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ABOUT HUI

Welcome to HUI

Voluntary Service of Armenia – Republican Headquarters of Student Brigades (HUI) was founded in 1965 and is registered as a non-governmental organisation, with headquarters situated in Yerevan, Armenia.

HUI is a full member of two big international networks, active in the field of International Voluntary Service: Coordinating Committee of International Voluntary Service at UNESCO and Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations.

At present HUI organises volunteer exchanges with 120 partner organizations abroad and holds a database of 3000 volunteers registered in HUI as of today.

The main activities run by HUI are for and with volunteers, mainly the young people. The regular activities of our organisation include exchange of volunteers with different organisations, opening of international workcamps in Armenia, preparation and sending volunteers to different trainings and seminars, as well as ESC and other long-term projects.

HUI also gives an opportunity for young people coming from different countries to pass an internship at HUI or in different projects.

The essential aims of the organisation are to raise the social competences and employability of the youth by organising activities for national and foreign volunteers in various programs in Armenia (workcamps, training courses, medium and long-term projects) as well as facilitating the participation of local and national volunteers in similar projects abroad; to take care of orphans, children with special needs and socially indigent people by proposing activities to and for them and making them more visible for local, national and international communities.

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Safety arrangements

HOUSING

The volunteer will live in a guest house or dormitory of the Linguistic University reserved for volunteers during her/his entire service (2 people per room). The both places are situated very close to the center of Yerevan, capital of Armenia, which is an asset to volunteer's inclusion in the social life of the city and by that getting included in the local society, as well as maintaining the safety and well-being of the volunteers. All facilities will be provided, he/she will be provided with a bed, sheets, linen and the "kitchen stuff" (plates, pans, glasses, tableware, etcetera). To address the safety and protection of the volunteer, the Hosting Organization made sure that the guest house is situated in the safe quarter of the city. On a monthly basis the volunteer will receive an allowance for food and will prepare it with other volunteers or on her own.

SUPPORT

Upon their arrival, the volunteers receive the vital information on how to behave (principal do's and don'ts) and where to address in cases of crisis. The same briefing, more detailed, is delivered also to the mentor to make sure that the matter is dealt with on a high quality. The volunteer will be supported by HUJ should they need medical or other help. In emergency cases the volunteer will be fully supported by her/his mentor throughout the treatment; the Hosting Organizations will support her/him in the paperwork for the insurance (filling in the form, gathering the data, translating the receipts, etcetera).

In the preparation stage of the project the volunteer's mentor will be selected by HUJ out of the database of Armenian volunteers. The mentor will be one of ex volunteers and/or an activist of HUJ. The mentor will be fully aware of her/his functions and of the volunteer's learning, living, and working arrangements to be able to implement their role in full and have a positive impact on the volunteer's Service. According to the volunteer's aspirations, the mentor will be chosen accordingly, to provide the volunteer with a partner for project implementation, as well as someone s/he can relate to and have common interests. The volunteer will be in constant contact with all the parties involved in the project and will have the support they might need in task-related, personal, logistical, and other aspects of their stay in Armenia.

VISA

The volunteer does not need a visa upon arrival to Armenia. After arrival to Yerevan, volunteer's documents for obtaining a Residence permit will be prepared and submitted to the corresponding body by hosting side.

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS

All the projects have experience with long term hosting volunteers, as each of them hosts 1-2 volunteers annually. All the projects always need volunteers and usually they also work with the local volunteers on short term bases.



Botanical Garden

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Botanical Gardens of the National Academy of Science are responsible for plant collections in Armenia. The Botanical Garden of Yerevan is situated in the north-eastern part of the city (80 ha of semi-desert habitat). The Botanic Institute holds rich herbarium as well as collection of 1070 species which represent 40% of the national collection (650 species) and shrubs which represent 51% of the collection (850 species). It holds the important collection of Armenian flora (1.5 ha, with around 750 species). The collection includes around 200 species of endemic, rare and declining plant species, and provides a basis for the study of Armenian flora, and the ecological interactions of species, in a relatively natural environment.

