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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 (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 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)

## Language ACTS 2 Romania

Duration: **01/08/2020 to 01/02/2021 (7 months)**

Project Description: The project is designed to be the continuation, improvement and expansion of the pilot Language ACTS project that helped the organisation develop a methodology of using non-formal activities for the development of languages and cultural competencies. General Objective: Develop language competences and intercultural awareness for both 12 volunteers and 160 beneficiaries by using non-formal methods. the volunteers who apply for this project need to like and be willing to work with youth for 6 months. - active, open-minded, creative, innovative, responsible and motivated volunteers - the volunteers of this project should, above all else, show willingness to learn and see their EVS experience as a learning process.

Application deadline: 01.08.2020

Application via: Solidarity Corps Portal

## Youth Empowerment, 3 volunteers, Sweden

Duration: **01/10/2020 to 30/06/2021 (9 months)**

Project Description: Activity 1 One volunteer will be working with activities for refugees. The target groups are firstly asylum seekers who are in the process of waiting for the result of their asylum application, and secondly refugees who already got a residency permit and who are building a new life in Sweden. The activities can vary from cooking, dancing, learning languages, sport, arts and craft for children. The volunteer is encouraged to plan and lead activities depending on their own interests. Activity 2 Two volunteers will be working at Youth Centres run by the municipality. Supported by youth leaders and activity leaders, they will plan and lead leisure activities that can gather young people 13-25 years old with different backgrounds. The focus is on creating, cultural expressions and therefore it is a plus if the volunteer has some previous experience or a passion for creative activities, for example art, craft, theatre or music. Since the volunteers will be interacting with people in various activities it is required that they have good social skills. They should also have an interest in working with children and/or teenagers. They need to speak English and / or Swedish. We are looking for young people who are interested in alternative ways to knowledge and who seek an experience that will help them grow as people and add to their development towards education or a a career path.

Application Deadline: 09.08.2020

Application via: Solidarity Corps Portal

**ZSOI nr 7 Kindergarten - Solidarity - built to last, Poland**

Duration: between **01/10/2020 to 30/06/2021 (9 months)**

Project description: Kindergarten is situated in the southern district of Cracow. In kindergarten, we take care of children in 5 age groups from 3 till 6 years old. We work 5 days weekly, from 8 am till 16 pm. The schedule organized activities take part till 15:00. Each group of children is led by 2 teachers or 3 teachers in the class where kids have some special needs. In each group, there are around 30 children. A teacher plans the activities for the group and then consult them during regular staff meetings. We try to provide for children many different activities (both group and personal ones), from sports and dancing, to handcrafts, painting etc. We also organize extra activities - English language, gymnastics, dancing, rehabilitation exercises for children who need it. The most important thing for us is to give children appropriate educational basics and as much knowledge and possibilities to do interesting things as possible. It is imperative to know that the most important is to ensure children's safety and the best conditions for their development.

Application Deadline: 31.07. 2020

Application via: Solidarity Corps Portal

**Youth for Youth**

**Duration:**01/09/2020 to 30/06/2021 (10 months)

Project description: The project "Youth for Youth" is especially for kids and youngsters, which are the target groups of all Don Bosco institutions, and also for the good of the local community. They support young people in need, they give a helping hand in the integration of refugees and are active part in the dialog in a pluricultural context. Volunteer's tasks are for example collaboration in a play bus project, organisational help for a fun and games day, educational support for young refugees, sport and free time activities with kids and youngsters or the launching of a social media campaign. Volunteers of the European Solidarity Corps contribute their youthful dynamics and they are positively present and close to kids and youngsters. They portray the importance of volunteering for the civil society. This project opens a space for mutual learning processes and underlines the European idea.

Application Deadline: 31.07.2020

Application via : Solidarity Corps Portal

### Kindergarten number 176 - Solidarity - built to last, Poland

Duration: **01/10/2020 to 30/06/2021 (9 months)**

Project description: : Kindergarten is situated in the southern part of Cracow. In kindergarten, we take care of 7 groups of children from 3 to 6 years old. We work 5 days a week from 6 am to 5 pm. During pre-school daycare, children have a lot of organized schedule activity. Each group is looked after by two teachers. We have 20/25 children in each group. We care about the overall development of children, so we organize for them many additional activities such as dance, art workshops, rhythmic, English, and many programs created by our teachers. We often go on trips to various interesting places to give children start learning about the World. The most important for us is the safety of children and also creating opportunities for them to develop their own interests, creativity, and expand their skills. We want to cooperate with very responsible, creative, and open-minded volunteers. A volunteer should be very patient, good if he has any talents that he can share with children, should be able to cooperate in a team, be friendly, and have ease in making new contacts.

