



## **INFO PACK**

EMBARK ON AN ENRICHING JOURNEY OF GROWTH, LEARNING,
AND IMPACT WITH OUR YOUTH VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES IN EUROPE
WITH ESC. THIS COMPREHENSIVE INFOPACK IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE YOU
WITH EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE EXCITING WORLD OF
VOLUNTEERING. WHETHER YOU'RE PASSIONATE ABOUT MAKING A
DIFFERENCE, EXPLORING NEW COUNTRIES AND CULTURES, OR GAINING
VALUABLE SKILLS, OUR PROGRAMS OFFER AN UNPARALLELED OPPORTUNITY
TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT WHILE EXPERIENCING THE WORLD.















#### coordinates volunteering projects at 3 locations



Public Libraries



Kindergartens in Lodz



Primary schools within and around Lodz (including Forest schools)

In all the organizations volunteers will work 30-35 hours per week.

To gain a better understanding of the responsibilities of each organization, please continue reading, where you'll find answers to all your questions. In the application form, you can indicate your preference for the organization











# **Volunteering in Kindergartens**

Volunteers who choose to work in kindergartens should possess a genuine love for children and patience, as they will be interacting with kids as young as 3 years and older. These children don't understand English, they may even have not fully developed verbal communication, so it's crucial for volunteers to approach them with patience, understanding, love, and support. It's important to note that volunteers will not be working alone; they will always be accompanied by teachers. The primary role of volunteers will be to assist teachers, but they will also have opportunities to organize their own workshops with teacher support. Activities may include playing on the carpet, engaging in outdoor activities, arts and crafts, or simply spending time with the children. If you choose to volunteer in a kindergarten setting, these are important aspects to consider.









# **Volunteering in Public Libraries**

If you're a book lover who enjoys being surrounded by books, then volunteering in a library might be the perfect workplace for you. While some may think libraries are primarily for borrowing books and may find them a bit boring, that's not the case in Lodz. Here, libraries are vibrant hubs for people of all ages, from children to seniors.

In Lodz spending time in libraries is a common thing, with a wide range of events, workshops, reading and conversational clubs, and presentations regularly organized. As a volunteer, you'll have the opportunity to unleash your creativity by organizing activities for various age groups. Additionally, you may assist library staff with their everyday operations.

Does this sound interesting to you? Don't miss your chance to be part of the vibrant library community in Lodz.











### **Volunteering in Primary or Forest Schools**

Another unique volunteering opportunity is available in Primary or Forest schools, both within and around the city. Volunteers in these organizations will engage with children aged 5 years and older. Their main responsibilities include assisting teachers, teaching English to children, organizing various outdoor and indoor activities, and facilitating developmental games. Additionally, volunteers have the opportunity to create and lead their own workshops.

For Forest schools, it's important to note that outdoor activities may take precedence over indoor activities in the natural environment. Volunteers in Forest schools can also experience different environments unique to these alternative schools, where their skills can be further developed and utilized.



#### Here's a bit more information about this program

- -- all volunteers, regardless of their placement, will have opportunities to participate in workshops for their own personal and professional development.
- -- Project is carried out in accordance with the ESC programme rules and guide.
- -- Volunteers will share their life and work experience with more than
   15 people from different countries.
- You will get support from the organization with a double room in a flat shared with other volunteers, food money, pocket money, insurance (health care), public transport tickets, work training.
- -- You will live in the 3rd largest polish city Łódź (central Poland, close to the capital city) and will get 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.
- If our offer is interesting to you, then fill in and send us your full application, which you can find along with this infopack in the attachments.

Get ready to discover the endless possibilities that await you as a youth volunteer in Europe. Let's embark on this transformative journey together!