EVS in the capital of Poland in the kindergarten for disable children

Place: **Warsaw, Poland**

Period: **10 months starting from September 2016**

Description from the hosting organisation

The Polish Robert Schuman Foundation is looking for one volunteer from the EU, who would like to join our Erasmus+ EVS project for 10 months, starting on 5 September 2016. We have one vacancy in Special Kindergarten 393 in Warsaw. The volunteer would join the team of two already chosen volunteers.

Special Kindergarten No 393 is an educational establishment for physically and mentally disabled children (cerebral spastically, genetics definitive etc.). There are 30 children aged 3-10 divided into 4 groups. Some children are able to walk and some are able to communicate verbally but most of them need help with all basic movements and operations. The pedagogical team is supported by specialists that lead different therapeutic activities (such as speech therapy, dog therapy and others).

Volunteers participate in the activities and help the staff. They help changing children's clothes, feeding the children or help them eat their meals, go to the toilet. There is a special kindergarten plan which educators must follow but there is also some space for their own creativity (proposing theater instead of reading to children for example or exercising their artistic talent preparing materials and scenery for kindergarten plays and seasonal ornaments etc.).

Volunteers can also suggest educational group activities and/or individual work process for one child, all under supervision of an educator. Volunteers are also involved in preparations of festivities for the occasion of traditional Polish holidays (e.g. short theatre plays for

parents).

Volunteers can learn a lot about different methods of working with children with various strong disabilities. They have a chance to see therapeutic sessions, learn about adapted computer programs, communicators and other didactic tools.

Apart from personal motivation of volunteer our requirement is volunteer's strong will of learning Polish language. We need selected volunteer to know a few crucial phrases and already have substantial vocabulary of Polish at the moment they start their EVS. Why is this important? Because he/she will work with disabled children, which often do not speak English or any other language. They often cannot speak and can only understand Polish.

Volunteer will share apartment with other volunteers. All volunteers sharing the apartment will organize at least one event in their local community (additional to their volunteering working schedule in receiving organizations).

According to Erasmus + rules, we provide all volunteers with:

- Accommodation (5 volunteers in one apartment with 3 bedrooms, a shared bathroom, kitchen and living room)
- food allowance (cca 100 EUR),
- pocket money (85 EUR),
- local transportation (travel card for Warsaw city transport) ,
- insurance (apart from European Health Insurance Card volunteers are entitled to EVS Group insurance),
- language support (60 h course of Polish),
- EVS trainings (on-arrival & mid-term training),
- monthly meetings in the Schuman Foundation (meetings with coordinators and 11 other EVS volunteers working in different receiving organization).

IMPORTANT:

- We are looking for a volunteers from the European Union Member State.
- We ask each candidate to send us filled out OUR APPLICATION FORM. Candidates can add other documents/personal presentations/ videos/photos/motivation letters to the application form, if they want but please know that applications without our form will not be taken into consideration. Please send applications to: info.evs@schuman.pl. In title please write: APPLICATION 393.
- We will contact only candidates we find suitable, asking for further skype or telephone interview. We will analyze the applications as we receive them, so the time of sending the application is important.