get acquainted with the philosophy of voluntary service. Also, s/he will be encouraged to develop her/his own initiative project, which could be an international exchange, local activities with volunteers, activities within the local groups or s/he can act as a co-leader in one of our work camps. The international dimension of the project is assured in various ways: visiting local groups from which regular articles to the Duha's magazine and website should be written, organising regular EVS/work camp info service in a local Informative Youth Centre and/or university, visiting summer projects, language course. The percentages for the above-mentioned tasks will vary according to the different phases of the project and to some extent also to the specific wishes and preferences of the volunteer, who will obviously have an impact on the project also. The first phase (mid August-November): participating at the international summer project on an attractive youth work-15%, participating at the international workcamp-10%, integration in the organisation and in Prague, getting to know other volunteers-10%, general introduction and planning the tasks-20%, evaluation of the summer projects within the organisation and with camp leaders and contribution to summarise the final report from the summer activities-20%, participating at international training for youth leader help to organise it-15%, language course-10% The second phase (December-March) Organising the info meeting with volunteers on EVS, work camps and starting the regular office hours for that-20%; preparation of an own project-20%, visits to local groups getting information from them about their activities and members, informing them about news from Voluntary Service Programme, attractive youth work and international opportunities which can Duha offer to them within its international background.-20%, updating news to website, writing articles to Duha's magazine-10%, publishing informative leaflets for Czech volunteers-20%, language course-10% The third phase (March-August) participating at training for placement officers and partly sending volunteers abroad afterwards-20%, work on an own project-30%, visits to local groups getting information from them about their activities and members, informing them about news from Voluntary Service Programme, attractive youth work and international opportunities which can Duha offer to them within its international background.-20%, helping to organise trainings-10%, organising info meeting with volunteers -10%, language course-10% Our motivation to accept an EVS volunteer As a group of volunteers working at an international level, sending volunteers to international activities and also starting with sending EVS volunteers we feel we can create a good and natural atmosphere for hosting an EVS volunteer. We hope s/he will bring new energy, ideas and fresh look into our activities and work. We strongly believe this can mean real enrichment for both sides. We can offer a living environment and our experience in a voluntary sector and provide an EVS volunteer the possibility to get deeper into the situation of volunteering in the Czech republic, NGO's daily problems and policy and international issues within our international partner organisations (one of them main's office is next door).

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Codice: 2006-IT-92

VOLONTARI IN RISERVA (volunteers in the natural reserve)

Validità: dal 27 Dicembre 2006 al 27 dicembre 2009

Project Environment

The “Lega Italiana Protezione Uccelli” (LIPU – Birds Protection Italian League) was born in 1965. It's a cultural and non-profit organization. In 1992 LIPU obtained the status of Voluntary Association, non-lucrative association (1997) and Non Governmental Organization (NGO, 1998).

LIPU mission focuses on the conservation of the wildlife through the protection of the birds and their habitat, on educating young people about being respectful of the world we live in and on awakening the public opinion regarding important issues such as nature safeguard and health care.

In order to reach these goals LIPU carries out the following activities:

- a) to promote the creation of naturalist oasis, environmental protection centers and natural parks, directly through the acquisition and administration of grounds and indirectly through the intervention of the State and other local entities.
- b) LIPU intervenes and puts pressure on competent organisms to issue laws and regulations related to the protection and good management of the environmental and fauna heritage;
- c) to promote the biological and ecological education, in particular the knowledge of the ornithological sector, through training courses, teaching initiatives, professional courses also directed to teachers, meetings, conferences, didactic expositions and other initiatives aimed at the spread of awareness regarding the problems related to the conservation of the natural heritage;
- d) LIPU carries out scientific research and protectionist activities, organizing workcamps and control, recovery centers, reproduction and reintroduction of endangered species;
- e) to contribute to the safeguard of the fauna heritage of the State and the natural habitat by voluntary guards appointed according to the law, to protect the natural environment, for hunting control and for bird protection.
- f) LIPU intervenes directly for the protection of the wildlife through the National Safeguard Service, with the support of voluntary guards, in accordance to the national and regional law, with a view to safeguarding the natural environment, the fauna heritage and animal protection;

Nowadays LIPU is supported by 42.000 members and thousands of volunteers, with 120 local headquarters. It coordinates a network of 58 protected areas such as Oasis, Recovery Centers and “Stork Centers”. In these areas wildlife is protected, wounded birds and animals receive treatment and get healed and White Storks get reinserted.

The present EVS project will take place in one of the 45 oasis managed by LIPU, namely “Riserva Naturale Orientata – Biviere di Gela”. This reserve extends for 330 hectares and was established in 1997. Given the importance of the area for the migratory phenomenon, LIPU was entrusted with the management of the reserve. Biviere is the largest coast lake of Sicily, located between the city of Gela and the mouth of Dirillo river. The area was declared as “very important moist area” by the Ramsar agreement. Thanks to the geographical position and climate conditions the reserve “Biviere di Gela” is one of the most important migratory area for water birds that spend there the winter term before flying back to the Northern Europe. There is a “sightseeing center” in the reserve and visitors can walk through naturalist paths in order to discover all aspects of the protected area. In addition very expert LIPU naturalist guides

can take visitors around the area to observe the several moments of the wild life. Many activities are implemented such as guided excursions, environmental education, surveys and investigations and animal and fauna species monitoring and census. The building in the reserve serves both as a storehouse for maintenance and collecting field tools and an apartment hosting work camp volunteers during the summer months.

