

# EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS

*ENERGY CREATIVITY SOLIDARITY*

BECOME AN INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER WITH US IN ŁÓDŹ, POLAND!

FROM APRIL 2022 TO DECEMBER 2022



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SOLIDARITY  
CORPS**



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Join our educational ESC project and volunteer in a Polish library, kindergarten or primary school.





WOULD YOU LIKE TO EXPERIENCE A  
UNIQUE ADVENTURE?

CHANGE YOUR LIFE FOR THE BETTER?

OR MAYBE YOU ARE WONDERING  
WHAT YOUR NEXT STEP IN LIFE WILL  
BE?



## EXPERIENCE A VOLUNTEERING WITH US!

- If you are 18 to 30 years old from EU countries, the Balkans or Eastern Europe
- available for 11 months, starting between April and December
- interested in educational work with various groups, especially children,
- you can communicate at least at a basic level of English
- you're open-minded and willing to live and work in a very diverse environment
- you're ready to work 30 hours weekly
- you can handle challenges and changes

# KINDERGARTEN

## Target group:

- Children from 3 to 6 years old

## Tasks:

- Teaching your own language or/and English
- Making presentation about your culture
- Playing with kids
- Going to cultural events with your group (such as to theatre, cinema, performance)
- Supporting the teacher in their work (helping with crafts, to decorate the classroom, to teach dances and songs to the children)
- Chance to make your own workshops (cooking, arts and crafts, dance)

## Teamwork/alone

- High probability to be the only volunteer with your group of children
- Collaboration with the teacher
- Opportunity to work with other volunteers from your kindergarten

## Support

Support from the teacher, for example they will help you to:

- communicate with the kids
- make presentations and translate if necessary
- come up with ideas for workshops
- general support

# LIBRARY

## Target group:

- Seniors/Children/General public

## Tasks:

- conducting lessons or conversations in English and/or your native language
- offering workshops with target group (sometimes they will be given to you, sometimes you can choose)
- presentations about different topics (most likely your native country)
- working front office and back office library work (supportive administrative work)
- cooperation with other institutes
- creating social media content
- implementing own ideas

## Teamwork/alone

- you will work on some tasks on your own, but you will mostly work with another volunteer

## Support

- your colleagues and work coordinator may or may not speak good english, so get ready to be a part of an intercultural experience!
- the library system in lodz is based on many small libraries that serve the purpose of social meeting points as well
- the volunteers will be spread among 4 libraries over the city

# PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Target group:

- Kids between 6-14 years old

## Tasks:

- In the afternoons there are lessons attended by small groups of kids, in those lessons the volunteer can lead presentations or have workshops (on teacher suggestion/request, or self initiative).
- There is a class of "free time" where kids spend time before parents take them home or between lessons, the volunteer can be asked to organize or supervise some of their activities.
- The volunteer can be asked to accompany teachers and kids in extracurricular activities (swimming pool, sport tournament, movie, ice skating)
- The volunteer can propose extracurricular activities (cooking workshops, to collaborate with volunteers working in libraries)

## Teamwork/alone

- You will be the only volunteer, but you can organize work with other volunteers, in the school, in the hosting organisations office or in their working places.

## Support

- Support will be provided by a teacher who acts as a work coordinator and he can arrange work for the volunteer with other teachers as well. Many teachers do not speak english but the volunteer will only be expected to work with the ones which are able to.



- you will share life and work experiences with almost 20 people from many European countries
- you will get support from the organization with: a room in a flat shared with other volunteers, food money, pocket money, insurance (health care), public transportation tickets, work training
- you will live in the 3rd largest Polish city - Łódź (central Poland, close to the capital city Warsaw)
- chance to work in a professional and experienced environment
- we'll give you space and support to put forward your own ideas
- in our city, you will experience financial and decisional independence

# WHAT YOU CAN LEARN?

- you will improve your intercultural awareness and you will learn how to interact with diverse groups
- you will improve your English and learn Polish
- you will be organizing and holding activities, workshops and presentations for kids, adults and seniors



# WHAT YOU CAN DEVELOP?



- CREATIVITY, SELF ESTEEM, EMPATHIC COMMUNICATION AND UNDERSTANDING PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS, CULTURES, AGES
- YOUR HOBBIES – YOU WILL HAVE PLENTY OF FREE TIME TO INVEST IN THEM, AND WE WILL SUPPORT YOU IN THIS
- MAKE POLISH PEOPLE MORE AWARE OF YOUR CULTURE AND LANGUAGE



**JOIN US!**

**THIS EXPERIENCE WILL ALLOW  
YOU TO ESTABLISH STRONG INTERCULTURAL AND  
INTERGENERATIONAL CONNECTIONS**