National Botanical Garden was considered to be one of the best in Former Soviet Union. As a result of energetic crisis in 1992-94 the Botanical Garden with its rich collection of flora was damaged because of cutting of trees, which were used for heating, absence of water and heating in the greenhouses of the Garden.

VOLUNTEER TASKS

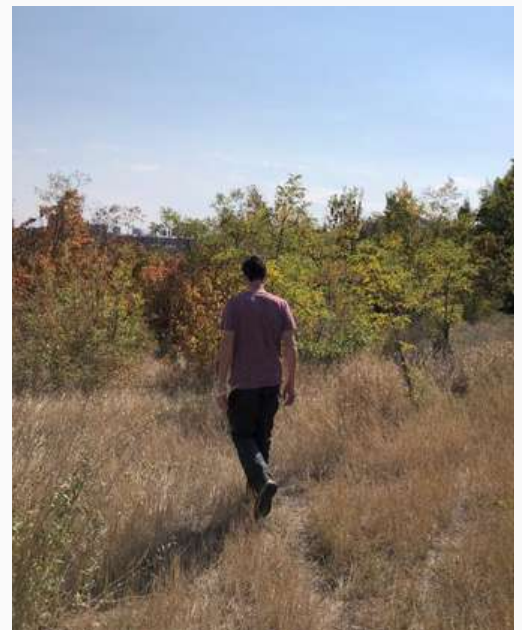
Main tasks of the volunteer will be to assist the workers of National Botanical Garden of Yerevan in variety of environmental maintenance projects, taking care of space of the Garden, clearing the paths, taking out the weeds, cultivating the trees, collecting the seedlings, cleanness of the territory, etcetera.

Besides the volunteers, will carry out irrigation works together with the staff of the Botanical Garden. The volunteer will participate in most activities organized by the office:

1. The volunteer will have the opportunity to participate in all workshops and to support the staff in organizing these activities.
2. She/he will establish social contact with individual children and their parents, who visit the Garden, by chats and games to facilitate their environmental learning.
3. Creating the article about Botanical Garden for websites.
4. The volunteers will participate in the research in the field of Paleobotany (Wiki: <https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paleobotany>) with an experienced specialist.

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS

- 1





VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

The volunteer should be ready to work outside and with plants. It is preferred that the volunteer have understanding of environmental education and capacity to present it to others in different formats (games, exercises, workshops). Ability to put his/her thoughts to paper is considered an asset (especially for the articles and promotion materials).

There are no gender, age, or other restrictions for the selection of volunteers. The main criterion of selection is the volunteer's motivation and interest in this field.

This project requires the volunteer to speak English and/or Russian.

WHAT OUR LONG-TERM VOLUNTEER IS SAYING....

"In the Botanical Garden of Yerevan our tasks are mainly in the Caucasian part of the garden. We are for example cutting the trees and bushes that have overgrown the paths, clean the area and plant ivy on walls and fences".

MARIKE





Rehabilitation Centre

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Republican Rehabilitation Center was founded in 1989 in Yerevan after the devastating earthquake. The founder of the Center signed 5-year project with Ministry of Health of Armenia to train local doctors, nurses, and prosthetics, to organize rehabilitation treatment clinics and to equip the artificial body parts laboratory. The German organization ADRA built the treatment building adjusted for wheelchair use. Republican Rehabilitation Center started to function in 1991. The Rehabilitation Center is giving rehabilitation treatment for underage patients with different chronic diseases and conditions of skeletal and neuromuscular system. During the year about 800 patients are getting treatments on inpatient and outpatient bases team approach. There are 3000 children under the Center supervision. The staff of the Centre are about 100 persons, including therapists, doctors, psychologists and technical staff. 30 of that staff people work directly with these children. Rehabilitation medicine is new in Armenia, it needs to develop involving general rehabilitation events that will contribute to the disabled children's physical and mental maximum development, will give them independence in their daily activities and will contribute to the integration into society. As one of the stages of the development of the rehabilitation medicine an Integration Kindergarten was opened in 2002 on the grounds of Republican Rehabilitation Centre.

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS

- 2





VOLUNTEER TASKS

The presence of an international volunteer gives the children the possibility to learn about different cultures and society and teach them tolerance, which will help them to integrate into the society in the future. The volunteer will organize different interactive teaching lessons on geography, ecology, etcetera.

