

2021 - 2022
Vilnius and Trakai, Lithuania
Volunteering opportunities



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About ESTA Saltes

European Voluntary Service Association “SALTES” is a nongovernmental organization founded by ex-EVS volunteers with a goal to strengthen and promote non-formal education and volunteering at national and international level. SALTES also seeks to provide young people (including those with fewer opportunities) an opportunity for self and professional development through active involvement in non-formal based activities.

To reach our goal we work to disseminate and promote volunteering and non-formal education ideas, to unite volunteers, to create volunteering traditions in Lithuania, to exchange best practices of youth work internationally, to raise the quality of youth work in the field of volunteering, to promote cultural cooperation and develop socio-cultural competences.

SALTES acts as a coordinating organization for these projects.

About the project

This is a project, that connects international long-term volunteers and their hosting organizations in Lithuanian cities (Vilnius and Trakai).

While coordinating international volunteering projects “Europos savanoriu tarnybos asociacija Saltes”, as organization, has established good and long-lasting relationships with hosting organizations in Lithuania, that wants to continue their work with international volunteers, keep on hosting new ones.

We see the value in this project, because both hosting organizations and volunteers will have the possibility to enhance their skills in an informal way, gain new skills, learn to collaborate better, to be more tolerant, to be responsible citizens, share experiences and enhance intercultural competencies.

ORGANIZATIONS

SOS Children's Village

SOS Family Strengthening Program supports disadvantaged families at risk of separation by bolstering their capacity to protect and care for their children. SOS Children's Village hopes to help families to learn look after themselves so that they can live independently in the long-term. Only in this way can we ensure that children are not left and that they grow up in their families. 25 children on average have an opportunity to visit our Day Care Centre every working day. Here they can do homework, play, interact, participate in group activities and attend cooking lessons. If it is necessary, children is also provided with psychological consultations and emotional expression strategy is applied.

Volunteering positions: 1

Dates: 2021 03 01 - 2122 03 01

Democratic School

Democratic School is an alternative private school for children aged 5-15. The aim of the school is to create an environment which addresses the social, emotional, intellectual, physical, and creative needs of children. We hope the kids to be happy at school and cherish their childhood. School environment motivates children to take responsibility for their learning process. This school is implementing principles of democratic education, such as weekly class meeting and later school meeting where the decisions are made all together. This is a crucial part of our school. Focusing on learning to live like a community and make decisions together, to create a better environment for all. Democratic school is not limited only by lesson time, there are also non-formal education activities as well as free play time where kids have all freedom to create their own games.

Volunteering positions: 1

Dates: 2021 03 15 - 2022 03 15

Antakalnis Open Youth Center

Antakalnis open youth center is an institution for young people (14 - 29 years old) to be, to create, to find themselves, to try new things. Our main aim is to create a safe place and conditions for youth to realize their ideas, understand others and themselves, to express their creativity. What is important - everything in this youth center is free, young people don't have to register or commit to come - it's their free choice to participate or not.

Youth workers work on the basis of non-formal education, open work principles. Different activities take part in Antakalnis open youth center - informational events, discussions, creative workshops, different projects about tolerance, democracy, self-improvement, also, dance, cooking lessons.

Volunteering positions: 2

Dates: 2021 04 01 - 2022 04 01

Trakai Historical National Park

The park is one of Lithuania's five national parks which represent the country's heritage, history and diverse natural landscapes. Park covers an area of 8,200 ha which includes more than 32 lakes.

The ensemble was severely damaged during World War II and subsequent Soviet occupation, therefore The Management seeks to preserve the cultural and natural values of this territory, encouraging conservation, restoration and sustainable use.

The restored ensemble has become home for concerts, exhibitions, pleners and other cultural and educational activities.

The main activities for the volunteers would be preserving the natural habitat of the park, gardening, working with the guests of the park and depending on the opportunities and motivation, giving the tours for the foreigner visitors.

Volunteering positions: 2

Dates: 2021 04 01 - 2021 10 31

Vilnius Open School

Vilnius Waldorf Open School is a community-based, non-profit educational institution working according to one of the concepts of non-traditional education - Waldorf - approved by the Ministry of Education.

A school created by the parents and teachers of children with their own hands and hearts, and its growth is sponsored by the Waldorf School Association in Lithuania and Waldorf pedagogy experts from abroad.

We started our business in September 2016 with one small class of freshmen. Growing up in one class every year, we already have 1-5 classes this school year.

Volunteering positions: 1

Dates: 2021 03 15 - 2022 03 15

ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

Volunteer will be accommodated in a rented apartment together with other volunteers, each volunteer will have a separated room. Volunteer will be provided with monthly allowance (food and pocket money), monthly public transport ticket.



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ESTA Saltes are looking for the volunteers as soon as possible. Volunteers that are interested in the opportunities provided above, should send their CV and motivational letters to evssaltes.egle@gmail.com, unless the hosting organization provided their own email, that you will find in their description.

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