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***Volunteering at the civic organisation Mládež ulice with children and youth
European voluntary service in Bratislava, Slovakia
01.03.2019 – 28.02.2020***

We are currently looking for one motivated volunteer from Germany to take part in a European Voluntary Service (EVS/ESC) in Bratislava, the capital city of Slovakia.

Sending organisation: European Intercultural Forum e. V. (reference 947425191 in the EVS database) and website: <http://european-intercultural-forum.org/>

Hosting organisation: Mládež ulice (reference 945554061 in the EVS database)

About the project: The civic association Mládež ulice operates in a form of field social work based on low-threshold principles. It introduces the complex package provided of services provided by low threshold program, which are very easily accessible for clients (most probably in their own familiar life situations), and do not make demands on them. Their goals are to create adequate conditions to establish good contacts with a client for a particular type of work, who would stay away, or will do not make any attempt to find such kind of services, in an institutionalized way of help.

Our mission is to improve the life of children, youth, and communities from ordinary or socially disadvantaged environments and to help them to obtain the basic habits/ knowledge for future life. We offer free-time services (sport, art workshops, games, and tutoring) and social services (social consultancy, crisis intervention, development of social skills) directly at the client's environment. Our organization focuses primarily on children and youth at the age between 5-18 years. Secondly, we engage in a community social work (organizing of community events, arranging of meetings with city district, etc.). Our main target groups are Roma communities.

General objectives of the project:

Through this project we would like to contribute to the personal development of an EVS/ ESC volunteer, to the development of services of Mládež ulice and the strengthening of local communities in Bratislava and Bratislava region.

The **main role and tasks of the volunteer** in the project will be:

1. Preparation and implementation of free time activities for children and youth, mainly but not only form Roma communities (due to the context, these activities take place in afternoon and sometimes evening in various locations including outside)
2. Support to the teachers running the English language courses for youth and employees,
3. Involvement in street activities in various districts of Bratislava and Bratislava region
4. Help and support to the organization's projects based on own preferences and competences
5. Support to the design and preparation of new projects and initiatives
6. Support public relations/ promotion of activities by taking photos during events, designing flyers, editing short video, depending on the skills of the volunteers
7. Personal project in the field of youth and in coherence with the organisation's activities and mission
8. Participate and support the activities of the organisation
9. Blogging and writing articles about the organisation, the volunteering service and active citizenship

During the service, the volunteer will acquire following competencies: intercultural learning and working in a multicultural team, knowledge of volunteering/ management of volunteers, history/culture of Bratislava and Slovakia, understanding minorities in Bratislava especially Roma communities, communication skills, organization skills, creativity, problem solving, team work, individual work, time management, tolerance and respect, and solidarity and active citizenship

Application procedures: send Europass-CV and motivation letter in English to eif.volunteer@gmail.com

Deadline for application: January 8th, 2019

Profile of the candidates:

We are looking for a volunteer ready to take up new challenges, who like to work with children and youth, who is enthusiastic about developing personal and professional skills and prepared for unexpected experiences. Furthermore, the candidate should be:

- flexible (work with children requires good adaptability skills)
- responsible, self-reliant, creative and motivated, open to new challenges
- empathic and communicative to be able to respond to children's needs and feelings
- willing to learn and to come up with new ideas
- no qualification or experience in the area of development of volunteering needed
- communicative, willing to work with people but able to work by her/his own too
- fluency in English an advantage, but not necessary
- interest in writing, photography and graphic design is an advantage, but not a must
- resident in Germany (of any citizenship) and age 18-28 years old
- prior experience with children and youth is preferred – but not compulsory.

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