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# Eurodesk - Newsletter

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**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**.



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# What is the 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 (**E**uropean **V**olunteer **S**ervice) 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 organisation needed, all costs

We gave you a selection of possible placements for your EVS, but to see all available opportunities for **ESC** you have to **register first**. But don't worry, it doesn't take long! :)

# Long-term Volunteer Service

## (7 - 12 months)

### **Working for Nature in Nature, Czech Republic**

**Duration: 01/09/2020 to 31/08/2021 (12 months)**

**Project Description:** Kapráluv mlýn is a scout environmental education centre situated in Moravian karst landscape protected area. Volunteering at Kapráluv mlýn consists of various activities: - assisting with the environmental education programmes (outdoor ecology for highschool students, outdoor activities, forest kindergarden), - helping with the operation of the centre (guest-care, cleaning, kitchen, info-shop duties), - working outside (looking after the garden, nature conservation work, preparing wood for winter, cutting the grass), - education (Czech lessons, workshops, NGO, environmental projects, conservation), - your own personal project. Duration of volunteer service for 6 or 12 months - depends on mutual agreement.

**Application deadline: 30.05.2020**

**Application via: Solidarity Corps Portal**

### **ESC in the technical college Joseph Roussel in Le Mans, France**

**Duration: 01/09/2020 to 05/07/2021 (10 months)**

**Project Description:** About 440 pupils study at the technical college Lycée Professionnel Joseph Roussel. Located in the city center of Le Mans, we provide courses specialized in Social Care, Healthcare as well as Fast Food and Institutional Catering. Our technical college has always been developing international partnerships and organizing language and cultural exchanges in Spain and the United Kingdom as well as internships in Spain and Greece to develop students' cultural openness. Our project is to develop students' European openness too and help them to open up more and more to the world and others. It obviously matters with discovery and cultural openness. We also would like to raise awareness of European citizenship and openness by recruiting a European Solidarity Corps volunteer. This means more diversity, more exchanges of opinions, getting to know each other and accepting cultural differences. It will arouse students' curiosity and might encourage them to step out of their comfort zone

**Application Deadline: 31.05.2020**

**Application via: Solidarity Corps Portal**

### **Co-creation & participation in a youth information centre, Austria**

Duration: between **01/09/2020** to **31/12/2021 (10 months)**

Project description: In this project you will have the opportunity to volunteer in the Youth Information Centre Lower Austria situated in St. Pölten. You will be part of an experienced, proactive and fun team that informs and consults out clients to youth related topics and implements all kinds of projects in this field. Our clients and partners are young people, teachers, parents, politicians, a great number of organisations in the field of youth and social work and many more. Together with our team, you will inform our clients on youth topics in the fields of law, education, living, travelling, employment, etc.; create media contributions; support with the conception, organisation, implementation and evaluation of workshops and trade shows; and, you will get involved with your personal ideas and inspirations and have the chance to co-create and initiate own projects.

Application Deadline: 19.04. 2020

Application via: Solidarity Corps Portal

### **Giving a voice to children with disabilities, Belgium**

Duration: **17/09/2020** to **31/08/2021 (11 months)**

Project description: Diggie vzw is a youth work organisation located on a farm in Brakel, a rural area in Flanders, Belgium. The aim of the organisation is to counteract alienation between people within each other and between people and nature. Diggie is a sociocultural organisation and is organised for and with children and youngsters, with a strong focus on learning by doing, inclusion, ecology and sustainability. Our starting point is that everyone is welcome on the farm, whatever the age, gender, religion, conviction, social background, and whatever the abilities or disabilities. We try to see the best in everyone and we have a positive view on the world and on society. Interested? Take a look at our site!

Application Deadline: 21.04.2020

Application via: <https://www.diggie.be/esc-vacature.html>

**Volunteer in an alternative School / Schule im Pfeifferhof, Austria**

Duration: **07/09/2020 to 09/07/2021 (10 months)**

Project description: An alternative school „Schule im Pfeifferhof“ is a non-profit institution initiated by parents for their children. The school was established by the association “Mit Kindern leben” in 1993. A team of eight teachers is responsible for education of 85 children. The school works according to reform-pedagogical principles (Montessori, Piaget), which means that the work is oriented at the needs and wishes of children. The learning methods are based on “practical” work and on projects. One of the principle of our school is “learning by doing”. We try hard to prepare a surrounding for our children which enables them to make their own experiences, where they can do both, acquire cultural techniques and develop social competences. They also learn to handle rules and borders in a democratic way. Usually our children stay for nine years until they have finished their compulsory education. It is part of our philosophy to practice an intercultural exchange.

