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About the organizers:

Coordinating organisation Youth Development and Integration Association STRIM www.strim.org.pl assembles young active people who are willing to undertake actions aimed at building open-minded society, interested in the youth problems, international education and culture. We organize trainings, seminars, conferences, meetings and exchanges. Working for other organisations and institutions, organizing for them and with them the EVS projects helps us in gaining wider local and international partnerships, as well as create more numerous and diverse international group of volunteers.

From 15 years we are coordinating, sending and hosting the EVS volunteers. STRIM as coordinating organisation cooperate closely with another organisations or institutions in terms of youth work.



Having practice and know-how, we are providing our partners with technical and administrative support. We are organizing also integration activities for the volunteer, provide mentor, language learning, organize volunteer's living and transportation in Cracow or another Polish towns, if needed. We are supporting volunteers to lead their own projects in the receiving organisations.

About the Evs project 2016/2017:

The project will be attended by 24 volunteers aged 18-30 years working in different receiving organisations. Our project will allow volunteers from European countries to become actively involved in the activities of Krakow's educational institutions, freeing their creativity, local and civic activity. The aim of project is to provide European youth with opportunities to develop knowledge, skills and attitudes through the work in the Polish educational institutions involved in non-formal and informal education.



The project will take place in eleven Cracow's hosting organizations: kindergartens, elementary school, Youth Culture Center, Regional Library and NGOs. In the host organizations volunteers will

have two main tasks: active participation in the daily life of their organization and give the intercultural dimension in the activities of their projects by conducting their own creative animations and workshops. Although volunteers will work in different institutions coordinating organization STRIM will remain in touch with them. We will invite the volunteers to take part in our meetings, discussions and presentations.

**Choose your receiving
organisation
contact the right person!**

Kindergarten 121

Integration Kindergarten working with children with disabilities and without disabilities. The volunteer will help to develop daily activities with the kids adapted to the level of understanding of the kids, outdoors activities, sports for little kids, walking, short trips in the surroundings, foreign languages by practical and participative means.

There will be also activities with the parents of the children. The volunteer will be involved in most of the non-formal activities of the kindergarten. All our activities focus on the children and their interests. Program includes many activities like: education, arts, music, rhythmic, gymnastic, English.



Each year our kindergarten organise many events: trips, plastic exhibitions ,artistic presentations ,costume balls ect. Volunteer will take part in this activities and develop his or her own ideas for leisure time activities for the children, supported by the teachers We want to bring an international touch into our activities. For this we would like the volunteer to play games typical from his/her country, sing with the children his/her national children songs. We would also appreciate to develop a special project to make the children more aware of the different possibilities of handicapped and not, different cultures and languages in a positive way. The volunteer as has been mentioned will never be expected to work alone.

He or she will always be supervised. In terms of working with special needs children, the volunteer is only expected to follow the teacher's instructions. No previous knowledge or experience is required and thus, basic following of instructions is all is needed. Of course with motivation and a positive attitude

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Youth club Dom Harcerza

Active cultural center, conducts a variety of activities for children and youth. The volunteer will be asked to help teacher in the kindergarten group of children aged three and four. Her/his main tasks will be to help children in everyday activities like using the toilet, washing hands, putting on, taking off clothes, eating, to help in “educational” activities (drawing, painting, cutting out and many others little children do in the kindergarten), to keep the classroom neat and tidy, to help the teacher during walks, games, outdoor activities.

The volunteer will always work in cooperation with a teacher or tutor and will never be expected to work without their support. The European volunteer will also have the possibility to take part in other occasional art, cultural, sport events, weekend trips or excursions that are organized by Młodzieżowy Dom Kultury “Dom Harcerza”

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Voivodeship Public Library

The Krakow Voivodeship Public Library is a council culture institution, hiring 170 people, financed by Malopolska Voivodeship.

