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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 with social disadvantaged children/teens!, Belgium

Duration: **06/10/2020 to 05/10/2021 (12 months)**

Project Description: Gigos Genk is an NGO with 5 youth centers located in 5 different places in Genk. All these different organisations work with social disadvantaged children and youngsters between 3 and 25 years old. We offer daily activities in the leisure time of the children and youngsters. Activities can be sports, games, handy crafts, but also educational activities like: how to live healthy, education about drugs/ gambling, how to apply for a job,... Next to these activities, we also organize social, artistic, cultural workshops. Workshops we offer are: street theater, photography, dance, multi media. Through these workshops we want to offer a forum where youngsters can show their talents. We want to give volunteers the opportunity, through a solid/structured project, to experience how to interact with youngsters who are in a social vulnerable position. Volunteers work 5 days a week with the children and youngsters. They will have the opportunity to create their own project.

Application deadline: 31.07.2020

Application via: Solidarity Corps Portal

Volunteering at Reims in youth actions and communication, France

Duration: **05/10/2020 to 04/09/2021 (11 months)**

Project Description: The volunteer will take part of a collective hosting of three volunteers. All the volunteers will share an apartment in Reims. Each volunteer will work in a different organization in cities near Reims (Aÿ and Fismes). The hosting organization of the volunteer and his/her coordinating organization will be the FRMJC CA. The missions of the volunteer will be : Animation of a blog and a Facebook about the volunteering project of the FRMJC, Making animations (tools or games) about European Union, European solidarity corps or his/her countries, contribute to activities about "no hate", fighting against discriminations, Contribute to the organisation of the main events of the FRMJC (communication, promotional movies) After a time for understand and better understanding of our missions, the volunteer might also propose his/her own personal project. Once per week, the 3 volunteers will also work together on a common projects for inhabitants of their neighbourhood.

Application Deadline: 14.07.2020

Application via: Solidarity Corps Portal

Volunteering in Narva Language Lyceum, Estonia

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

Project description: The volunteer will contribute to the organisation through the following tasks and activities: - playing games with students during active breaks; - collaboration with teachers on educational and extracurricular basis, help teachers at classes in order to bring along more non-formal way of learning; - cultural/language club for 5th-formers (organise English conversational language clubs to practice oral language skills and to develop a strong interest to the language amongst students); - learning reflection: learning diary; - working on personal project related with sustainable life; - preparing the community learning festival "Everyone is learning" Volunteer will be encouraged to integrate into the project their own ideas, experience and creativity. The specific program will be made in cooperation with the volunteer based on his/her competences and interests and organisations' goals.

Application Deadline: 30.06. 2020

Application via: Solidarity Corps Portal

What inspires new beginnings , Poland

Duration: **03/08/2020** to **03/06/2021 (9 months)**

Project description: Working directly with schools , kindergartens, local community groups & NGO's . Our main activities are focused on supporting the development of children and youth, equalizing educational opportunities and promoting culture. We strive to shape a society that engages in the affairs of its community. We take care to promote the idea of volunteering and social activity. - address ethical problems within the community - knowledge of the European Union, its strategies for educational development. - increase interest in solidarity actions in other countries - expanding views and attitudes towards difference in cultures and religions.

Application Deadline: 20.06.2020

Application via: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfB0VZRGsfMe-tD_yJVTaRJICIGKwEtIUraK_TXxAtxGyZUkg/viewform?usp=pp_url

International Organization for Migration Mission, Moldova

Duration: **01/08/2020 to 31/07/2021 (12 months)**

Project description: Volunteer tasks: - Assist in writing project reports and developing project proposals in the field of counter-trafficking, protection of vulnerable migrants, etc. - Assist in communication with mass media, as well as other institutions and individuals addressing IOM to know more about IOM counter trafficking programme in Moldova, assist in drafting press releases, informative notes, promotional materials, etc - Assist in organizing and coordinating activities such as trainings, seminars, conferences etc. - Besides the assistance provided to the Prevention and Protection department in the implementation of a wide set of counter trafficking activities, the volunteer will be required to assist the Programme Coordinator, the Activity Manager and the Activity Assistant for the implementation of a project designed to measure the prevalence of emotional, physical, and sexual violence against children in Moldova.