The social and economical context in which the reserve is located is characterized by hardship and privation. The indiscriminating exploitation and utilization of the territory has often been considered by inhabitants as a way of enrichment and support. In the last forty years the population has doubled in number because of the establishment of the petrochemical industry. This radical change caused a huge visual and town planning drawback as well as social problems because of the quick growing of marginal neighborhoods. During the '50s the area started suffering mafia group presence on the coast zones and shady management of contracts for construction. In the '90s the entire area was declared as "air and water pollution high-risk zone" because of the proximity of industrial factories to the closest cities. Finally the mortality has increased because of the industrial emissions.

In this context, training and awakening activities play a basic and extremely important role with a view to the defense, safeguard and improvement of the territory where the reserve is located. LIPU carries out environmental educational projects in the high-schools, in collaboration with public institutions, and it is starting a fauna heritage rediscovery project with marginalized youngsters supported by Gela Municipality. Moreover LIPU implements study and research programmes in Gela countryside along with the University of Palermo and the Sicily Wildlife Fund.

Mid-term volunteering activities have already been organized in the reserve in collaboration with Servizio Civile Internazionale (SCI-Italy). In September 2005 and in June 2006 two international workcamps took place with 12 volunteers coming from different countries and there's an agreement between LIPU and SCI-Italy to organize regularly two workcamps a year.

LIPU staff in the reserve is composed by four subordinate employees. There is a director and three natural reserve workers. Their tasks involve both administrative and operative activities such as area management and supervision/surveillance. One of them is specialized in environmental education, another one is a naturalistic guide and the third one is entrusted with the maintenance and supervision of the protected area. During the last years more and more importance has been attached to the organization of awakening activities for the local community. In fact, the European Volunteers will take part basically in these activities. Every year LIPU Gela hosts three volunteers of the National Civil Service that support the staff in the above mentioned duties.

European Volunteers of the YOUTH PROGRAMME are expected to follow some basic principles and rules concerning separate rubbish collection, recycling and safeguard of the protected area. In the LIPU office inside the reserve the volunteers are asked to comply with the privacy legislation for LIPU members.

Task

According to previous voluntary experiences in the project, international volunteers' participation will be very valuable especially in relation to awakening and information activities. Therefore EVS volunteers should be mainly involved

in the implementation of the planned activities related to the environmental education for high-schools in Gela and the start up of the museum inside the reserve, which is currently under construction.

During the first weeks the EVS volunteers will have the opportunity to get familiarized with the local community and to attend the language and cultural training course that will be carried out in collaboration with public schools. Additionally LIPU staff will provide the EVS volunteers with a learning training regarding various issues such as knowledge, safeguard and improvement of the territory. Afterwards EVS volunteers will receive a further training on the naturalistic features and environmental peculiarities of the protected area.

After the training the EVS volunteers, together with LIPU personnel and their professional support, will organize and carry out the following activities:

1. environmental education and awakening in local high-schools and youth centers (30% of the time)
2. organization and participation in international work camp activities (10% of the time)
3. management and updating of the Internet site of the reserve in order to spread information about the activities carried out, nationally and internationally (15% of the time)
4. preparatory activities for the set design and the start-up of the museum inside the reserve. In particular this line of activities involves: research and collection of documentation material, bibliographical summaries and translations, operative and coordination meetings with scientific consultants, local and international partners for the improvement of the project; creation of display panels, plastic models and preparation of didactic activities (15% of the time)
5. supporting the naturalistic guides in their activities with the visitors (30% of the time)

The weekly schedule will change depending on the winter season (December through March) and spring/summer season (April through September). During the winter term activities will mainly involve administrative/logistic duties, public relations with organizations and high-schools, planning for the summer period, etc. During the summer the main tasks will be basically connected to guided tours, advertising of events, awakening activities and maintenance manual work.

A typical day schedule, which will be modified according to the LIPU organizational needs and EVS specific interests, is as follows:

WINTER SEASON:

Monday:

h. 10.00 – h. 13.00: week activities planning

h. 16.00 – h. 18.30: networking and public relations with other local organizations

Tuesday:

h. 10.00 – 13.00: research and study on local bird migration

h. 16.30 – 19.30: organization and updating of the bibliographical and visual archive

Wednesday:

h. 10.00 – 15.00: promotion of the “Biviere di Gela” project and forthcoming public activities

Thursday:

h. 10.00 – 13.00: information service activities (brochures/ paper leaflets)

h. 15.00 – 18.00: “Biviere di Gela” project web site updating

Friday:

h. 10.00 – 13.00: outdoor work and maintenance

h. 15.00 – 18.00: accomplished work and activities evaluation

Saturday: day off

Sunday: day off

SUMMER SEASON:

Monday: day off

Tuesday:

h. 10.00 – 13.00: week activities planning

h. 16.00 – 18.30: public opinion awakening activities (schools, associations, parish churches, etc.)

Wednesday:

h. 10.00 – 13.00: filing of findings and material for the preparation of the Reserve Museum

h. 16.30 – 19.30: support of guided naturalistic tours in the reserve

Thursday:

h. 09.00 – 13.00: support of guided naturalistic tours in the reserve

Afternoon: free time

Friday:

h. 10.00 – 13.00: outdoor work and maintenance

h. 15.00 – 18.00: accomplished work and activities evaluation

Saturday:

10.00 – 12.00: week-end naturalistic tours planning

16.00 – 19.00: support for guided naturalistic tours in the reserve

Sunday:

09.00 – 12.00: support of guided naturalistic tours in the reserve

Afternoon: free time

Volunteers will not be responsible for the activities carried out. During the project flexibility will be pursued in order to enable the volunteers to follow their training activities. Volunteers will have the opportunity to give a great support to the project according to their own skills, abilities and knowledge.

Even though there haven't been in the past experiences with the European Voluntary Service nor the YOUTH PROGRAMME, the opportunity to host young volunteers will represent a very valuable recourse in order to extend the inter cultural dimension of the project and to involve local population in the activities with the support of foreign youngsters. In addition, thanks to the European Voluntary Service, the project will benefit of visibility and effectiveness and it would acquire a “multiplying effect” for local communities as their curiosity, participation and interest would be strengthened.