The tasks for the volunteer will be all activities with children between 4 and 15: Organizing leisure time activities, sport activities, workshops on painting and sculpting, teaching songs and dances, helping the children with homework, organizing workshops to promote the creative abilities of the children. The volunteer will learn about the limited perspective that these disadvantaged children have. The volunteer will be participating in the seminars which are organized for the staff on the work with disabled children, will learn methods of work, etcetera. The volunteer will also be in communication with the parents of the children, will organize discussion meetings for them, help them in their work with children.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Ability and interest in working with children, organizing their free time activities, sport activities, organizing cultural evenings and workshops for them. Working language: English

WHAT OUR LONG-TERM VOLUNTEERS ARE SAYING...

"In the morning we work in the kindergarden. We play with kids, help during lunchtime to bring stuff and clean afterwards, we are watching the kids and helping with activities that take place or we help with the English lessons."

RAJA

"I also help with the horsetherapy, which helps children to get more confident, improves their balance and their mobility."

MATHILDE





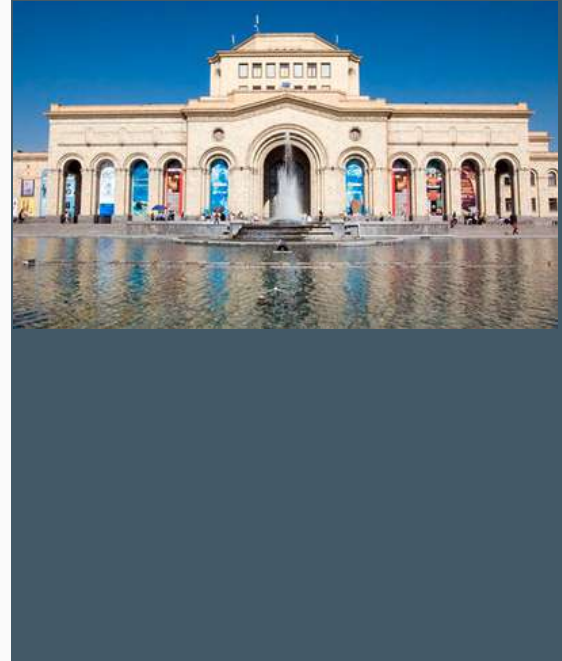
National Gallery of Armenia

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The National Gallery of Armenia was founded in 1921 by the decision of the Soviet Armenian Government, as the Art Department, one of the five departments of the State Museum. The National Gallery of Armenia is the country's major art gallery. Nowadays National Gallery of Armenia has about 40 000 pieces of art, but only 10% of its treasures is exhibited in gallery's halls. Its collection is displayed in 56 halls, which allow the Gallery to tell the story of national visual arts, decorative-applied arts as well as world culture from ancient times to our days. In the galleries of European, Russian, Armenian and Oriental art the visitors are introduced to the art of Aivazovsky, Sarian, Kandinsky, Donatello and other distinguished artists.

The Gallery not only promotes Armenian and world-famous art in the country, but also one of the main purposes of this organization is to protect and conserve art masterpieces. Art is a national treasure and heritage, which must protect for upcoming generations. According to this goal gallery also makes and publishes scientific works, guidelines, catalogues, organizes permanent and temporary exhibitions, organizes and hosts science conferences.

Starting from 2016 National Gallery of Armenia is also a unique education center. The National Gallery of Armenia invites all children aged 6-14 to participate in summer school programs. The programs are aimed at discovering the NGA collection as well as the masterpieces by the renowned artists exhibited in the leading world museums. They give them an opportunity to create themselves, to get an aesthetic education in specific museum atmosphere and to spend eventful time. Thematic- interactive and educational programs are organized for children including film and cartoon viewing, workshops and visits to some branches of the Gallery.





