

ABOUT ACT

Association Communities for Youth is a NGO acting in City of Bailesti South West Oltenia region of Romania. ACT mission is to develop, implement and support youth development programs built around the concepts of lifelong learning, mobility and associativity. ACT works to empower young people to participate actively in society to improve their own lives. The aim of this empowerment is to establish a wide-based community movement which encourages the positive involvement of young people in solving issues which affect them, treating them as resources, not as problems.

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Open Call for the Youth Opportunities Upgrade - YOU - group EVS project

Through this **Open Call** the organization Association Communities for Youth - **ACT** is looking for **Volunteers** for the **YOU** project

Type of project: Mobility for youth – **European Voluntary Service**

Venue: City of Craiova, **Dolj county**, South West part of **Romania**

EVS Stage Duration: **01-September-2017 – 01-March-2018**

How many volunteers: **5 volunteers** in total coming from Italy, Spain and Turkey.

Profile of the Volunteer we seek:

- Aged between **18 to 30 years**
- The volunteers who apply for this project need to **like and be willing to work with youth** for 6 months.
- **active, open-minded, creative, innovative, responsible and motivated volunteers**
- The volunteers of this project should, above all else, show willingness to **learn** and see their **EVS experience** as a **learning process**.
- **Basic level of English** (being able to make herself/himself understood by the others – able to communicate).

TL;DR - This is a long read, here is the shortest possible version:

You will be a volunteer and work with youth for 6 months in Craiova, Romania.

All expenses are covered by us and you will learn a lot and have lots of fun.

What will I DO in the YOU project?

The project is set to be implemented in 5 high schools in Craiova implementing 5 youth development programmes for 150 youngsters (aged between 14 and 18 years) with the help of 5 volunteers split resulting in increased knowledge, skills and competences for the target group and volunteers.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE

Provide opportunities for the personal and professional development of volunteers and target group using volunteering and non-formal education by implementing activities that integrate positive youth development principles into the formal education system and to promote an increased volunteering awareness

The project is structured in 3 main phases:

A1: Preparation - which will take place in the first 2 months of the project in which ACT organizes and prepares the project implementation team, coordinate the pre-departure training; identify and select the volunteers ; prepare & training mentors ; settle details with local partners.

A2. Positive youth development through non-formal education and widening volunteering engagement programme: This project activity will be the core of the project and consists of a 6 months EVS stage for 5 volunteers who will be working on developing and implementing positive youth development programmes in 5 high schools and will overlap with the volunteers EVS stage starting with 1st of September 2017.

For achieving synergism between formal and non-formal education for positive youth development ACT will implement the following programmes:

1. Stimulating Creativity and Cultural awareness programme: will capitalize on cultural diversity among volunteer will contain activities such as presentations, non-formal workshops on traditional arts & crafts, traditional dances and music, arts workshops (painting, clay modeling, singing, handicrafts), theatre, Creative play (use familiar materials in a new or unusual ways), problem solving (application of knowledge and imagination to a given situation). This also will be used to build self-esteem and self-confidence.

Results:

2. Learning languages programme: under the form of language clubs that use non-formal methods(games, workshops, movies, songs, role-plays etc.) to help the participant learn or strengthen their ability to speak other languages (English, Spanish, Italian Portuguese)

3. Widening Awareness on Volunteering – will consist in awareness actions and activities that aim to bring more visibility towards volunteering and social engagement as a way to spur personal and professional development using a variety of methods: personal example of the volunteers, distributing awareness raising materials(posters, flyers, online visibility measures), roundtable and panel discussions, debates, with staff, target group and other stakeholders, media outreach(online, tv, radio and printed mediums).Identifying and promoting local opportunities, promoting the ERASMUS+ opportunities

4. Building communities of interest - each week the volunteers will organize 1 discovery workshop based on a new topic(cinematography, photography, painting, music, theatre, etc.). This workshop aim to stimulate the youth interests in this topic. The the following week the volunteers organize the youth into spending their free time doing activities(such as workshops, presentations) around this topics.

5. Sports and outdoor activities programme-to form teamwork skills, tolerance for diversity, promotes healthy lifestyle etc.