With respect to the learning opportunities for the EVS volunteer involved in the “Volunteers in Reserve” project, he/she will have the chance to acquire

knowledge and new skills regarding issues such as ecology and environment and fauna protection as well as promotion, awakening and informal education strategies and techniques directed to the local communities. Moreover the volunteers will have the opportunity to develop and put into practice their own innovative ideas and proposals for the start-up and organization of the Reserve Museum as well as the implementation of cultural events and international work camps.

In accordance with the remarks and guide lines of the YOUTH PROGRAMME, the volunteers will always carry out his/her service with the supervision, support and coordination of the operator in charge of the project (Emilio Giudizio). In addition there will be a tutor (Virginie Guillotin) that will support and follow the European volunteers for the EVS programme evaluation and assessment as well as ensuring the exchange and the resolution of possible drawbacks and critical situations. All the people working in the reserve, at LIPU and SCI-Italy (Sicily local group) are aware of the mission, objectives and meaning of the YOUTH PROGRAMME, as well as of the rights and responsibilities of the volunteer, host and sending organization.

The volunteer will work 6/7 hours per day from Tuesday to Friday. Sometimes it will be necessary to work on Sunday and as a consequence the volunteers will have another day off during the week. Christmas holiday are ensured and other two days off per month in agreement with the staff of the project. In any case the volunteer will not carry out any task as a substitute for paid employees nor will he/she support other projects financed by the EVS programme.

The volunteers will lodge in a double room in the apartment located in via Venezia 41(Gela) which LIPU provides as host organization for the present project of the YOUTH PROGRAMME. The building is composed by an upper floor where there is the apartment for the EVS volunteers and a small office on the lower floor. The monthly pocket money according to the European standards will be ensured. The volunteers will receive board for free and an Italian language course for foreigners, as well as the every day tutor's support. Regarding the activities to be carried out, the volunteers will work both in the city center where is the LIPU main office (via Venezia 41) and in the building in the reserve. LIPU will provide the volunteers with a means of transport for daily transfer.

Target Group

Youngsters with a basic school education are welcome. Previous experiences concerning interest in wildlife protection and safeguard, as well as computer literacy, are not necessary but could be considered an asset.

***** Balkan Sunflowers, Kosovo *****

Name: Community Activist Network

Location: Kosovo, Serbia

Work starts: 2007-05-01

Work ends: 2008-05-19

Application deadline: 2007-05-01

Decision date: 2007-05-01

Total number of volunteers 20

Project language: English

Short description: The Community Activists Network (CAN) is an SCI SAVA and Balkan Sunflowers project welcoming two groups of 10 EVS-supported volunteers to work primarily in Kosovo. Each group will volunteer for 9 months. There will also be one placement in Macedonia. here are ten different programs and partners. These programs include work with children, with Roma groups, with university political students, with a city arts and culture project, a women's organization, education, a film festival project, for example. So there are a variety of different kinds of opportunities. There is no application deadline - APPLICATIONS WILL BE DECIDED ON AS RECEIVED - SO BE QUICK!

Long description: The Community Activists Network (CAN) is an SCI SAVA and Balkan Sunflowers project welcoming two groups of 10 EVS-supported volunteers to work primarily in Kosovo. Each group will volunteer for 9 months. There will also be one placement in Macedonia. Volunteers will mostly live with a host family. Some will live in a city, others in villages. There are ten different programs and partners. These programs include work with children, with Roma groups, with university political students, with a city arts and culture project, a women's organization, education, a film festival project, for example. So there are a variety of different kinds of opportunities. Goals are both working with marginalized and disadvantaged groups and leveraging our work to achieve maximum impact. The project description is posted on the BSF website at www.balkansunflowers.org, in the What We Do section. SENDING PARTNERS Branches that agreed to be Partner Sending Organizations are: IAL Sweden, SCI Germany, SCI France, VIA Netherlands, SCI Hungary, OWA Poland, SCI Romania, CVS Bulgaria and Balkan Sunflowers Euskadi (Spain). If any of these branches do not send volunteers we can welcome volunteers from other SCI branches. We propose, that after 23 March we will start to accept volunteers from other branches if the original sending organizations have not yet found a volunteer Other branches are invited to also promote the project and not wait. There will almost certainly be spaces open. SCI International Secretariat is co-coordinating, providing particularly financial management and EU EVS relations. SCI SAVA Working Group is supporting participation, training, and project monitoring. Balkan Sunflowers is coordinating implementation and work with receiving organizations, including training, monitoring, hosting concerns, and volunteer support. VOLUNTEERS Of course, it is great to find people with relevant skills but also we want to encourage anyone interested to apply. The program will emphasize developing and using activist skills in all the different postings building participation, enthusiasm, commitment, etc. The old Youth Programme rules apply: we will accept ages 21-25. Stipend is 120, etc. TRAINING There will be a one-month on-arrival training program at the beginning of the project then 8 months on the project. The one-month program will include intensive language work. We intend to give all the volunteers enough of a foundation in a local language in that one month to get along at a basic level and continue learning and become comfortable using the language. The on-arrival program will also include modules to introduce many themes related to the project work: network building, community work, development perspectives, do no harm, volunteerism, etc. HOSTING ORGANIZATIONS and PROJECTS More information can be found at www.balkansunflowers.org in the What We Do section. ACTION Please get the word out now!! Contact mailing lists. Inform relevant centers (departments, work offices, etc.) at universities. Starting date: 1 May 2007!!