VOLUNTEER TASKS

The volunteer will assist in the different departments of the National Gallery of Armenia (NGA). In these departments the volunteer will work on solving multiple tasks. The main tasks of volunteer include:

1. The volunteer will assist the excursion department of NGA. The work will be not only entertaining, but also educational. The volunteer will discover Armenian painters, treasures of NGA, to learn the history of the art and the science of museology in general. Moreover, the guides of NGA will help the volunteer to organize guided tours. The volunteer will be given a chance to organize a presentation comparing Armenian and his native painters works.
2. Starting from 2016 National Gallery of Armenia is also a unique education center. The National Gallery of Armenia invites all children aged 6-14 to participate in summer school programs. Thematic- interactive and educational programs are organized for children including film and cartoon viewing, workshops. The volunteer will help the workers of this department in the preparing step, as well as later he/she will be involved in the department's work with children by supporting the NGA team during interactive programs.
3. The volunteer will be involved in promotional and info-events of the organization. Also, as a member of the marketing department, the volunteer will attend different meetings, staff brain-storming and will be given a chance to come up with his own ideas.
4. The volunteer will work in the department Public Relations helping to prepare materials and articles for website and social pages. The volunteer also will be given a task to moderate social media pages, will help to department's workers by refreshing the database.
5. The volunteer will be involved in gallery's different events, such as International Museum day, Museum's Night, different educational programs, etcetera.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

The volunteer should be interested in Art and in history of Art, in general history, in Museology, and in public relations. Also should the volunteer be responsible, communicative, creative, and have the ability to work in team. Next to that the volunteer should like to learn new skills. Good knowledge of English is important.

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS

- 1





History Museum of Armenia

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The History Museum of Armenia: -was founded by the Parliament Law (No. 439, 09.09.1919) of the First Republic of Armenia and started receiving visitors on August 20, 1921

· was formed on the basis of the collections of the Armenian Ethnographical Association of the Caucasus, Nor Nakhijevan Museum of Armenian Antiquities, Museum of Antiquities of Ani, Vagharshapat Repository of Ancient Manuscripts

· is entrusted with a national collection of c. 400,000 objects and has the following departments: Archeology (35%), Ethnography (8%), Numismatics (45%), Documents (12%)

· represents an integral picture of the history and culture of Armenia from prehistoric times (1.8 mill. BC) till our days

· presents the rare traces of cultural interrelations of the Armenian Highland and the countries of the Ancient East (Egypt, Mitany, the Hittite Kingdom, Assyria, Iran, the Seleucid State), Rome and the Byzantine Empire

· owns an enormous and exceptional collection of the 3rd-2nd millennia BC bronze specimens, which belong to the world treasury of masterpieces

·owns a collection of the earliest objects in the history of transport: 15th - 14th century BC wooden carts and chariots, excavated from Lchashen, and their miniature models in bronze

· possesses the sumptuous historical-cultural heritage of Urartu, The Kingdom of Van, the powerful state in the Ancient East: exceptional cuneiform inscriptions, bronze statuettes, wall-paintings, painted ceramics, arms and weapons with sculptural ornamentation, unique specimens of gold, silver and bone, excavated from Teishebaini, Erebuni and Argishtikhinili

·possesses the cuneiform inscription of 782 BC about the foundation of the city of Erebuni (Yerevan), by the Urartian king Argishti I

· owns a rich collection of Armenian coins, issued in Tsopk(3rd century BC – 150 BC), coins of the Armenian Artaxiad dynasty (189 BC – 6 AD), of the Kiurike Kingdom (11th century) and Armenian Kingdom of Cilicia (1080-1375), as well as foreign issues of mints functioning in Armenia (Dvin, Ani, Yerevan, etc.) in different periods

· presents valuable specimens of peculiar transformation of the Hellenistic culture in Armenia: sculptures, architectural details, jewellery, and ceramics, excavated from the archeological sites of Garni, Artashat and Syunik

· presents the Christian culture of Armenia with unique specimens of art of the 4th-18th centuries

WHAT OUR LONG-TERM VOLUNTEER IS SAYING...

" I restore old wood that is part of a burial wagon that will be exhibited in the museum. I clean it with a microscope and then with cotton and alcohol to remove the dust, then I use a scalpel to remove the glue and the dirt. I also work in the excursion department with the guides who are doing the tours for the visitors of the museum. In that department there are a lot of specialists who speak different languages. "

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VOLUNTEER TASKS

The volunteer will assist in the Department on Work with Mass Media and Public Relations PR /Website, Social Media, Marketing, The Cultural Diplomacy/ translator, editor, photographer, designer (web), sociologist, social media specialist, video editor, marketing and in Department of Excursions / Education Program of the History Museum of Armenia.