Application Deadline: 31.07.2020

Application via: Solidarity Corps Portal

### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERING IN ITALY ON AGRICULTURE

Duration: **01/08/2020 to 01/03/2021 (8 months)**

Project description: Comunità di Etica Vivente is currently looking for 2 volunteers that will support the staff members in their community with agriculture tasks through permaculture design and practices. The volunteer will support the staff members in the following tasks: Work in Mediterranean permaculture/agriculture project and gardening: organic vegetable garden in summer and autumn techniques, fruit harvesting and transformation, olive picking and saffron harvest in October/November, green areas maintenance in the Community Gardens. Working with Permaculture professionals including Fabio Pinzi, one of the founders of the Italian Academy of Permaculture. Supporting the organization of the international conference "Humanity and the Cosmos, our focus and challenge for the future". Volunteers will work 35 hours a week with two consecutive free days per week (not always Saturday and Sunday).

Criteria:

- Curious to experiment life in a community and cooperation
- Good time management, flexibility, patience, open-mindedness, team-work
- Good level in English

Application Deadline: As soon as possible

Application via: Solidarity Corps Portal

# Short term Volunteer Service (1 - 6 months)

## » » » 6 weeks adventure in Poland ‹ ‹ ‹

Duration: 21/09/2020 to 01/11/2021 (2 months)

Project description: The volunteer can get involved in following activities: - organizing workshops for local youngsters, open events such as country presentations or language cafe's, - visiting schools and promoting volunteering, their countries or delivering workshops about culture, human rights, youth opportunities, volunteering - hosting a radio show about youth, culture, and education - helping us with administrative works in the office - working with media, photography, film - volunteers can write articles, take pictures from our events, lead our social media, creating promo videos, movie recaps from our projects, etc - initiating own projects. We provide trainings during orientation week on organizational culture, job-related works, etc. Volunteers are welcome to join our trainings and workshops.

Application Deadline: 31/07/2020

Application via: Solidarity Corps Portal

## Experiential Learning Forum A2

Duration: 09/08/2020 to 21/09/2020 (1 months)

Project description: Objectives of the Volunteering Activity: O1. Online campaigns to raise awareness of EU programmes, EU values and community cohesion, growth possibilities for youth within the local and international communities. O2. Cultivating the sense of solidarity and community, active citizenship through online NFE activities and campaigns we are organising at local level, regional level, by running workshops for youth in various areas nearby the HQ of the organisation in Harja. O3. Ecology activities in the area of Harja and Oituz, decoration and refurbishment activities for serving the children in the organisation and in the community. 1. Induction & local training 2. Non Formal Education tools/ methods trainings 3. Social Media/ Online tools training/ Digital – Google Drive, Trello, iOS, Microsoft, Canva, Mail Chimp, G-Suite 4. Painting & outdoor art 5. Gardening and outdoor decoration 6. Mentoring 7. Team Building.

Application deadline: 30.07.2020

Application via: Solidarity Corps Portal

**Be aware of your uniqueness Czech Republic**

Duration: 17/09/2020 to 27/12/2020 (3 months)

Project description: This volunteering project is searching for one volunteer for a project in Youth Center ICM Slaný in town Slaný in the Czech Republic. The dates of the activity are 17.9. - 27.12. (with a chance to take free days for the Christmas holidays). The main activities of the project are taking care of social media of the organization, creating cultural events and programs for schools, self-development activities, etc. The project is open for EU citizens or foreigners with permanent residence in one of the EU countries. We are interested in volunteers who have at least B1 English level, who want to learn to organize events and are willing to learn to speak in front of students and other clients of our organization.

Application Deadline: 19.07.2020

Application via: Solidarity Corps Portal

**Empowered by Nature-short-term group volunteering, Hungary**

Duration: 01/09/2020 to 30/09/2020 (1 months)

Project Description: Topic: Empowered by Nature - nature as a source of self-development, creativity and cooperation  
Age of participants: 18-30 years  
Volunteering activities: The following works will be done on location in smaller groups - following a preparation: Maintaining the Bird Park resort: cutting grass (huge territory), painting the wooden gates, the fences, the bike stands, re-painting some of the recovery rooms, building the walking-path of the park. Helping with the recovery of the injured birds: feeding 4-times a day the little birds, helping with the preparation for examination, moving birds from cages to other cages (because of cleaning or examination), helping with the cleaning of cages, changing water, feeding, releasing birds back to nature. This project is planned for young people with fewer opportunities, who are facing different difficulties in their lives (social, economic, educational, territorial), NEET unemployed, minorities, low-level or unfinished education, family or economic problems, etc. There is no need for a good or any command of English. We need a CV and 4-5 sentences of motivation.