*** * * AVI Moldova * * ***

Theme of the project: Socially disadvantaged (homeless people, poverty etc.)
Name: Social cantina, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova
Location: Chisinau, Republic of Moldova
Work starts: 2007-10-01
Work ends: 2008-08-01
Application deadline: 2007-06-01
Decision date: 2007-06-15
Total number of volunteers 1
Project language: Russian
Short description: work with homeless and poor old people
Long description: Social cantina, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova. AVI SCI Germany applied as coordinating organisation for this multilateral EVS-project. SCI France, OWA Poland, KVT Finland, VSI Ireland CVS Bulgaria and SCI Germany have been applying as sending organisations and their applicants will get first priority. However, the other branches can feel free to send applications as well. Application deadline: 1. June 2007 Project: The volunteer will be involved in a social project of AVI , a Social Center for Old Lonely People, whose target group is mainly elderly people. The cantina provides every day around 100 homeless and poor people with a hot lunch. It is part of a catholic social center, but this doesn't mean any religious restrictions for the volunteer. Work: The main work will consist of helping in the Cantina. 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). Every month the people coming to Cantina are changing and usually from the start of the month we need to organise welcome games of getting to know each other and a few workshops on communication. There is an established general program for each day but it is quite flexible. The program of the Daily Center is as follows: Day time Programm Monday 11.00 - 12.00 Hot lunch 12.45 – 15.00 Diverse activities (knitting, waiving, chess, checkers, puzzle, domino, interactive communication games) Tuesday 11.00 - 12.00 Hot lunch 12.45 – 15.00 Cultural activities (songs, music, discussions) Wednesday 11.00 - 12.00 Hot lunch 12.45 – 15.00 Movie watching Thursday 11.00 - 12.00 Hot lunch 12.45 – 15.00 Dances Friday 11.00 - 12.00 Hot lunch 12.45 – 15.00 Diverse activities (knitting, waiving, chess, checkers, puzzle, domino, interactive communication games) Saturday 11.00 - 12.00 Hot lunch Sunday The volunteer will support the organization of various other activities such as celebrating Old People Day (1st of October), Christmas Day, Mother's Day and many other similar events. Usually different useful lessons are run for these people especially about health and traditional medicines where the volunteer can also help according to their interest. Also, the volunteer is invited to do English classes for kids from social disadvantaged families, aged between 8 & 12 yeas old. They are taking part in "After School"-project of the same Social Centre. The activities of the "After School"-project begin at 03.00 in the afternoon so the volunteer can easily fit into both programs. Furthermore there is the possibility to organise own projects at AVI, the SCI group in Moldova (workcamps, language courses etc.). 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. Sometimes they can be too insistent and therefore the volunteer should have good communication skills. The volunteer should be open minded, ready to work in a team with other AVI volunteers, and be ready to think and feel free to implement new methods in the work with these people and their families – as the center is working only from 2002 and for Moldova it is a new experience, there are many opportunities to introduce his or her ideas. Age limit: 18-30 EVS project Period: 10 months from October 2007 Number of volunteers: 1 Project language: Russian, Romanian local language: Romanian, Russian Food: covered by EVS (lunch in the Cantina) Accommodation: separate room in a guest family or in an apartment/ dormitory, it depends on the interests of the volunteer. Criterias for the accomodation are: own room, a (shared or an own) kitchen and bathroom and access to a telephone. Language training: Romanian classes Insurance: AXA - covered by EVS Pocket money: 80 Euro per month Estimated next opening (after this vacancy): October 2008 Other: SCI Germany is coordinating the EVS exchange, so please send your applications there. Application deadline: 1. June 2007

Theme of the project: Children, teenagers, elderly people

Name: Centre for children, Edinet, Republic of Moldova

Location: Edinet, Republic of Moldova

Work starts: 2007-10-01

Work ends: 2008-08-01

Application deadline: 2007-06-01

Decision date: 2007-06-15

Total number of volunteers 1

Short description: work with socially disadvantages and disabled children in rural Moldova

Long description: “Centre for children”, Edinet, Republic of Moldova. AVI SCI Germany applied as coordinating organisation for this multilateral EVS-project. SCI France, OWA Poland, KVT Finland, VSI Ireland CVS Bulgaria and SCI Germany have been applying as sending organisations and their applicants will get first priority. However, the other branches can feel free to send applications as well. Application deadline: 1. June 2007 Project: The EVS-volunteer will work in the “Center for Children” in Edinet. This is a daycare center visited by about 20 children every day, many of them are disable and do not have the possibility to go to school. In the center, they have the possibility to communicate, learn, do creative activities and be together with other children. The center was founded in 2004 with the support of a Swiss governmental organization that kept the center running for one year, but had to stop its daily work after this due to the lack of money to employ an educator. Now the center could reassume its work based on donations and was able to employ two educators. The project takes place in a very rural area. Work: The volunteer will work with socially disadvantaged and disabled children in rural Moldova. S/he will support the staff and other volunteers of the project. The objective is to have a reliable international volunteer who can help take care of the children, organize different activities with them and helping with practical tasks in the center. Due to the lack of possibilities of intercultural exchange, it would be a very special experience for the children to have somebody coming from a very different culture, bringing new games, ideas and experiences. Apart from working in the center, the volunteer will also engage in visiting sick children at home, who are isolated from society and help to organize transport for the children to the

center. Depending on the volunteer's interest, he/she can offer local children the possibility of using foreign languages, as well as further expand structures of voluntary work within local youth. Also, the volunteer would be a great support helping with his experiences in technical problems of the organization. To sum up, through his/her work the volunteer will support the staff of the center and help to ensure that each child will be given sufficient attention