The main tasks of volunteer include:

1. To collect visitor feedback that contributes to the development of future museum initiatives. Visitor experience surveys are conducted daily, providing the museum with general demographic information, as well as visitor perceptions on a range of topics. Surveys aim to be direct and visitor friendly.
2. To organize the events (Assist with event planning, logistics / conferences, forums, presentations, discussion, lecture; The European Night of Museums; International Museum Day etcetera)
3. To greet and direct visitors, distribute general information, educate visitors about Museum programs and current events, answer general questions about the visit, and assist lobby staff with other tasks upon request. The volunteer will seek out and approach groups at lobby entrances, and will help to orient them by greeting them, establishing whether they have a reservation, taking the group leader to group processing area, assisting the groups to check and retrieve belongings in the checkroom. The information volunteer will serve as an ambassador of the museum, answering visitor questions pertaining to all permanent and temporary exhibitions, museum programs.
4. To participate in a well-regarded program for children. This program is managed by the History Museum of Armenia's Education department. The volunteer will assist a teacher to conduct curriculum-based art and history workshops.
5. To assist to staff of the Museum in coordination of the voluntary works (writing the projects, defining positions, completing the interview process).

During the service the volunteers will have opportunity to learn Armenian history, culture and also Heritage and Art. They will work at the Department of the Excursion / Education programs. It will help them to learn how the guides organise the excursions in the Museums. They will have a teaching experience by assisting the teacher from Educational Department. They will get acquainted with collections, exhibitions and also with the basics of Museology.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

The volunteer should have a good knowledge of English and have writing and organizational skills. He/she should be interested in history.

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS - 2





“Zatik” Child support center“

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Zatik Children Support Center provides 2 service:

The center provides two services:

1. Day care services
2. Full-time day care (the children are staying at home)

The center is working with: children in the street;

- child baggers;
- children exposed to violence;
- children left without general education;
- children with behavioral disorders;
- children with family conflicts;
- children without extracurricular employment.

The Center has a multidisciplinary team (social workers, psychologists, social pedagogues, lawyer, doctor).

What kind of work is carried out with children and their families?

- individual and / or group work;
- family counseling;
- material support;
- 24-hour care;
- community-based work;
- legal advice, advocacy;
- medical assistance.

VOLUNTEER TASKS

The task for the volunteer will be all activities with children between 5 and 15: Organizing leisure time activities, Giving language lessons (informal), Helping the children with homework, organizing workshops to promote the creative abilities of the children. The volunteer will learn about the limited perspective that these disadvantaged children have.

The present of a volunteer gives the children the possibility to learn about foreign culture and society and teach them tolerance. foreign language lessons will promote their language competence and the employment possibilities for the future.

The main goal of the project is to provide educational activities and to help them to get prepared for the independent life, to help them in their everyday tasks etc. Involving the volunteers into everyday life of children is a great opportunity for this project, as the children will learn about the culture and traditions, in a foreign country The presence of volunteers will enrich the program offered to the children.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

English is a must. Volunteer should be very responsible, creative, full of new ideas and he/she must always have a big motivation to work with children.

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS -
2





HUJ- office

ABOUT THE PROJECT

As a volunteer in the HUJ-office, you will work for the HUJ Voluntary Service of Armenia. In the beginning of this booklet there is more information given about HUJ. HUJ started working with EVS volunteers already in 1997 and has a vast experience in the field. Being a specialised voluntary service organisation, the variety and quality of the projects of HUJ (both as a partner and as a coordinator) are of an utter importance and it is one of the main goals of our organisation.

Our team consists of 8 employees, which is amended by a group of local volunteers during a big projects' preparation. There are separate designated coordinators for outgoing and incoming volunteers.

The incoming ESC volunteers will work with all of us and during the whole period of the Service, the volunteer will integrate in HUJ-Team. The majority of our employees knows English so the language will not be obstacle for communication with the staff during the first time.

