

## Volunteering in Poland 2020 - TORUŃ

*working with people at risk of social exclusion: street children from poor and dysfunctional families*

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### 1. DETAILS ABOUT THE PROJECT

- a) Project number: 2019-2-PL01-ESC11-066194
- b) Project title: **We give our time to people in need**
- c) **Supporting Organization:**  
Pomeranian Foundation of Development, Culture and Art  
(PIC: 920118818; accreditation reference: 2016-1-PL01-KA110-035109;),
- d) **Hosting Organization:**  
Wędko Association (PIC: 914799629; accreditation reference: 2017-1-PL01-KA110-035828),
- e) **Timing**  
Activity could begin any time, preferably in January 2020 but no later than 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2020.

### 2. THE VOLUNTEER'S ACTIVITY INFORMATION

The Volunteer will take part in everyday activity of the Receiving Organization. The Volunteer will work with children from poor or dysfunctional families, who often spend time after school and weekends on streets. Kids need people with creativity, full of ideas how to spend time and sensible for their needs and problems.

Working with young people from dysfunctional families requires self-confidence and creativity. Young people need to be disciplined, but it is worth to get their hearts by offering them common activities and willingness to help. The advantage of working in the Receiving Organization is creativity and the search for new forms of inspiring youth. Working with street children requires sensitivity to the need for love, but also patience (children can be loud and difficult to discipline). The volunteer has to form an authority, but not by force, but by kindness and consistency. It should be ingenious to offer new activities to children. It is important that the volunteer has a distance to himself that will allow him to enter the world of childhood emotions.

The organization of active forms of spending time for street children will take place mainly in Toruń, in the Old Town (including courtyards, streets and playgrounds). Examples of working methods: help with homework, conversations in a foreign language, artistic activities (e.g. theater, drawing, handicraft, street art); sports activities (eg. football, volleyball, table tennis, table football); organization of games (eg. board games, outdoor games, competitions, trips), proposing by the Volunteer new forms of non-formal education, talks about the customs of other countries and the diversity of culture European; responding to the current needs of children.

An additional element of the Volunteer's activity will be meetings in schools with young people. This is an important element of promoting ESC and the Erasmus + program, but also integrating volunteers with the local community. The topics of the meetings will be agreed in advance with the teacher, volunteer and students - via the Supporting Organization. It will address problems that affect and interest young people: the situation on the labor market, roads and prospects for personal and professional development, political, economic and social situation in Europe, stereotypes, migration and cultural minorities in Europe, as well as the idea of European Solidarity Corps and its benefits, differences (especially cuisine, customs and etiquette) between Poland and the countries of origin of the volunteer.

The Volunteer will also have the opportunity to meet with local NGOs who would like to establish international cooperation, but either they do not know whether it is worth, or how to do it, or they do not have partners. The meetings are aimed at establishing contact and cooperation between Polish NGOs and organizations from the country of origin of the volunteer, who can mediate in them. The Supporting organization will be the organizer of all meetings.



### 3. ORGANIZATIONAL CONDITIONS OF VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITY

- a) Place:  
country: POLAND city: TORUŃ address: UL. JEŃCZMIENNA 10
- b) Duration:  
6 months (183 days + 2 days of travel)
- c) General financial rule:  
Participation in project within European Solidarity Corps is free of charge for the Volunteer.
- d) Accommodation:  
The Supporting Organization covers costs of accommodation. The Volunteer will live in two-person room in one of students' house in Toruń (distant from the place of activity by a maximum of 3 kilometers), with a joint bathroom.
- e) Financial transfers  
The volunteer will open an account in one of polish banks in the first day after arrival to Poland. The Supporting Organization will give money (pocket money, costs of alimention and returns for travel costs) via bank transfers.
- f) Mentor and the first contact person  
Mr. Witold Jankowiak (phone: +48 607 191 484; e-mail: witold.jankowiak@fundacja-torun.pl)
- g) Alimention  
The Volunteer will receive in cash a sum of 84,00 euro per every two weeks to cover food costs, which he will buy on his own. The Volunteer will have free access to a full equipped kitchen located in accommodation place.
- h) Pocket money  
The Volunteer will receive a sum of 56,00 euro per every two weeks (paid in advance) as part of individual support (according to ESC rules it's 4,00 euro per day; 740,00 euro per 185 days of activity including travel).
- i) Travel costs  
Tickets both ways are bought by a volunteer. Travel costs will be returned to the volunteer immediately upon arrival, after showing the tickets. Total travel costs cannot be more than 275,00 euro for both way travel.
- j) Linguistic support  
The Volunteer will take part in polish language course during the Project.
- k) The insurance  
The insurance covering travel and 6 months of activity will be assured by the Supporting Organization (registration of the Volunteer in CIGNA). The Volunteer is supposed to get on his own before departure the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).
- l) Details of the Volunteer's arrival in Poland would be established with the Supporting Organization before her/his departure from the Origin country. Immediately after arriving in Toruń the Volunteer will contact with Mr. Witold Jankowiak (phone: +48 607 191 484; e-mail: witold.jankowiak@fundacja-torun.pl).
- m) 4 volunteers will take part in the Project: 2 persons in Brodnica, 2 persons will work in Toruń.

### 4. THE VOLUNTEER PROFILE

- needs to be prepared to work with children
- creative, full of ideas
- patient and open to children needs
- trustworthy

The Volunteer would have a great opportunity to learn independence, responsibility for work and to acquire communication skills. In contact with people in need, with their limitations and barriers, they will have the opportunity to value their own attitudes.

## 5. WĘDKA ABOUT ITSELF

“Wędka” means “fishing rod”. We are an association working mainly with children and youth, but not only. We're trying to find especially those children who come from families with pathological problems (such as alcoholism, unemployment, violence, mental illness and others). Thanks to our effort we create a place where children can come after classes to do homework, play with your peers, seek and develop your passions. They feel comfortable here, and we believe that it is the sense of security that will make them stronger, more secure in adult life self and aware of their value. In our activities, we try to remember to give to children a fishing rod instead of a fish, which means that we show them how to solve difficult situations by themselves, and we do not do it instead of them.

## 6. CONTACT INFORMATION

### a) The Supporting Organization:

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### b) Hosting Organization:

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Kids from Wędka