Its assignments include book acquisition, book description, popularizing and lending reading materials, mediation in lendings between libraries, substantial supervision over a network of 756 local public libraries in Malopolska, organization of specialist conferences, including areas of literature, work with children methodology and handicapped readers, organization of seasonal training for local libraries directors and instructors.



The volunteer will coordinate "Meet me in the Library" voluntary project, which consists of free of charge language conversations (s/he will be giving classes, teaching his/her native language and culture, keeping the register and organizing meetings; before classes s/he will be preparing the classroom, presentations, materials and promotions, etc.). Moreover s/he will organize cultural meetings for groups of children, youth or seniors. Volunteers will write a blog on their activities, prepare reports and statistics in Excel. The volunteer will be responsible for helping with: organization of events and exhibitions, reading-room technical stuff tasks and computer data bases operating, user service, searching for new foreign books suited to the library profile (making lists of new publications), digitalization of library collection, shooting and image processing.

Volunteers' blog: <https://rajskabookworms.wordpress.com/about-the-volunteer/>

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Kindergarten 83

Profile of this Kindergarten is artistic - ecological. Main aim of this project is to increase ecological awareness among children and connected with this idea of environment and nature protection. This institution consists of 6 divisions: 3 years old, 4 years old, 5 year old children. Volunteers work only in older age groups, where they have better resources for the project implementation. All together there is 150 pupils in the kindergarten, by whom is taking care 15 teachers with pedagogical education (amongthem 1 correction gymnastics teacher and one catechist).

We would expect our volunteers to prepare and implement multileveled program about environment care and waste recycling.

Through active actions we would like volunteers



to encourage children to save the nature and teach them how to love natural environment. -We would like volunteers to provide children the knowledge how to segregate waste. -As well we would like volunteers to show proactive behaviour interesting ideas in preparation of posters with elements of theirs mother language, illustrating waste type. It would be a great advantage if our volunteers could bring some materials about environment care from their home countries. Since few years in April each year our kindergarten organises countrywide plastic contest "Save the Environment" connected with celebration of "Days of Earth in Cracow".
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Kindergarten 38

Big kindergarten situated in Cracow in historical district called Bronowice.

The main activities for our volunteers will be to promote his country and culture, and also help teachers in a everyday activities. Volunteers can show our children and also the teachers and parents his culture and history of his country by making board bulletin, prepare articles for our paper “The echo of our kindergarten” and have an influence on our web-page.



He can also organise games, plays, singing song and telling traditional stories to children. We give opportunities to present all information about his country,, culture and language for example we want to organise Volunteers Day, and also one day in each month with knowing his language; one day in month with traditional kitchen. Another important thing is that volunteer can take part in all varied annual or occasional events.

We trying to have good contact both parents and local community, so very often we are organized meetings, picnics, festivals, competitions, trips etc. Of course the volunteer will be able to participate in those activities.

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Youth Development and Integration Association Strim



By this project Strim Association wants to develop and promote the voluntary service, especially but not only the EVS, by showing possibilities that can be given by youth-mobility programs.

The Volunteer will promote the EVS, give information and meet with polish people interested in participating in EVS, sharer his/her experiences. The volunteer will be asked to get in contact with various media to promote the activities of our association and EVS in Cracow by giving the interviews in radios and by working in co-operation with the newspapers in Cracow. The volunteer will prepare the materials for our website aimed at the promotion of the results of the EVS projects. The project gives a lot of space for creating volunteer's own projects, to be creative and innovative. He/she can develop and use his/her abilities in this field, creating different projects concerning the promotion . The volunteer will also be a part of our office Staff and will organise with us local events connected with interculturalism, regional day of the voluntarism, celebration of international migrants day, organization of occasional meetings for STRIM members and STRIM friends.

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Kindergarten 32 and Primary School 90

Kindergarten No. 32 and Primary school No. 90 since September 2012 are a part of the Complex of Integration General Education Schools No. 7 in Cracow. In the kindergarten we have 9 departments (divided in 2 buildings). To the kindergarten attend children aged 3 to 6 years and the classes I-III of primary school are attended by children aged 6-9 (in both some classes are integrated).