The volunteer will have a specifically named coordinator-supervisor that he/she can always come to. He has good experience of working with volunteers and thus will have a good impact on the volunteer's learning process. He is one of old volunteers of our organisation who participated in the international and local volunteering camps and has been an ESC Support Person at HUJ since 2012. Besides the work with the volunteers directly, the coordinator is also actively involved in other projects of Erasmus+: he has twice participated in annual event for ESC coordinators and other training courses in Armenia and abroad, which enriched his competences in this field. Besides the supervisor, all members of our team will support ESC volunteer and they will be ready to share their experience with him/her.

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS

- 1





VOLUNTEER TASKS

The proposed tasks and activities for the volunteer are as follows (but are not limited to this list):

1) Assistance in HUI activities and promotion of volunteering lifestyle. Support and active participation in conferences, meetings, training courses, seminars and other similar events organised by HUI:

1. To prepare and disseminate information posters, to hold presentations in universities, high schools, as well as in fairs and promotion events in order to present activities of HUI and to increase young people's awareness about volunteering lifestyle and opportunities;
2. To lead workshops and talks in schools with a staff member of HUI on different topics, such as group dynamics, conflicts resolution, intercultural dialogue and many others according to the interest and field of expertise of the volunteer;
3. To develop content for our Facebook page and Website and give ideas on social coverage where the volunteer will be able to use and spread their creative ideas;
4. Depending of volunteer's capacities, he/she may make a short film and/or a presentation about the activities of the organisation, ESC as a concept or any neighbouring topic.

2) Assistance in organization of international voluntary workcamps.

1. To give support in the preparation of the trainings of camp leaders and local volunteers;
2. To give support in the preparation of the activities of the workcamp: preparation of material, schedule and other;
3. According to volunteer interest and capacity, s/he can also co-animate one of international workcamps.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

The volunteer should be interested or have some experience in working with youth. The volunteer should be open-minded, flexible, creative and communicative. The main factor of selection is the volunteer's will to obtain new knowledge and gain experience as well as to share their experience and knowledge with others. The volunteer should be able to communicate in English to allow him/her a better integration in the team.

WHAT OUR LONG-TERM VOLUNTEER IS SAYING...

"In my first weeks I got acquainted with all the different programs and organizations in the world of volunteering. Next to that, I am helping with recruiting and selecting new volunteers for the Armenian projects, as well for the projects abroad. For that I make promotion material, give presentations on the universities, and interview candidates. In the meanwhile, I also started to upgrade the Instagram and Facebook pages."

ELIAVA





Muratsan Hospital complex

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Muratsan medical complex was founded in 2008 by famous composer Edgar Gyanjumyan. The main aim of the foundation is the support in treatment to children who have leukemia, to provide information about the disease, to organize meetings and publications about treatment of children with this diagnosis, making statistics about the children who have leukemia, organization of charity activities to get financial support also cooperation with foreign organizations with the same priority. Also the Foundation provides information, financial assistance, and emotional support to families of adults and children affected by leukemia, lymphoma, and other related blood disorders.

VOLUNTEER TASKS

The main aim of the project is to assist the staff members of the hospital, work with children who are having their treatment in the hospital, to help the staff members to organize charitable events and activities, game activities for children etc.

The daily routine and tasks may be as follows (will be decided after the arrival of the volunteer together with the staff and will be more flexible):

- Visiting children, who are having their treatment in hospital, to play with them, to organize interesting games and activities.
- Promotion of the activities of the foundation in international organizations, writing articles about activities.
- Organization of charitable events for hospitals- when everybody can gift something for children or can participate in common games, concerts. The volunteer will be able to practice administrative skills in planning and organizing such events.
- Making programs of entertainment for children in the hospital.
- Organization of arts and crafts competitions in hospitals.
- Creating Game Rooms in hospitals, organization of game hours for children.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

The volunteer should be active, communicative, and creative for working with coordinators and responsible person.S/he should have English writing and communicating skills.

