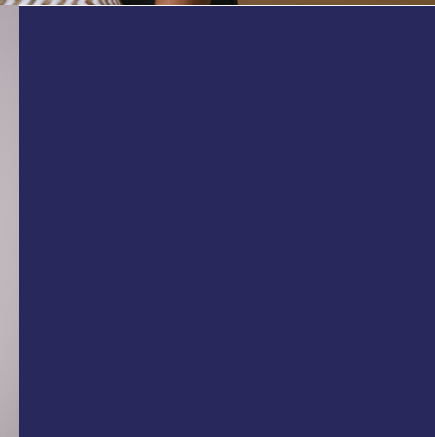




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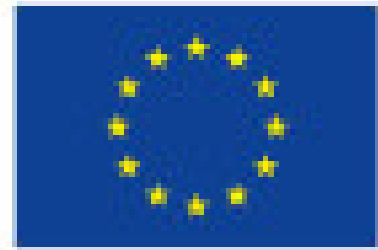
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Newsletter

Zemgale NGO Centre and its **EuroDesk** newsletter is a provider in the field of opportunities for young people (13-30 years) in Latvia. EuroDesk is funded by the **European Commission**. Whether you are looking for volunteering opportunities with Erasmus+, trainings, youth exchanges or traineeships - our approach is to give you selected information: short, current and useful. All opportunities mentioned below apply for people whose residence is in **Latvia**.





**EUROPEAN
SOLIDARITY
CORPS**

The **European Solidarity Corps** is the European Union initiative, which creates opportunities for young people to volunteer or work in projects - in their own country or abroad - that benefit communities and people around Europe.

Participants aged 18-30 can be placed with a project either for volunteering (**European Volunteer Service**) or for a traineeship, an apprenticeship or a job for a period between 2 weeks and 12 months usually located within the European Union Member States, however not limited to only these. Young people can get involved in a broad range of topics such as **education, health, social integration, support for migrants and refugees, environmental protection, and plenty of other exciting and challenging areas.**

The skills that you gained during your volunteer service will be **certificated with a YouthPass!**

After completing a simple registration process on the **European Youth Portal**, European Solidarity Corps participants could be selected and invited to join a project or apply for a specific project themselves.

With this program there is no sending organization needed, all costs are covered for travel, accommodation, food and you get an additional pocket money!

Long-term Volunteering Service

Key to Solidarity!

Duration: between 07/06/2021 to 06/06/2022 (11 months)

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION:

The main goal of the "Key to Solidarity" project is to promote solidarity through non-formal volunteering activities in support of young people with reduced opportunities in Valcea County. Solidarity is needed among the local community, in general and especially in pandemic crisis situations, as the Coronavirus pandemic is at the moment. The volunteering project will promote solidarity in terms of blood donation to hospitals and will implement hygiene information campaigns. The project aims to build bridges between people with different background promoting solidarity at the local community level after carrying out activities with young people with Down syndrome and marginalized young people from Roma communities.

Application deadline: none

Application via: Solidarity Corps Portal

Voluntariado ambiental en el sur de Cataluña

Duration: between 01/01/2021 to 31/10/2021 (9 months)

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION:

The ecological association www.gepec.cat is helped in the 8 different types of work it carries out: 1) Maintenance of the forest where the volunteers' accommodation is located; 2) Maintenance and opening to the public of the environmental information office; 3) Maintenance and actions on farms; 4) Monitoring of Kentish rain; 5) Support for naturalist schools and other educational activities; 6) Support to technicians and volunteers of projects and environmental defense; 7) Support for local volunteer groups; 8) Support for the communication and administration of the entity. Volunteers will live in an apartment in a forest near the beach. A maximum of two volunteers will sleep in each bedroom. From the house to the main work area there are 15 minutes by bike and 10 minutes to the train station that takes you in an hour to Barcelona or the most distant places of work. The project will start on January 4 and end on October 1 and is for 4 young people, one of whom with fewer opportunities.

Application deadline: 15/12/2020

Application via: Solidarity Corps Portal

Long-term Volunteering Service

Community Goes Europe 3: Together We Are Stronger

Duration: 01/03/2021 to 28/02/2022 (11 months)

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION:

Young Europeans especially need to learn how to identify and empathise with one another. One of the ways to do it is to experience life in a different community while doing voluntary service. Therefore, in order to drive community cohesion, which will ensure stability and peace in Europe, CGE Erfurt e.V. has developed "Community Goes Europe 3: Together We Are Stronger". The project will give young people across Europe new opportunities to engage in solidarity activities addressing societal challenges and strengthening communities. Four volunteers will be placed in Erfurt, Germany in CGE Erfurt e.V. and by supporting the organisation will acquire the skills and competences needed for their own personal and professional development at the beginning of their careers.