Application Deadline: 26.04.2020

Application via: Solidarity Corps Portal and send CV and a specific motivation letter to euinfo@logo.at with a subject "Alternative school Pfeifferhof"

**Volunteer in radio and media production, Italy**

Duration: **01/09/2020 to 31/07/2021 (11 months)**

Project description: Tele Radio City is active on independent communication and information and socio-cultural events organization. It runs 5 websites and a web-radio: <https://globalproject.info/>, [Meltingpot.org](https://meltingpot.org/), [Sherwood.it](https://sherwood.it/), [Ecomagazine.info](https://ecomagazine.info/), [Sportallaroveschia.it](https://sportallaroveschia.it/), Radio Sherwood, focused on these themes: social movements, current affairs and political news, international politics, geopolitics, migration, citizenship rights, economy, political ecology, culture. Tele Radio City organizes the cultural event "Sherwood Festival" during the summer, a large independent music and culture event; it also runs other musical and cultural events throughout the year in several social spaces among the Northern-east Italy and especially in Padua head office. Volunteers may choose one or more activities among the following: web content writing, desk management, social network management, written or audio content's translation, radio broadcast's direction, podcasting, video-making, audio and video editing.

Application Deadline: None

Application via: Solidarity Corps Portal

## **Culture and language assistant, Spain**

Duration: September 2020 - June 2021 **(12 months)**

Project description: We are looking for volunteers to be involved in all the activities we organize in our school. Our centre is specially interested in working with children and young people in different fields such as education, culture, art and sports. These are the main motivations of most European young people. We would like to participate in the welcome plan and also to count on the experience of the European Voluntary Service (European Solidarity Corps). It would bring us the possibility of coming into contact with different cultures and working interculturality and all the aspects related to the volunteer's homecountry.

Our motivation is to participate in EVS, sharing experiences, establishing links with people from other countries and enriching the intercultural promotion and the exchange of knowledge between participants. Thereby, we present ourselves as a coordinating and welcoming entity and, as such, we will provide the volunteer with safe living and working conditions during his or her stay. The volunteer will be also accompanied by a group of qualified professionals who will help him or her to incorporate to a new culture. The volunteer will have direct specialized support. The volunteer will have all the personal and language support that he or she could need.

Application deadline: 01.03.2020

Application via: Solidarity Corps Portal

# Short term Volunteer Service

## (1 - 6 months)

### **Volunteering in cultural centre, Italy**

Duration: 01/01/2020 to 31/01/2021 (3 weeks)

Project description: Associazione Culturale Link is an association that wishes to promote non formal education, intercultural learning activities and human rights education. Link is a sending and hosting organisation for EVS and youth exchanges. The main activities of the project will be: 1 - reconstruction and cleaning of green areas of public library, removal of weeds, making of the wood stuff and furniture for the garden, cleaning of spaces and take care of the vegetable garden; 2 - support for the organization of cultural events to be carried out on the site: concerts, book presentations, events related to poetry, theater and movie (space preparation, event management, promotion, etc.); 3 - support in the promotion activities of the territory: walks for the knowledge of flora and fauna, visits to archaeological sites, organization of educational workshops for schools.

Application Deadline: None

Application via: Solidarity Corps Portal

### **eco-ART: Interactions for Diversity 2, Slovenia**

Duration: in duration between 01/05/2020 to 31/12/2020 (3 months)

Project description: Searching for alternatives, want to learn about sustainable approaches? "eco-ART: Interactions for Diversity 2" is an ESC volunteering project offering sustainable and creative non-formal learning opportunities for two volunteers, that will be actively involved in environmentalistic, organic farming and artistic work in Organisation, situated on permacultural and organic farm Sajjan in Jakobski dol, Slovenia. We wish to welcome two enthusiastic, positive, nature-loving volunteers that will be (for a period of 3 months) actively involved in work in Organisation. The project offers a hands-on experience on the functioning of an organic homestead - helping in everyday farm activities, organising and participating in sustainable and creative workshops (permaculture, organic farming, mosaics, clay & pottery, wood, natural building). more info: [www.sa-jan.com](http://www.sa-jan.com)

Application deadline: 20.04.2020

Application via: Solidarity Corps Portal

**Be the change in 2020 as a summer animator, Poland**

Duration: **20/06/2020 to 15/08/2020 (2 months)**

Project description: This is a group activity focused on intercultural education, social animation and youth empowerment. It also aims at developing intercultural dialogue and understanding, as well as promoting positive thinking and tolerance. The project consists of two parts. In the first month the volunteers play the role of intercultural animators during the summer camp for children. They have the opportunity to create and implement their own ideas for creative and educative free time activities for local kids including intercultural education and communication in foreign languages. In the second part of the project the group designs and implements social animation events for the whole local community or selected groups with the theme "Happy Minsk". The actions depend on team's preferences and interests. The project is very intensive and requires high level of commitment and responsibility from the volunteers.