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS -
1





14 School for children with visual impairments

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The School was founded in 1939, and it's the only one in its kind, where the education is organized with Braille system. The pupils come from marzes (regions) of the Republic of Armenia as well as Republic of Nagorno-Karabakh. They have various degrees of eyesight impairments. In the course of the existence of the school thanks to the knowledge and education that they obtained most of the graduates were able to find their place in the society` achieving success in various spheres of sciences. The school is not a merely educational institution, but a place insuring a 11 years of safe, secure, interesting and productive life for blind children. There are various artistic working groups in the school – painting, dancing, singing, piano, violin, etcetera which gives the pupils the opportunity to have a closer contact with different fields of art. The school also provides with professional education, the pupils get the degree in massage acquire computer skills, they actively participate in inter-school educational Olympiads in different subjects – being rewarded with certificates and 1st rate diplomas. The staff of the school needs help to organize more activities and different workshops for the children, help in teaching foreign languages and bring new ideas and interests to their work. The European volunteer who will bring with them new fresh ideas, new games, new culture, new language and just love and joy. The kids feel their love, their kindness, warmth and devoted work, which is the most important above all for the center.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

The volunteer should be active, communicative, and creative for working with coordinators and responsible person. S/he should have English writing and communicating skills.

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS -
1





VOLUNTEER TASKS

The volunteer will spend their service in the school, close to the city center of Yerevan. He/she will be involved in all programs and will be encouraged to propose his/her own ideas and suggestions. The volunteer will live and work with the local community. Apart from working with the children, he/she will have the possibility to spend his/her free time with them and to learn a lot about Armenia. The volunteer will be involved in discussions and seminars about the future of the children and will be able to share his/her opinion on the situation with parents and staff of hospitals. With the help of the volunteer they will be able to organize more workshops, in which the children according to their health can draw, sculpture, sing and dance. The volunteer will help children to participate in all arts workshops and to support the staff in organizing these activities (painting, sculpturing, handicrafts, etc.) . He/she will establish social contact with individual children and their parents by chats and games. . He/she will present his/her country and culture to the children, organize dancing and singing evenings, teach songs and etc. . Create workshops on different interesting topics . Excursions and outdoor activities . The volunteer will have the task to help organizing exhibitions of the art works of the children on different topics . Organizing sport competition activities in the territory . Organization of thematic evenings and meetings . Searching for international partners and donors in different countries, making posters and booklets about the school in English . Assist teachers in elementary foreign language teaching Support and training will be provided by the staff of the organization and by the community. The volunteer will be invited to social events and will be supported in learning and practicing basic Armenian language, according to his/her wish. The volunteer will play a big role in Host organization and will be actively involved in organizational group of preparing different events and free time activities. The volunteer will receive language training 2 times per week during the first half of their ESC Service provided by a language teacher in a special language center. Therefore the main acquisitions of the volunteer throughout the project would be: 1. Better understanding of the work with children, especially those with fewer opportunities 2. Better self-organisation and sense of initiative 3. Improved ability of working in an organisation using a foreign language (English and then Armenian) 4. Language skills in Armenian language

WHAT OUR LONG-TERM VOLUNTEER IS SAYING...

"I look after the children and I play with them. I also support teachers in their daily work".

FLORIAN





Diaconia

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Jambazian, the Armenian Relief Society in Germany/ NGO/ launched a series of support programs in Armenia, and on this basis began the history of Diaconia Charitable Foundation. In 2001, parallel to other projects, 78 houses were built for families with large members experiencing housing problems. The foundation staff consists of 60 people. The objective of Diaconia Charitable Fund is to help needy families and execute activities that will help a person in need to meet his own demands over the course of time, come out of a role of a pleading person, to have a real hope of living a better life. The Foundation staff is familiar with English, German, Dutch and Russian languages.

About the educational center:

The Foundation has an educational center, where there are language courses, pastries, and sewing skills, professional and psychological trainings. There are also painting and pottery classes.

VOLUNTEER TASKS

Volunteer will work with children from socially vulnerable families living in the vicinity of the Foundation, in houses donated by sponsors; Huysi Avan district.