Application deadline: 31/12/2020

Application via: Solidarity Corps Portal

Volunteer at Youth centre ECHO

Duration: between 01/02/2021 to 31/01/2022 (12 months)

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION:

"Let's grow up together - Cresciamo Insieme" is a 12 months volunteering experience with Oasi Giovani organization. The project aims to promote solidarity values and Europeanism in the City of Savigliano. The two volunteers will have the chance to daily contribute to the solidarity activities in the fields of social assistance and education, aimed at the local community. The volunteering experience aims to promote the youth emancipation in solidarity services for youth. Volunteers will work at the after school service (pick up children from school, support for lunch-break, help out with homework, organise and supervise educational and recreational activities), at the baby-parent community (organise and supervise educational and recreational activities with children, support mums and their kids for travel in the city) and at the Ocean Project (promote educational and recreational activities for youth).

Application deadline: 31/12/2020

Application via: Solidarity Corps Portal

Short-term Volunteering Service

Creative activities in municipal library in Przasnysz

Duration: 11/01/2021 to 20/08/2021 (7 months)

PROJEKT DESCRIPTION:

The library (which received a title of the best library in Masovian region in 2019!) serves the inhabitants of Przasnysz town and its neighborhood. It performs the traditional role of a library and conducts activities in the field of culture and education aimed at different age groups. Volunteers will be supporting the staff in preparation and running activities aimed at the readers and inhabitants. They will also have opportunity to realize their own initiatives, especially the ones adding intercultural dimension. Examples of tasks: supporting events such as excursions, workshops, concerts; organizing educational activities such as language cafes, handicraft workshops, STEM workshops; promoting reading, organizing meetings with fairy tales for disabled children; taking photos and creating articles. Own initiatives will depend on volunteers' skills and experiences. In summer the volunteers can run a workcamp.

Application deadline: None

Application via: Solidarity Corps Portal

Do you love kids? How about volunteering in Slovak school center?

Duration: between 10/01/2021 to 31/07/2021(6 months)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

For: young people 18-30 years old | Place: Bratislava, Slovakia, 425.000 people, capital. | Start: ASAP /15.01.2021 (or 1.2.2021) for 3 to 7 months (or less) | Activities: non-formal activities with children.

Volunteer will help with non-formal education in a school and in afterschool activities. Typical tasks: indoor activities: leading creative activities for children, motivating children to speak English, supervising and coordinating children, leading workshops, etc. outdoor activities: leading and playing sports and outdoor activities on the playground, supervising and coordinating children during transport (to playground, to trips...), etc. Additional activities can be

based on volunteers interests. More info :

<https://mladiinfo.sk/23/09/2019/volunteering-in-slovakia/>

Application deadline: 31/01/2021

Application via: Solidarity Corps Portal

Training courses

Erasmus+ supports the professional development of **youth workers** through training or networking periods abroad. Periods abroad (up to 2 weeks) can consist of **training courses, study visits, job shadowing or observation periods** at relevant organisations and more.

Before applying, please contact the National Agency of your residence country to check if it is involved in this concrete project and committed to cover travel costs. Learn about possible participation fee and other relevant rules.



For more opportunities: www.salto-youth.net

Democracy Reloading: Training Module A

Training Course 28 June - 2 July 2021 | Vinci (Empoli), Italy

Application deadline: 20.12.2020

Application via: salto-youth.net

The involvement of young people in developing youth policies and in decision making is fundamental to increase the sense of belonging and active citizenship of young people to their communities. This calls municipalities and regional public authorities to address the needs and interests of youth, to engage youth as actors of the solutions for their problems, to increase the level of their ownership of and responsibility for their own community and thus to develop the quality of local democracy. We believe that young people if adequately informed, trained, empowered and entrusted they will be the best actors of change and promoters of democracy, rule of law and equality.

This training course will aim to train adequate number of multipliers (trainers, consultants, experts) who will be able to support the implementation of the national activities in coherence with Europe Goes Local objectives and also help municipality officers (and their local allies) who work with youth policies, structures and programs engaging young people in municipal decision making by using the online Toolkit.

This Module will include two online activities and a training seminar in Italy as follows:
22nd March 2021 14:00-15:30 CET - 1st online activity
17th May 2021 14:00-15:30 CET - 2nd online activity
28th June - 2nd July 2021 - training course in Vinci (Empoli, near Florence), Italy

Youth Exchanges

Youth exchanges allow groups of **young people (13 - 30 age)** from **different countries** to meet, live together and work on shared projects for short periods. Youth exchanges take place **outside the school environment**. On a youth exchange, you can expect to participate in activities such as workshops, exercises, debates, role-plays, outdoor activities and more.

Participants learning experiences are recognised through a Youthpass. Youth exchanges happen all around Europe all the time, the best way to be informed about new youth exchanges or any other youth work opportunities is through Facebook groups such as "Youth Exchanges for Europeans" or "Erasmus+ Project"