Requirements: Motivation to get closely in touch with the difficult living situation and with the social problems of poverty in rural areas, especially with the situation of disabled children and youth in Moldova, who are often hidden from public. The volunteer should be open minded, ready to adapt to the very poor circumstances and an overwhelming hospitality. Also he/she should be aware that the centre is situated in a small town ca. 5 hours from the capital, and he will probably be the only foreigner in the place. He/she should be ready to work independently, to think and feel free to implement new methods in the work with these people and their families. As the centre is young and for Moldova it is a new experience, there are many opportunities to introduce his or her ideas. Age limit: 18-30 EVS project Period: 10 months from October 2007 Number of volunteers: 1 Project language: Russian, Romanian local language: Romanian, Russian Food: covered by EVS Accommodation: separate room in a guest family or in an apartment/ dormitory, it depends on the interests of the volunteer. Criteria for the accommodation are: own room, a (shared or an own) kitchen and bathroom and access to a telephone. Language training: Romanian classes with a private teacher Insurance: AXA - covered by EVS Pocket money: 80 Euro per month Estimated next opening (after this vacancy): October 2008 Other: SCI Germany is coordinating the EVS exchange, so please send your applications there. Application deadline: 1. June 2007

Theme of the project: Environment

Name: "Recycling school", Chisinau, Republic of Moldova. AVI

Location: Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

Work starts: 2007-10-01

Work ends: 2008-08-01

Application deadline: 2007-06-01

Decision date: 2007-06-15

Total number of volunteers 1

Short description: ecological project with pupils from 14 to 17

Long description: "Recycling school", Chisinau, Republic of Moldova. AVI SCI Germany applied as coordinating organisation for this multilateral EVS-project. SCI France, OWA Poland, KVT Finland, VSI Ireland CVS Bulgaria and SCI Germany have been applying as sending organisations and their applicants will get first priority. However, the other branches can feel free to send applications as well. Application deadline: 1. June 2007 Project: The volunteer will be involved in an ecological project of AVI whose target group is youth (especially pupils aged between 14 – 17 years). The aims of the project are to prepare young people to become trainers in environmental issues, inform pupils about the importance of reusing and recycling garbage and place trash-bins in participating schools. The project started in August 2006 with the preparation trainings for 12 national volunteers. Work: The main task of the EVS volunteer will be to support a group of motivated and prepared volunteers, plan together with them the content of lessons in order to teach it to pupils. The volunteer can bring new methods which are used in his country of origin in order to share the

experience with the local volunteers and to put in practice in a country where the recycling does not exist at all at the family or home level, also in the school program. He/she will have join the regular meetings and teach in schools the course which s/he will prepare together with local volunteers. The project is planed to start together with the school year, which means from 1st of October during ten months. The first month is scheduled for the preparation work, setting up the program, agreeing with the schools on time and place, preparing all info materials, additional, if necessary, meeting with local volunteers. Requirements: The volunteer should be motivated and interested in the topic of recycling and it's importance for the entire world. He/she should be aware of environment values and wish to help in respect them. Skills of teaching and abilities to communicate with young people (pupils), will be helpful, aptitudes like leadership, group working and coordination will lead to a good result of the project. The volunteer should enjoy to work with enthusiasm, imagination and independency. Age limit: 18-30 EVS project Period: 10 months from October 2007 Number of volunteers: 1 Project language: Russian, Romanian local language: Romanian, Russian Food: covered by EVS (lunch in the Cantina) Accommodation: separate room in a guest family or in an apartment/ dormitory, it depends on the interests of the volunteer. Criterias for the accomodation are: own room, a (shared or an own) kitchen and bathroom and access to a telephone. Language training: Romanian classes Insurance: AXA - covered by EVS Pocket money: 80 Euro per month Estimated next opening (after this vacancy): October 2008 Other: SCI Germany is coordinating the EVS exchange, so please send your applications there. Application deadline: 1. June 2007

*** * * SVIT Ukraine * * ***

Name: Promotion of volunteering, Ukraine.

Location: Artemovsk, Ukraine

Work starts: 2007-10-01

Work ends: 2008-08-01

Application deadline: 2007-06-01

Decision date: 2007-06-15

Total number of volunteers 1

Project language: Ukrainian

Local language: Ukrainian

Short description: Promoting of volunteering in Ukraine

Long description: Promotion of volunteering, Ukraine. SVIT SCI Germany applied as coordinating organisation for this multilateral EVS-project. SCI France, OWA Poland, KVT Finland, VSI Ireland CVS Bulgaria and SCI Germany have been applying as sending organisations and their applicants will get first priority. However, the other branches can feel free to send applications as well. Application deadline: 1. June 2007 Project: SVIT working group on volunteering is organizing local and international volunteer projects in south-eastern Ukraine since 2001, both short and long term, in cooperation with other NGOs and institutions; as well as seminars and training activities on the issues of volunteer work and other related topics. SVIT issues publications and news materials on volunteering and other topics related to its activities. The development of volunteer activities and their promotion among young people receive a lot of attention, as volunteering is still associated with communist