S/he will also be included in the Foundation's activities, such as:

1. Organize cultural development programs for children from socially vulnerable families in "Huysi Avan" district, such as (singing, dancing, painting, development games).
2. Helping the staff to finish the renovation works of the Development Center for Children from socially vulnerable families in "Huysi Avan" district.
3. Helping "Huysi Avan" district's residents in cleaning works of the district
4. Involvement in Foundation activities: distribution of food, school supplies, provision of clothing, and participation in agricultural projects.
5. Warehouse activities: preparing food packages.
6. Visiting families in different regions of Armenia to assess the needs of families, and photographic works.
7. Organizing free recreational activities for children with disabilities, home visits and reading hours.
8. Participation in summer camps.
9. S/he will teach their national songs, dances, which will include the final event display.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

The volunteer should be flexible to work in different filed, to be ready to work with the children and with the children with disabilities and people from socially vulnerable families

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS

- 2





Arabkir Medical Center

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Arabkir” Joint Medical Center – Institute of Child and Adolescent Health (Arabkir JMC) is the largest pediatric structure in Armenia, which realizes large-scale medical activities. We provide medical services, including prevention, diagnostics and treatment of different child diseases, follow-up services for children with chronic urological and surgical, gastroenterological problems as well as with bronchial asthma, epilepsy, diabetes and hematology, nephrology, endocrinology-related diseases, psycho-social and rehabilitation services.

We also provide services for emergency cases and a number of services for adults in the fields of urology and general surgery, nephrology and kidney transplantation, laboratory diagnostics. As a multidisciplinary medical structure, Arabkir JMC provides medical assistance and care to thousands of children every year. The experts are experienced, talented professionals, who are regularly trained in Armenia and abroad. They provide quality services with compassion upon our little patients.

VOLUNTEER TASKS

The main aim of the project is to work with children who are in-patients in “Arabkir” Medical Center. The volunteer will be involved in all programs and will be encouraged to propose his/her own ideas and suggestions. The volunteer will be involved in discussions and seminars about the future programs of the children and will be able to share his/her opinion on the situation. With the help of the volunteer the staff of the Center will be able to organize more workshops, in which the children according to their health can draw, sculpture, sing and dance. The volunteer will participate in most activities with the children and have a variety of different tasks:

- Helping children to participate in all arts workshops and to support the staff in organizing these activities (painting, sculpturing, handicrafts, etc.).
- Organizing the elementary foreign language teaching classes.
- Present his/her country and culture to the children, organizing dancing and singing events, teaching songs etc.
- Creating workshops on different interesting topics with participation of the children.
- Organizing excursions and outdoor activities (with approval and participation of the staff).
- Organizing sport activities on the territory, thematic evenings and meetings.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

The volunteer should be active, communicative, and creative for working with coordinators and responsible person.S/he should have English writing and communicating skills.

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS -
2





World Wide Fund for Nature Armenia

ABOUT THE PROJECT

WWF began its activities in Armenia since 2002 and as of November 2006, WWF-Armenia has been registered as an official branch of WWF International as a part of WWF Caucasus Program Office. The main priority areas of the organization is the development and strengthening of protected areas of Armenia, the conservation of threatened species, the conservation and restoration of ecosystems, mitigation and adaptation to climate change, introduction of economic mechanisms for alternative livelihood for local communities in order to promote sustainable use of natural resources and to protect biodiversity and support and promotion of environmental awareness and education. WWF-Armenia is the largest and best known conservation organization in Armenia.

VOLUNTEER TASKS

Main tasks of the volunteer will be:

- Assisting in Biodiversity Monitoring together with Caretakers.
- Data Coordination and Analysis from the Camera Traps.
- Assisting in Eco-Trail Mapping, Eco-Routs Management.

The Volunteer will work on a rotational basis with WWF-Armenia and its partner organisations: Arpa Protected (Vayots Dzor region), Khosrov Forest State reserve.

The volunteer will spend initial 1-2 months at WWF-Armenia office where he/she will be acquainted with WWF-Armenia projects, get trainings on the field work and instructions on how to use related equipment and software. The volunteer will go also at each partner organization and help their staff with their daily work in wildlife data coordination and analysis.



VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

The volunteer should be flexible and be willing to travel within Armenia and work outside. Environmental science background and ability to conduct field research will be a plus. As the work requires the volunteer to work outside good physical state is advisable.

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS - 1