Application Deadline: 15.05.2020

Application via: Solidarity Corps Portal

**ESC in VU Botanical garden, Lithuania**

Duration: **10/06/2020 to 30/11/2020 ( 6 month)**

Project Description: The Botanical Garden is interesting as an object of heritage – a part of an outbuilding of an old estate that has survived in Kairėnai, as well as the old park with ponds. A volunteer will take care of plants (flowers, wooded plants, lawns, garden plants, etc.). There are many simple tasks that are awaiting – hoe and rake soil, remove weeds, water plants, cut off old branches or flowers and inflorescences after blooming. After short training volunteer can start to propagate plants, to prune woody plants, help in data collection (for example to take photos for the database). The second area where volunteers can do a lot in dealing with visitors or with social network accounts of Garden. There is a possibility to help organize events (different technical activities – to prepare rooms, leaflets, information tables etc.), to help with guided tours in English, to help educators (assistance during Lithuanian educations, creation of new activities etc.).

Application Deadline: 20.04.2020

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](http://www.salto-youth.net)**

## Let's Talk About Mental Health! - Online Seminar

**11-13 May 2020 | Online, Norway**

The main aim of this Seminar is to equip youth workers with knowledge, skills and attitude on how to address mental health issues and strengthen young people's mental health.

### The objectives are:

- To have a better understanding of mental health issues and how they relate to the life of a young person,
- To learn how to tackle stigma on mental health issues,
- To learn ways to support positive mental health through well-being, off and online.
- To learn more about public health sector and how systematic work within different settings as; local environment, schools and online affects physical and mental health
- To share good practices on how to support the well-being of young people,
- To share youth work practices on dealing with mental health issues

Recommended for: Youth workers, Youth leaders, Youth project managers

Application deadline: 19.04.2020

## Grow to Dream – European Volunteering in the moment of COVID-19

**24-25 April 2020 | WEB-FORUM, Germany**

We wish to create a space for a dialogue among practitioners (experts, youth workers, social activists, volunteers) from around Europe involved in ESC-Volunteering projects, for:

### Topics/Questions:

- how could we use resources, skills and knowledge from the project to deal with the new circumstances: dealing with uncertainty, fear and motivation of the volunteers - how to support?
- how to restructure project activities according to the circumstances, remaining the solidarity dimension, digital solutions, local community support
- formal aspects of the project implementation (finances, changed duration, recruitment...)
- how to keep the volunteers learning process going on in times of Corona-crisis
- change of activities/ space for reflection/recognition of learning/ digital learning
- vision for the time after the Corona-Pandemia - how ESC can support the restart

Recommended for: Youth workers, Trainers, Youth project managers, Volunteering mentors, Youth researchers, volunteers

Application deadline: 19.04.20

Application via: [salto-youth.net](http://salto-youth.net)

## "Participation & Information for A Sustainable Green Europe" - online

24 April 2020 | Estonia, Webinar

Join our webinar to find out how youth participation and information can lead us closer to a Sustainable Green Europe. The webinar will be carried out by the experts in the field: Johanna Schwarz and Sarah Hadj Ammar.

During the webinar we will look into:

- Youth environmental activism
- Ownership, motivation and different perspectives
- Young people journeys towards activism
- Fridays for Future - Environmental activism in times of Climate Change
- Organized movements vs grassroots activism
- Do's and Don'ts for interacting with decision makers, media and the general public

Recommended for: Youth workers, Trainers, Youth leaders, Youth project managers, Youth policy makers, Volunteering mentors, Youth coaches, Youth researchers

Application deadline: 21.04.2020

Application via: [salto-youth.net](http://salto-youth.net)

## Youth Centre of the Future, Seminar

18-19 June 2020 | Luxembourg

The aim is to foster exchange and to brainstorm together if the orientation of youth policy and youth work in the setting of youth centres is still tailored to the needs and interests of young people.

The objectives of this 2-day seminar are:

- Present the challenges to adapt the youth centres to the fast changing needs and interest of young people in the view of youth workers, researchers and policy makers
- Make an inventory of different models of youth centres
- Elaborate possible alternative concepts and approaches for locally embedded youth centres

Application Deadline: 04.05.2020

Application via: [salto-youth.com](http://salto-youth.com)

# Traineeships

## **Reducing unemployment among young people in Vilani district, Latvia**

Duration: 01-05-2020 till 31-12-2020 **(8 months)**

### Objectives

The project aims to create new jobs to reduce youth unemployment in Vilani County. The project aims to promote employment, eliminate all forms of discrimination and inequalities in the labor market, as well as to develop human resources and to promote an informed society. The challenge for LPK "Vilani" is to create a job for a young person who would like to work in his / her region and see opportunities for self-development so that he / she can later invest in the development of the company and the region.

### Activities

The participants involved are young people from the Vilani Region who are unable to establish a long-term working relationship due to various socio-economic or geographical barriers. LPKS "Vilani" plans to involve two young people in the project by offering them full-time work for at least 6 months. Young people will be provided with all the necessary documentation to manage their employment.

Application deadline: None

Application via: Lauksaimniecības pakalpojumu kooperatīvā sabiedrība "VIĻĀNI"

# 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+ Projects**".