“subtonics”, but provides possibilities for personal growth, active citizens position, and create practical examples how local problems can be solved with good will and a hand willing to work. Work: The goal of the project is to promote volunteering and youth activism, provide possibilities for young people to be involved in volunteer activities, and improve cooperation and networking among NGOs and other institutions. The project is realized jointly by the volunteers and activists of SVIT, and local partners. Activities include assistance with ongoing projects of SVIT – international volunteer workcamps, seminars and trainings, development and preparation of information materials, newsletter and support of web-site. The volunteer will also have possibility to contribute and participate to training events, develop own volunteer activities with support of other SVIT activists. Volunteer tasks in more detail: - Assistance with organization of training activities, meetings and seminars on volunteering, human rights education, environmental and social issues, communication with participants prior the activity, participation to them – 15% of time - Meetings with SVIT activists, project partners and campleaders, planning workcamps and programs, preparing materials for study part and evaluation of the projects – 15% of time - Collecting applications of volunteers applying to participate to workcamps organized by SVIT, providing them with necessary information about the projects, invitations for visa, if necessary; preparing information on volunteers for campleaders and partners in Ukraine – 15% of time Meetings with young people and local NGOs, organization of volunteer actions (environmental, human rights, with local community, for socially disadvantaged people etc.) – 15% of time - Meetings with young people interested in volunteering to promote long-term voluntary service and especially EVS, visits to potential project partners interested to host long-term and EVS volunteers, further communication with them to develop EVS projects – 10% of time - Assistance with preparation and participation to short study visits on volunteering – 10% of time. - Preparing materials on volunteering for the web-site, contributing to electronic newsletter – 15%. - Office work – 5%. The volunteer will have opportunity both to participate to the seminars, meetings and training events, and be involved in their preparation. Age limit: 18-30 EVS project Period: 10 months from October 2007 Number of volunteers: 1 Project & local language: Ukrainian, Russian, English Food: covered by EVS Accommodation: apartment or a host family Language training: covered by EVS Insurance: AXA - covered by EVS Pocket money: 80 Euro per month Estimated next opening (after this vacancy): October 2008 Other: SCI Germany is coordinating the EVS exchange, so please send your applications there. Application deadline: 1. June 2007

Theme of the project: Environment
Name: Eco-school, Artemovsk, Ukraine.
Location: Artemovsk, Ukraine
Work starts: 2007-10-01
Work ends: 2008-08-01
Application deadline: 2007-06-01
Decision date: 2007-06-15
Total number of volunteers 1
Project language: Ukrainian
Local language: Ukrainian
Short description: environmental education

Long description: Eco-school, Artemovsk, Ukraine. SVIT SCI Germany applied as coordinating organisation for this multilateral EVS-project. SCI France, OWA Poland, KVT Finland, VSI Ireland CVS Bulgaria and SCI Germany have been applying as sending organisations and their applicants will get first priority. However, the other branches can feel free to send applications as well. Application deadline: 1. June 2007 Project: The project of Eco-school is realized in Bakhmat since 1999, when it was first proposed by U.S. Peace Corps volunteer. The project is a part of ongoing activities of Bakhmat. 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. Work: Eco-school 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 3 months; working languages are English and Russian. The whole EVS project will consist of several phases: promotion and selection of participants of the eco-school, the eco-school itself, and evaluation. The whole duration of one phase is 3-4 months, thus each phase repeated 3 times throughout the project. The project is executed jointly by teachers of several schools and volunteers of Bakhmat. Volunteer tasks in more detail: 1. Preparing information materials for sessions of Eco-School, using already available materials of previous eco-school and our library on environmental education as foundation. Online research for materials on environmental education and examples of practical activities. This work will be completed together with Ukrainian volunteers – 15% of time. 2. Participating in sessions of eco-school (15%) 3. Organizing and running practical outside actions (as cleanups and basic research activities), organizing sessions on volunteering and leadership. Helping in organizing the Eco-school, technical support – (30%). 4. Meetings with teachers and Bakhmat activists, planning the Eco-school and its program, evaluation, planning of follow-up activities for those groups which have completed the course – 5%. 5. Work with data-base library on environmental education and other environmental issues (completing the data-base and library of printed materials, electronic directories, promoting it among young users) – 10%. 6. Visiting schools which are willing to take part in the Eco-school, promoting the activity among school-children. PR work, preparing articles for electronic newsletter of Bakhmat and web-site– 15%. 7. Office work – 10%. A week will include 30 working hours. A volunteer will have two days off per week, and settled number of holidays. Additionally, national state holidays will be free. The volunteer will be working as part of the project team, closely together with other activists of Bakhmat. Requirements: The following criteria will be applied for recruitment and selection of the volunteer: - Motivation to contribute to the project and be involved in environmental issues in Ukraine - Good knowledge of English language - Previous voluntary experience (like workcamps) - Willingness to work with young people between 14 and 20 and experience in this field - Experiences in group- and campleading (education like training for campleaders) - Basic knowledge of environmental issues and willingness to learn more (desirable, but not obligatory) - Basic Russian (optional), willingness to learn Russian during the project - Ability to work independently (with support

and reflection with the mentor) Age limit: 18-30 EVS project Period: 10 months from October 2007 Number of volunteers: 1 Project & local language: Ukrainian, Russian, English Food: covered by EVS Accommodation: apartment or a host family Language training: covered by EVS Insurance: AXA - covered by EVS Pocket money: 80 Euro per month Estimated next opening (after this vacancy): October 2008 Other: SCI Germany is coordinating the EVS exchange, so please send your applications there. Application deadline: 1. June 2007

