

S.A.V.E – Social Awareness and Volunteering in Europe

A 5 months group EVS project by ARDR

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What is S.A.V.E. ?

S.A.V.E – Social Awareness and Volunteering in Europe, is a 5 months EVS project that will gather 6 volunteers from Programme and Partner Countries in order to promote social awareness, tolerance and acceptance for youngsters with less opportunities by cultural diversity and non formal educational methods.



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How long is S.A.V.E. ?

The EVS service will last 5 months starting with 1st of August 2012 until 31st of December 2012.



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What countries participate in S.A.V.E. ?

There are **6 available placements for youngsters originating from Programme and Neighboring**. For an exact list of the eligible countries you can consult the [YiA Guide for 2012 from here](#).

The intercultural dimension of the project will be enhanced by the presence of 20 volunteers coming from **Africa, Latin America, Europe and Caucasus**.



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Tell me more...

The volunteers will be hosted in Targu Jiu and will run most of their activities within the different Support and Social Assistance Centres from Targu Jiu and 2 surrounding communities Targu Carbunesti and Rovinari. All Social Care institutions are subordinated to the General Direction for Social Assistance and Child Protection Tg Jiu, institution that signed a partnership agreement with ARDR for the development of volunteer activities.

The project is focused both on the volunteers' personal and professional growth but also towards the improvement of the target group situation – socially assisted persons.

According to each volunteer's skills and interest they will contribute to the development of a diverse set of activities: information campaigns; art, music, dancing, drama, handcrafts workshops; foreign language non formal sessions; outdoor activities (sport, camping, gardening, trips, etc); thematic discussions and seminars; intercultural events; administrative and office tasks.



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What am I to do as a volunteer?

The role of the volunteers will be that of attending all the meetings, trainings and scheduled activities, dedicate their time according to the recommended hours in assisting in the preparation, implementation and evaluation of **various activities**:

Participate to the Pre-Departure Training and/or other pre-departure preparation meetings

Participate actively to the On Arrival and Capacity Building programme

Attend the Monthly, Mid Term and Final Evaluation Meetings

attend all language classes, participate in the class , learn and prepare accordingly.

prepare themselves for each meeting with the requested materials (for example: filling on time the monthly evaluation forms)

Participate actively and contribute to the organization and implementation of the Social Awareness Information Campaign in Targu Jiu, Tg Carbunesti and Rovinari.



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What am I to do as a volunteer?

Work together with the EVS team and support staff of General Direction of Social Assistance and Child Protection in the preparation, implementation and evaluation of the non formal education and outdoor activities

Offer their time, energy, skills and aptitudes in working with the social assisted persons (youngsters in particular) from the different subordinated units (centres) of the General Direction of Social Assistance and Child Protection:

Working with youngsters - helping with non-formal language conversations in English or in the volunteer's mother tongue; organize non-formal educational activities; particularly in the areas of arts/drama, crafts, sport, developing practical and social skills; cultural activities – intercultural evenings, cooking workshops, country and tradition presentations ; outdoor activities – gardening, cleaning, camping, sports, walks, etc.



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Working with older people. The volunteers can play bingo and other group games with the people hosted, can accompany them for a walk or help the staff in providing them with food. Other activities in the house can be: working together in the garden, assisting in therapy sessions.

Helping in the office: making copies, arranging files, sending faxes, answer phone, cleaning, etc.

Support the updating of the web platforms of ARDR: select and edit relevant information materials, design, translate texts, etc.

Be innovative, participative, ready to help and share ideas;

Openly communicate with the mentor, his/her peer volunteers and the EVS implementation TEAM

Display a decent and common sense behaviour in relation to the youngsters and the hosting community in general



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What am I to do as a volunteer?

Contribute to the visibility of the project in the community, especially amongst the target group (youngsters) as well as the local actors (public administration, schools, media, etc)

Contribute to the dissemination and exploitation of the results achieved by the previous volunteers (make use of the methods and instruments left behind, make use of the EVS manuals, as well as continue and develop the initiatives launched by other volunteers).

Promote a positive and real image about the organization within the hosting community.

Be open minded, tolerant and cultural aware towards other volunteers and youngsters

Be responsible and meet one's tasks accordingly.



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Ok, I like the project, what do I do next?

ORGANIZATIONS must send these documents: [preliminary agreement](#) and [EVS partner details](#) by fax to number +40 353 805 988 or email alexandru.diaconescu@ardr.ro

Volunteers must ask their organizations to send the above documents and they also must submit their CV.

Final deadline for sending the documents is 30.01.2012.

VERY IMPORTANT: the sending organizations don't need to have the volunteer identified in this stage of the project. He or she can be later identified into the project.



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Do you want to know more about us?

To know more about us, you can access the EVS database with accredited EVS organizations.

The link is: http://ec.europa.eu/youth/evs/aod/hei_form_en.cfm?EID=62000376320

You can also visit our website where we have posted information on previous projects.

The link is: <http://www.yesforevs.eu/>