Application Deadline: 18.06.2020

Application via: Solidarity Corps Portal

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

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

From the midst of fields towards Europe - rural youth work, Finland

Duration: **01/09/2020 to 22/12/2020 (4 months)**

Project description: Local Action Group (LAG) Nouseva Rannikkoseutu develops rural areas across seven municipalities in Northern Finland. In this project two (2) volunteers will work with young people in the municipality of Tyrnävä in the North Ostrobothnia region. The municipality has a population of 6 700, and approx. 40% of them are under twenty years old. Tyrnävä is know for vast fields as far as the eye can see. Volunteers will participate in the local youth work: joining youth clubs, youth workshops etc. They will work together with local youth to create activities and increase involvement. Volunteers will also be planning and organising events for and with local residents, including events which celebrate the start of the Christmas season. The project starts on 1 September and ends on 22 December 2020 if the National Agency confirms funding. (the exact dates may change depending on how the coronavirus epidemic (COVID-19) affects the circumstances)

Application deadline: 18.06.2020

Application via: CV and motivation letter to erja.simuna (at) nousevarannikkoseutu.fi

Short-term volunteers to work with disadvantaged kids and youngsters, Bulgaria

Duration: **01/09/2020 to 31/10/2020 (2 months)**

Project description: BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF BULGARIA ASSOCIATION is looking for volunteers to work with children and young people living in social institutions in the city of Plovdiv, Bulgaria. During the service, the volunteers will have the chance to: • visit kids and youngsters living in social care institutions and organize group activities and games with them; • organize thematic meetings and holidays for these children and young people, promoting intercultural exchange; • participate in camps and other long-term activities organized by the social institution; • lead open foreign language lessons for the children; • participate in the organization of charitable and fundraising activities for causes related to the target group; • assist the administrative work at the office and help with other initiatives at the organization.

Application Deadline: 15.07.2020

Application via: Solidarity Corps Portal

LOVE Actually!, Romania

Duration: **20/10/2020 to 18/12/2020 (2 months)**

Project Description: Health education, especially sexual education, is still a taboo topic in Romania. Through this project we want to send a strong message to the Sighisoara young people, parents and teachers: without acceptance, trust in our strengths, kindness and lack of self and other's judgment it is very difficult to develop us in a harmonious and durable way! Accepting the differences between people, the others' opinions, the fact that we can be everything we want if we are self confident are part of the result we want to achieve through health and sexual education. The main activity of this project will be "November - the month of solidarity for health" during which the volunteers will organize at least 8 workshops for the young people in Sighisoara on 4 different but main topics for an overall well being: hygiene, nutrition, mental health and sexual education.

Application Deadline: 01.09.2020

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

The Sustainability Academy - 5Rs in Youth work

14 September - 9 October 2020 | Online, Luxembourg

The **Sustainability Academy** is a 50h online training focused on sustainability in youth work. Over 4 weeks, the participants will be invited use Design thinking methodology to identify the challenges they face and elaborate with young people: climate change, abuse of the environmental resources, consumption, social injustice and others. With Fridays for Future young people express already their disagreement to how older generations approach the issues. Is it possible to co-create with them long-term actions, where all generations could get involved in common strategy?

Recommended for: Youth workers, Youth leaders, Youth project managers, Youth coaches, > 18 years old

Application deadline: 20.06.2020

Application via: salto-youth.net

Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange Training for Youth Organisations

13 September - 24 October 2020 | Online / Virtual, Belgium - FR

This training programme provides an introduction to Transnational Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange Projects through a learning-by-doing approach.

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Over 6 weeks participants engage in some of the activities that characterise this type of project such as asynchronous discussions and synchronous facilitated video sessions while learning about what it takes to implement a successful project. The training requires no previous experience with Virtual Exchange.

Recommended for: Youth workers and non-formal educators

Application deadline: 30.07.20

Application via: salto-youth.net

Eastern Partnership Youth Engagement Summit, Forum

2-3 July 2020 | online, Belgium - FR

EaP Youth Summit will celebrate and promote past and ongoing EU - EaP cooperation investing in the future of young people and facilitate a dialogue between policy makers and youth on the overall approach and concrete steps for future.

Around 400-450 active, critical and responsible youth leaders and youth workers will have a unique opportunity to hold a dialogue amongst themselves and with EU and EaP policy makers on achievements and challenges in the youth field in the European Union and its Eastern Neighbourhood region. Participants will be invited to share good practices and experiences in the field of youth work and youth policy in both the EU and Eastern Partner countries. The outcomes of discussions and possible conclusions will be documented in the form of report and shared with the relevant stakeholders.

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

Application deadline: 18.06.2020

Application via: salto-youth.net

Training of Trainers for European Erasmus+: Youth in Action Projects 2020/2021

18 September 2020 - 26 June 2021 | Portugal, Germany, Italy

The major aim of this long-term training course is to train trainers who have the competences and the motivation to contribute to the improvement of the quality of projects within the Erasmus+: Youth in Action Programme of the European Union.

This Training of Trainers (ToT) lasts ca. one year and consists of:

- three residential seminars
- an international training project you design and run with some other participants
- ongoing e-learning
- ongoing mentoring with one of the course trainers as your mentor
- learning commitments

Application Deadline: 30.06.2020

Application via: salto-youth.com

Traineeships

Reducing unemployment among young people in Vilani district, Latvia

Duration: in duration between 01-05-2020 till 31-12-2020 **(6 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**".