Theme of the project: Disabilities

Name: Boarding school for mentally disabled children, Paraskoveyevka, Ukraine

Location: Paraskoveyevka near Artemovsk, Ukraine

Work starts: 2007-10-01

Work ends: 2008-08-01

Application deadline: 2007-06-01

Decision date: 2007-06-15

Total number of volunteers 1

Project language: Ukrainian

Local language: Ukrainian

Short description: work with disabled children

Long description: Boarding school for mentally disabled children, Paraskoveyevka, Ukraine. SVIT SCI Germany applied as coordinating organisation for this multilateral EVS-project. SCI France, OWA Poland, KVT Finland, VSI Ireland CVS Bulgaria and SCI Germany have been applying as sending organisations and their applicants will get first priority. However, the other branches can feel free to send applications as well. Application deadline: 1. June 2007 Project: The boarding school for mentally disabled children is located in Paraskoveyevka village, 5 kilometers away from Artemovsk. There are about 150 children in the boarding school aged 7-16 years old, among them 15 orphans. The children stay at the boarding school during the whole year and have a special educational program which is focused on professional education in handicrafts, specifically agricultural, carpenter and seamstress. Most of the children are coming from rural areas and also from socially disadvantaged background: families with alcohol problems, children from the street. The goal of the project is to improve the social care at the boarding school by providing interactive activities with intercultural components, sport activities etc. The boarding school has hosted several international volunteer workcamps, where part of the project was activities with children. Communication and joint activities of children and international volunteers proved to be positive for both sides and contributed greatly to the improvement of the children's social communication. New interactive games organized by volunteers and intercultural communication also proved to be positive for the social development and the learning of the children. This became a motivation to have longer activities of such kind, and to host a long-term volunteer. Work: The volunteer will be working together with staff members of the boarding school, joining educational classes, organizing and running free-time activities with children. Volunteer tasks: - Prepare jointly with teachers educational and free-time activities for the children (sport games, indoor games and activities, handicrafts, drawing, garden work, rhythm and basic music, self-exploring activities) – 15% of time - Run educational and free-time activities with children

– 30% of time - Assist teachers of the boarding school with social-domestic training, professional training and sport classes – 20% of time - Prepare and run excursions for children – 5% of time - Join and assist with organization of ongoing activities with local volunteers and children – 10% of time - Development of personal project of the volunteer jointly with children and boarding school (examples could be: a mini-zoo in the boarding school, professional training, international volunteer workcamp, creative art/deco activities to visually improve the empty corridors of the school). Working hours will be from 9.30 till 17.00, the schedule can be flexible, as the group of orphans stays at the boarding school also during the weekends. A week will include 30 working hours. A volunteer will have two days off per week, and a fixed number of holidays. Additionally, national state holidays will be free. The volunteer will have an opportunity to work together with a local group of volunteers who come to the boarding school to play with children, have common sport games, excursions etc. As international volunteer workcamps are organized in the boarding school and there is also space for other smaller activities and projects, the volunteer will have an opportunity to join. Requirements: Motivation to contribute to the project and be involved in volunteer issues in Ukraine, ability to work independently and as part of a team, interested to work with children, patience, good knowledge of English, basic knowledge of Russian is desirable, but not obligatory as there are several activists with very good English who will be working with the volunteers throughout the project. Some previous experience in this field is an advantage, or some self-learning prior the project begin would be helpful, but it is not a must. Age limit: 18-30 EVS project Period: 10 months from October 2007 Number of volunteers: 1 Project language: Russian, English local language: Russian Food: covered by EVS Accommodation: apartment or a host family Language training: covered by EVS Insurance: AXA - covered by EVS Pocket money: 80 Euro per month Estimated next opening (after this vacancy): October 2008 Other: SCI Germany is coordinating the EVS exchange, so please send your applications there. Application deadline: 1. June 2007

***** SFERA Russia *****

Theme of the project: Disabilities

Name: "Veras", Russia

Location: Nishni Novgorod, Russia

Work starts: 2007-10-01

Work ends: 2008-08-01

Application deadline: 2007-06-01

Decision date: 2007-06-15

Total number of volunteers 1

Project language: Russian

Local language: Russian

Short description: Working in a center for disabled children

Long description: "Veras" rehabilitation centre of assistance to children and teenagers with disabilities, Nizhny Novgorod, Russia. SFERA SCI Germany applied as coordinating organisation for this multilateral EVS-project. SCI France, OWA Poland, KVT Finland, VSI Ireland CVS Bulgaria and SCI Germany have been applying as sending organisations and their applicants will get first priority. However, the other branches can feel free to send applications

as well. Project: "Veras" was founded in the year 2000. The main aim of the organization is the creation of equal opportunities for children & young people with peculiarities in their development so that they will be able to participate in social life, their rehabilitation & integration into society. It is a daycare centre where each day a constant group of children comes - around 15 participants. There are more than 40 children who come to individual meetings to different specialists during a week. Work: concrete tasks for volunteer 5 general direction of work can be recognized: 1) Support activities which aim at developing elementary life skills for the children's future life: counting, cooking, cleaning, ironing etc. 2) Activities to develop the emotional world of children – music workshops, body theatre, drawing, excursions etc. 3) Activities which involve young not-disabled people to communicate with the project's target group – common celebrates, common voluntary work, walking, sport festivals etc. 4) The activities develop mental abilities of children – using developmental games (from Italian, German and Russian pedagogical system), making school homework together with children etc. 5) The activities aim social inclusion of 3-6 children who can not leave home because of physical reasons – individual supervising The volunteer will always be supported and trained by professional staff working in the institution such as a psychologist, a speech therapist, pedagogues, educators or tutors and social workers. When the volunteer already feels safe and feels like offering his/her own program, he/she is free to do that and will have the support of the other specialists who will help to evaluate aims and progress of the volunteer's project. The foreign volunteer can for example offer a workshop where the children and young people produce something (of wood, paper, textile...). Or he/she can for example offer music lessons, theatre workshops or some sports – depending on his/her skills and interests. Working as a social worker; this would mean work not only with children, but also with the families concerned. The volunteer can visit the families at home, organize leisure time activities for the families and help to create contacts between the families involved in the program (organizing meetings of the parents,...). There are also being organized seminars for the parents where he/she can help. Documentation/PR: Generally, there is also the possibility to help with the documentation of the project (Photos, video, small reports...) and with PR-work – if the volunteer is willing to do that, office work will surely not be an obligatory part of the volunteer's work. There are planned to be campaigns to raise public attention to disabled people. This work would probably mean much cooperation with young Russian volunteers who are also going to work at the center. The volunteer will have the opportunity to have a look at all the different activities during the first two weeks, then he/she can choose the fields which are especially interesting to him/her. Working time: Monday-Friday; free days: Saturday, Sunday, Holidays: 20 days Two afternoons can be used for meeting different children and their families, who cannot come to the centre, at home. Requirements: The volunteers should be motivated and show interest in social work. They should be committed to work with disabled children and youngsters considering their peculiarities and specifics. It would be good if the volunteer had some experience of working with disabled children, studied or made some researches in this field. Basic skills of Russian language are necessary, since the volunteers are supposed to communicate with the children and establish good contact with them. However, they will be certainly helped and supported by the staff. Age limit: 18-30 EVS project Period: 10 months from October 2007 Number of volunteers: 1 Project language: Russian local language: Russian Food: EVS Accommodation: in a separate room in a