Our main goal is the welfare of the child, prepare them to succeed and cope with difficulties. We want to arouse in every child curiosity about the world and people, perceptiveness and sensitivity.

We provide them plenty of space to play and learn. We want to raise a child with a rich imagination, creative, capable of spontaneously express its feelings and thoughts, open to ideas and inspirations coming from other people. Our Kindergarten is Receiving organization since 2007 and we know already that thanks to the European volunteers we can provide to kids a lot of knowledge about other cultures and countries.

We would like to work with volunteers open minded, communicative, friendly and responsible. This kind of work is good for the people who like children, are patient and understanding, have some passions and interest that they are willing to share. Living and working in Cracow



gives many possibilities to explore the most beautiful places in this city and feel its unique atmosphere. In our kindergarten and school volunteers will have this opportunity to learn together with children about this city during classes, walks and trips. This year we are hosting 3 great volunteers Marta, Giorgia and Ilhan (you can check their blog:

<http://cracowlife32.blogspot.com/>)

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Kindergarten 79

In our kindergarten we have 5 different children groups (they are based on children's age). We take care of children between 3rd and 6th year of life. For the inside activities there is an inside hall, where children can play during winter time/bad weather. We organise there also shows and teacher plays made by and/or for children, where we also invite different guests.



Volunteers tasks will be:
Cooperation with the teacher within the working age group of children the volunteer will be provided with support of the experienced staff member, will receive information about activities he/she can make and

volunteers ideas will be consulted with other teachers. Volunteer will be informed what is planned for certain days/weeks, so he/she will be able to adjust properly in advance to forthcoming activities and understand his/her role in them.

Conducting little language and culture workshops: the volunteer should prepare activities that will introduce some information about his own culture, country and language.



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Kindergarten 77

We have 5 different children groups. We take care of children between 3rd and 6th year of life. For the inside activities there is an inside hall, where children can play during bad weather. We offer:

- Participation in classes and cooperation with teachers,
- The possibility to organize plays and games for kids, which show volunteer's traditions, culture and habits,
- The possibility to know Polish language better,
- The possibility to develop their interests and organize workshops for kids and their parents,
- The opportunity to create and put information about their country on the board and website,
- The opportunity to participate in different parties such as family picnics, Christmas and Easter meetings and plays.
- The kindergarten gives the opportunity to know the Polish culture and traditions better while various trips to cinemas, theatres and other cultural places.-
- The kindergarten owns the peaceful rooms where additional classes can be held.



Volunteers can use them during their work with kids and meetings with other kindergartens.

The volunteer should prepare activities that will introduce some information about his own culture, country and language. The volunteer could make presentations with pictures, prepare songs or some words.

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Uśmiech Losu Association

Uśmiech Losu Association is a non-governmental organization established in 2012 by the Zespół Szkół Specjalnych Nr 4 in Krakow. We are strictly non-profit. We help children and youth with intellectual disability, proving it possible to overcome their handicap. Association is a non-formal addition for the pupils of our school, aiming to provide after school activities. Staff of the association works at same time in the school or kindergarten, what strengthens even more all our common activities.. Volunteers will help with everyday activities in the kindergarten and in the 1st - 3rd grades of the primary school during classes requiring additional care, such as art classes, gym, individual revalidation, and all kinds of school trips - to the movies, theatre, museums, amusement parks, school festivities, education projects and integrational presentations and competitions. They will also participate in parents' meetings.

We wish for their presence to bring an international accent to our activities by sharing their countries local games, traditions or specific songs. The volunteer will never be left alone with a child, they will not conduct classes or activities by themselves as there always will be a teacher or educator present.