Application Deadline: 05.08.2020

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)**

**New dates & Online! ETS Trainer Skills Workshop (TSW) - Coaching mind-set and coaching skills for trainers**

7-11 September 2020 | Online, Germany

The workshop for experienced trainers in the youth field will take place online and will explore coaching & mentoring practices in designing and delivering training activities. TSWs are for trainers having a long-term experience with training in the field of youth. The workshop is for trainers who wish to develop their competence with regard to particular areas/skills and transfer the learning to their youth work practice. Every time TSW has a different thematic focus for certain skills development.

Recommended for: : Trainers

Application deadline: 20.07.2020

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

**"ABC ON VOLUNTEERING MENTORSHIP" IN THE EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS**

23-28 September 2020 | Mollina (Málaga), Spain

This training offer to mentors or potential mentors the opportunity to get trained in their task as mentors, to go deeper in the essence of the volunteering activities under the European Solidarity Corps, to find tools and resources for their daily task as mentors, know and share with other colleagues the realities or their projects and the different singularities in each project, offering the basic learning for mentoring volunteering activities, aiming to develop their knowledge and skills to better support European volunteers and volunteer learning process in the frame of the European Solidarity Corps programme.

The TC is offer mainly to potential future mentors or mentors interested to improve their competences in the mentorship of ESC volunteers.

Recommended for: Volunteering mentors

Application deadline: 31.07.2020

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

**RESOLVE: New Youth Order Online Dialogue Activity**

10-21 August 2020 | Online, United Kingdom

The RESOLVE: New Youth Order Online Dialogue Activity provides an opportunity for youth leaders to engage with decision-makers on a local, national and international basis to share their thoughts, opinions and participate in democratic practices.

As a RESOLVE programme, this Online Dialogue Activity will mobilise a range of reconciliation and peacebuilding techniques to achieve this including: People to people dialogue; Debate for Peace; Simulation games; Mediation techniques and Effective communication & advocacy..

Recommended for: Youth workers, Youth leaders, Volunteering mentors, Youth coaches, Team Leaders

Application deadline: 31.07.2020

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

**Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on Essentials of Youth Work**

1 September - 18 October 2020 | France

Become more familiar with the "basics" of youth work, learn how youth work is supported, get inspired by examples of youth practices across Europe and reflect on the future of youth work in Europe!

Are you curious about youth work? What is youth work and who is it for? How does it relate to young people's lives? How is it done and by whom? How is it supported on local, national or European levels?

The course is based on the know-how and accumulated experience in youth work of the partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Europe in the field of youth.

Recommended for: Volunteering mentors, Youth coaches, Youth researchers, The MOOC is open for everyone.

Application Deadline: 01.08.2020

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



**Match. Exchange. Develop. Youth Work against violent radicalisation and extremism - partner building activity.**

28 September - 2 October 2020 | Area of Bonn, Germany

The aim of the event is to encourage and support projects focusing on the role of youth work in promoting community resilience in the framework of Erasmus+ Youth in Action and the European Solidarity Corps programme.

The Partnership Building Activity will be an open space for getting to know other professionals involved in the same/ similar field of work, for exploring together potential ideas for common projects, for building quality partnerships and co-creating projects and grant applications.

The PBA will also provide space for participants to share practices and resources about youth work and youth workers involved in preventing violent radicalisation and to create international working groups that will lead to future cooperation, support and new networks for future projects.

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

Application deadline:02/008/2020

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

**Maker Education in youth work**

12-18 October 2020 | Tirana, Albania

We are offering two one-week-long courses over 2020 and 2021. They are targeted towards youth practitioners and will give them the opportunity to learn about maker education, and how to apply these concepts in youth work. Maker education is a problem-based and project-based approach to learning. It emphasizes the use of low-tech and high-tech gadgets, a trial-and-error mindset, and it encourages learners to develop 21st century skills such as communication, creativity and problem solving. Our project is providing 2 opportunities for youth workers to explore maker education, exchange on these topics with individuals from across Europe, brainstorm new tools, methods and techniques relevant to this field.

Application deadline:11/08/2020

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

# 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"**.