A3. Evaluation and follow-up phase will take place in the last month of the project and will be aimed at evaluating the project objectives achievement, the impact of the activities and planning the follow-up activities to the project. In this phase the organisation will evaluate reuniting staff, volunteers, mentors,

The above mentioned activities are the general overview but **each volunteer has the opportunity to propose, implement and carry on new types of activities bases on previous experiences, personal preferences, skills and abilities and well as have direct control over the methods used to implement the activities.**

What will I learn in the YOU project?

Our methodology of learning by doing or experiential learning places the volunteer at the center of his/her learning process and encourage commitment to it. Each volunteer will have a personalized development plan that targets personal skills as well as professional skills, a mentor to help guide the volunteer and a counterpart to guide him in working with the target group in the working institutions.

The volunteers will gain skills, knowledge and competences related to 5 key areas :

- integration - organize communities of interest (structures ways of spending free time in a non-formal educational environment based on aggregated personal interest group)
- animation - facilitate way of interaction(socializing)
- emulation - by challenging groups of youth to take initiative and coordinating them planning and evaluating progress of the groups
- discovery - critical and creative thinking

The volunteer will learn mainly by being involved in the organization, planning, initiation, implementation and evaluation of activities for youth while receiving professional help, assistance, guidance and feedback from our counterparts (teachers from the schools) and support from the mentors and management team.

All throughout the learning process and the project **you will be assisted by the ACT team** and a **personal mentor** in managing what, when and how you learn all these skills.

At the end you will receive a **Youthpass certificate** which is a **European Instrument for recognition and certification of skills** acquired in EVS

Practical Arrangements & Financial aspects

Travel: ACT will purchase **flight tickets** while the Sending Organisation will make sure that the volunteer is well informed, has all documents and gets safely on board.

Local transport: will be **covered by ACT**, upon arrival they will receive info on how to use public transport, a map of the transit lines etc.

Accommodation: ACT will host the volunteers **in rented apartments** in the **city of Craiova**. Each accommodation will assure **good living conditions** (private beds, equipped kitchen and bathroom, heating system, running cold/ hot water, Wi-Fi).

Working programme: working hours are flexible and adapted to the schedule of the target institutions and is usually **3-4 hours/day in with the youngsters and 1-2 hours/day for preparing the activities**.

Each volunteer is entitled to receiving **2 free days/week** (typically weekends but in case that an activity requires work on the weekend the volunteer will be free in the next days) and a total of **12 days of vacation in the project** that you can use as you want.

Language support: The volunteers receive Romanian language lessons **2 sessions per week for the first 4 months and 1 session per week** for the rest of the project.

Communication: each volunteer will receive a **Romanian SIM cards** for mobile phones which will be recharged monthly

Financial aspects: International travel, local transport, accommodation and utility fees, monthly communication costs, costs related to activities **are covered directly by ACT.**

Monthly food allowance: 120 euro/month

Pocket money: 60 euro/month

What support will be available during your EVS?

The **mentor** will be responsible for **the general personal support of the volunteer**. They are in charge of **solving practical problems** arising being the "first line of support" available. They will be the **volunteer's go-to person for any personal problems** as well as being responsible for **guiding the volunteer** through the **learning process**. The mentor will be there to help you identify **learning needs** and **opportunities**, help you **plan** your learning process and help in the **self-evaluation**.

The **counterparts** (staff from the schools – **teachers/professionals**)-that will be **supporting the volunteers in the actual implementation process of the activities**. They will provide the volunteers with professional support in delivering their activities.

Additional support will be offered by ACT in the form **Preparation, Adaptation and Training programme** which is a programme designed to transmit all the necessary skill and abilities for the project focusing on skills and abilities building programme, providing them with methods, tools and materials that will support and facilitate their activities in the project.

Have we caught your attention? Here`s how to apply!

1. Prepare a CV(preferably using the europass model [here](#)) and a **motivation letter**
2. Contact one of our **partner sending organisation** from your corresponding country:
 - **Associazione Eurobox – Italy – eurobox.segreteria@gmail.com**
 - **Jovenes hacia la solidaridad y el desarrollo – Spain- boutinaelhadri@jovesolid.es**
 - **Associazione Culturale Link – Italy - link@linkyouth.org**
 - **Asociación Mundus - Un Mundo a tus Pies – Spain – alberto.unmundoatuspies@gmail.com**
 - **Karaman Youth Club Association – Turkey - suzerayseyagmur@gmail.com**
3. We will have a **Skype interview** with you
4. We announce if you have been selected and we prepare the paperwork

If you are interested and want more information you can also [CONTACT US AT](#)

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