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Kindergarten 176

Our kindergarten is a place full of life and laugh. In addition to regular educational activities, we have music, theatre, gymnastics, rhythmic and dancing classes as well as social sciences and English. Our volunteers work with children aged 4-5. They support daily work of our teachers but they are also encouraged to implement their own ideas! Volunteers have an opportunity to learn about Polish culture and language, to discover our city, parks, museums, theaters, and much more.



We do our best to adapt to the needs of volunteers but we also expect them to be flexible and open at work. Tasks that we propose for volunteers are:

- accompanying children in games, educational activities;
- helping teachers to prepare and

conduct classes;

- helping teachers during walks, trips, excursions etc.

-helping children with artistic activities such as painting, drawing, cutting and sticking etc.

-helping to organize small events and celebrations;

-teaching about the volunteer's culture and country of origin (through games, songs etc.)

-blogging about the daily life and work (you can visit blog of our volunteers: przedszkolekrakow176.blogspot.com)

We are looking for volunteers open to new challenges, who like to work with children and who are sensitive to the needs of others. Our volunteers should be open-minded and highly motivated. We expect them to have a great sense of humor and to share positive energy, because children love this kind of people.

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About the city:

All project will take place in Krakow. It is a city in the southern Poland, with a population of ca. 1 million inhabitants. The city is always full of students and young people.

In Krakow tradition merges with innovation at almost every turn. Thanks to this incredible accumulation of cultural events and sights the city was placed on the top 12 list of the UNESCO World Heritage objects.



Anyone who comes here discovers their own 'magical' Krakow. You may follow the paths of Nicolas Copernicus here or get some interest in places connected with Pope John Paul II.

Some will feel impressed with the unique in the world scale underground recess of the 17th century salt mine in Wieliczka town, some will prefer to spent long hours wandering in the old Jewish district of Kazimierz, while others will feel amazed by the altarpiece of Wit Stwosz in the St. Mary's Church. Taking advantage of its unique geographical location, Krakow wants to be a place in which different cultures and nations meet. Krakow has been always known for its openness and friendly atmosphere for its visitors.

Practical Information

Accommodation: You will live with other volunteers in the apartment. You will share the room with another volunteers (rooms for 2 sometimes 3 persons) outside of the city centre. Kitchen and bathroom will be shared with other flatmates. The room will be equipped with basic furniture and the kitchen equipment. You don't need to bring your own things, like cutlery, plates etc. However you should take the bed-cloths. You might be asked to pay the caution (about 120 €) to the owner of the flat to cover eventual damages. The caution will be given back at the end of the renting period.

Local transport: You will be buying the bus and tram card for all the lines accessible in Krakow, for which the whole amount will be reimbursed.

Language support: You will have formal language training once a week. Coordinating organization will provide books and materials.

The **travel costs:** from home country to the venue of the project (2nd class/APEX return train ticket) will be reimbursed to the volunteer or to the sending organisation from the coordination organisation in the maximum amount agreed in the grant application to the value of the ticket.

The **pocket money** will be given to you by the coordinating organisation once per a month in the amount of 85 Euros (its´ equivalent in the Polish złoty according to the exchange rate given by the Polish National Agency) to your bank account.

The **money for food** is 400 Polish złoty/month

The coordinating organisation will cover activity costs (task-related, linguistic and personal support, mentor, accommodation, food, local transport, administration/communication)

The costs of preparation: arranging insurance, staying in contact with the volunteer, evaluation, follow-up, administration / communication will be covered by the sending organization.

Recruitment Process

Application procedure (deadline: April, 10th, 2015) Candidates will be asked to send us a carefully prepared: ♦ Curriculum Vitae (CV), ♦ Application form

Step 1: Fill-in the Application form from our web site (don't forget: in the application form there is one part that has to be filled-in by your sending!)
<http://strim.org.pl/en/hosting-voluntarism>

Send all documents to the coordinating person (according to the hosting organisation)

Step 2: - We will provide Skype interview with the selected participants

Step 3: - Once selected, put your sending organization in touch with us

Feel free to contact us anytime if you have any question.

For further info and curiosities

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