guest family or in an apartment. It depends on the interests of the volunteer. Criteria for the accommodation are: own room, a (shared or an own) kitchen and bathroom Insurance: AXA - covered by EVS Pocket money: 90 Euro per month Estimated next opening (after this vacancy): October 2008 Other: SCI Germany is coordinating the EVS exchange, so please send your applications there. Application deadline: 1. June 2007

Theme of the project: Disabilities

Name: "Preodolenie" center, Russia

Location: Nishni Novgorod, Russia

Work starts: 2007-10-01

Work ends: 2008-08-01

Application deadline: 2007-06-01

Decision date: 2007-06-15

Total number of volunteers 1

Project language: Russian

Local language: Russian

Short description: Work in a center for disabled youth

Long description: "Preodolенье" rehabilitation centre for children and young people with disabilities, Nizhny Novgorod, Russia SCI Germany applied as coordinating organisation for this multilateral EVS-project. SCI France, OWA Poland, KVT Finland, VSI Ireland CVS Bulgaria and SCI Germany have been applying as sending organisations and their applicants will get first priority. However, the other branches can feel free to send applications as well. Project: In September 1999 the association Preodolенье started a long-term program to introduce Montessori methods for mental development of handicapped children, especially mentally retarded children with learning difficulties, since 2004 also for children with autism. This project is supported with EVS volunteers since the year 2001. With this support Preodolенье Association is promoting volunteer work and also act as a model for Russian society in how to work innovatively with disabled children. Additionally, this project demonstrates to local authorities that lots can be initiated and done by volunteers for the improvement of our society. "Preodolenie" centre for children and young people with disabilities is known in Nizhny Novgorod as a centre where parents can bring their children for social and psychological rehabilitation, health care, make preparation for future professions, some workshops during which they develop childrens creativity and talents. The quantity of regular visitors is around 10-15 participants (group age is from 18 till 30) and more than 300 in the data-base which visit the events of the centre from time to time. The children have various difficulties (motoric handicaps, underdevelopment). Their development level ranges from 3 years old (majority of the boys) and 13 years old (majority of the girls). The young people are used to foreign volunteers and can easily cope with the language situation, are very open-minded and friendly. Work: There are several types of work the volunteer can do. During the first week the volunteer will be able to choose and decide which activities s/he would like to focus on more. Teaching: The volunteer will lead a workshop (development group) for mentally retarded children aged 10-25, doing handicrafts as little toys, drawing, painting, knitting, pottery etc. in Montessori conception. For this the volunteer will be constantly guided and supported by the coordinating organisation and the specialist. As another option the volunteer can teach English to children and teenagers. Skills in teaching are recommended, but not necessary. Managing:

The volunteer can help to arrange leisure time activities for the children together with their parents and the staff and actively participate in preparing and arranging different events during several holidays, e.g. theatre and cinema visits, picnics, walks, birthdays, other feasts. This option is very necessary to ensure the social integration of handicapped children and simply allows the children to enjoy and experience something special. Also, such activities help the volunteer to create a closer contact and relationship to the children. A volunteer also will be asked to develop the program and schedule of Montessori methods, to collect the information and experience of other organizations in this particular field so the information will be shared with other Centres (if the volunteer is eager to work in this sphere). Visiting children who are not able to come to the Centre due to a high level of physical and mental disability. The volunteer will organize the same activities for them as in the centre. S/he can play games, tell about her/his own country, create contact with other children or teach writing and simple mathematics etc. The volunteers will have the possibility to get work-experience in social work with disabled children and in Montessori methods during the EVS. Working time per week will be 30 hours. S/he has two free days a week and 21 days of holidays. All the activities will be organized by non-formal education way. The activity will start in September, 1st 2007 and will last 10 months. Requirements: The volunteers should be motivated and show interest in social work. They should be committed to work with disabled children and youngsters considering their peculiarities and specifics. It would be good if the volunteer had some experience of working with disabled children, studied or made some researches in this field. Basic skills of Russian language are necessary, since the volunteers are supposed to communicate with the children and establish good contact with them. However, they will be certainly helped and supported by the staff. The volunteer should like handicrafts like painting, knitting, sewing and different kind of arts (singing, playing instruments) because s/he will organize such activities Age limit: 18-30 Period: 10 months from October 2007 Number of volunteers: 1 Project language: Russian local language: Russian Food: EVS covered Accommodation: in a separate room in a guest family or in an apartment. It depends on the interests of the volunteer. Criterias for the accommodation are: own room, a (shared or an own) kitchen and bathroom Insurance: AXA - covered by EVS Pocket money: 90 Euro per month Estimated next opening (after this vacancy): October 2008 Other: SCI Germany is coordinating the EVS exchange, so please send your applications there. Application deadline: 1. June 2007

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Theme of the project: Disabilities
Name: Orphanage "Malyshok", Ulan Ude, Siberia, Russia
Location: Ulan Ude, Russia
Work starts: 2007-10-01
Work ends: 2008-08-01
Application deadline: 2007-06-01
Decision date: 2007-06-15
Total number of volunteers 1
Project language: Russian
Local language: Russian

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