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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 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

## CULTURE STATION: supporting activities of the city library, Poland

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

Project description: The library implements interdisciplinary activities connected with literature, music, visual arts and multimedia, arising from the needs of the local community. Our cultural offer is directed to all social and age groups. Users of our libraries are mostly children and young people, families and older people. The volunteer will work mainly in the Culture Station. Culture Station is the main library and a modern cultural center. Its unique design and functionality were appreciated by the jury of the international competition Library Interior Design Awards awarding the first prize in the category of single-spaced libraries. Most of the cultural and educational events are held here. Cooperation with associations and hobby groups broadens the scope of our activities. We systematically organize meetings with writers, travelers and other interesting people, music concerts, theater performances for adults and children. We organize conferences, workshops, library lessons, reading, performance.

Application Deadline: 15.06.2020

Application via: Solidarity Corps Portal

**EXPERYMENT Science Centre, supporting educational activities, Poland**

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

Project description: EXPERYMENT Science Centre is a modern scientific and educational playground for amateur explorers and the „learning through fun” philosophy followers of all ages. EXPERYMENT Science Centre organizes birthday parties for children, special lectures for little children and their parents, various workshops for younger and older guests. EXPERYMENT participates in many occasional festivals of science in the whole country. We are searching for people who are communicative and open for new experiences, creative and inventive. Both male and female volunteers are wanted. The volunteer should be interested in methods of active education, open for people from other countries and cultures and like to co-operate and work in group. S/he should be open-minded to contribute with one’s own creativity and willing to develop his/her personality.

Application Deadline: 15.06.2020

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

# 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: 10.06.2020

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

### **Help to build sustainable Green Homes, Ireland**

Duration: during the period **01/07/2020 to 31/08/2020 (2 weeks)**

Project description: This project aims to showcase sustainable green options for housing, that can address housing crises, climate change and social marginalisation across Europe. The Organic Centre will build two tiny homes on wheels - both safe, roadworthy, and legal - and will provide a dedicated exhibition space for them in our woodland where visitors can come and view them, and begin to see the potential of this alternative housing option. Two tiny homes will be built and installed in our native woodland. Led by our two expert craftsmen, 21 volunteers will construct these two homes using predominantly locally sourced materials. 20 volunteers will be recruited to help with the build, with one position open to a volunteer to record the entire project, collating the material into a video that will be uploaded to Youtube.

Application Deadline: 01.06.2020

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)**

## Webinar: Making Youth Participation Visible

4 June 2020 | zoom.us, Estonia

Join our webinar to learn more about how to do campaigns, build awareness, start initiatives in a systematic and strategic way. Learn what kind of role does communication have in creating a successful project and what are learning moments in this process.

- How to make youth voice heard?
- How to ensure and empower youth participation in decision making and political life?
- What role does communication, such as media relations and campaigning play in it?

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

Application deadline: 31.05.2020

Application via: [salto-youth.net](http://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: 04.06.2020

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**".