

SUNNY VOLUNTEERS

Erasmus+ Volunteering Projects INFO PACK FOR APPLICANTS

COORDINATING ORGANISATION

Association for Culture and Education PiNA,
Koper, Slovenia

HOSTING ORGANISATION

Mladinski EPI center Piran (youth center), Slovenia

DURATION

6 to 12 months

DATES

September 2019 – August 2020

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS

1 (age 18-30)

DEAR APPLICANT,

we hope that this info pack will contribute to your understanding of our volunteering project and that it will give you useful information about the volunteering placement and the environment we offer to our volunteers.

Please read all the info carefully before applying!



ABOUT THE ERASMUS+ VOLUNTEERING PROJECTS

A volunteering project is a partnership between the volunteer and two or more organisations. Volunteers participate in the project through a Sending Organisation in the country where they live and a Receiving Organisation that receives and hosts them during their period of service.

Projects last from 2 weeks to 12 months, and as a volunteer you can work in a wide range of fields: such as culture, youth, sport, children, cultural heritage, arts, animal welfare, environment and development cooperation. At the end of your volunteering period, you will receive a certificate confirming your participation and describing your project – the [Youthpass](#).

You will receive free accommodation, food, insurance, pocket money and the reimbursement of your travel costs.

For a better understanding of the program, we invite you to watch [this video](#). It presents the Erasmus+ volunteering program and highlights its benefits while showing the multicultural experience that await volunteers. The video has been created from the volunteers' point of view who want to encourage the largest number of young people to participate in an volunteering project.



ABOUT THE RECEIVING ORGANIZATION

ŠPORTNI IN MLADINSKI CENTER PIRAN, MLADINSKI EPI CENTER PIRAN

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[Web page](#) // [FACEBOOK](#)

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FIELD OF VOLUNTEERING

Youth Work / Active Citizenship



Športni in mladinski center Piran, Mladinski EPI center Piran is a youth center, established by the municipality of Piran. The center operates in two locations in the slovenian coast – in Piran and in Lucija.

The youth center aims to provide young people living or going to school in the Municipality of Piran with the following:

- a safe place where they can spend their free time
- organized extracurricular activities (theatre, language clubs, arts etc.)
- support and guidance
- help with homework and studying
- international youth exchanges
- volunteering opportunities
- career orientation activities and more.

Both youth centers are open from Monday to Friday in the afternoon (except on public holidays). During the summer (and other school holidays), we organize activities for children aged 6 to 10 years old in the form of a «day camp».

The youth that we usually work with are between 9 and 19 years old, but with different activities and projects we try to involve all young people up to the age of 29. The staff consists of 5 youth workers and some volunteers.

VOLUNTEER PROFILE



YOUTH WORKER

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Highly motivated young people that would like to work with young people and children (aged 7 - 29), and would like to help in creating the daily programme of our youth center (socialising with users, playing sports and board games, helping kids with their homework, leading a language club, planning smaller events, promoting Erasmus + & ESC projects, taking photos, publishing updates on Facebook and Instagram ...).

Fans of Magic the gathering or card / boardgames in general and any sports that can be played in our garden are especially welcome to apply (we are trying to get the kids away from computer games and their smartphones and encourage them to spend their free time in a healthier way) ;)

ACTIVITIES AND TASKS

- assisting in daily activities of the youth centre
- socialising with users (playing board games and sports with kids)
- helping kids/youth with homework and studying
- running different freetime, creative, educational workshops (based on volunteers interests)
- help with career guidance for young people
- raising awareness among young people about the possibilities of the Erasmus / ESC program



VOLUNTEER PROFILE



YOUTH WORKER

ACTIVITIES AND TASKS

- working on (international) projects for youth (e.g. youth exchanges)
- preparing a language club for young people in their own language or other language (non-formal learning of foreign languages)
- assisting young people in creating smaller events (e.g. movie nights, Magic the gathering tournaments, Halloween/Christmas party...)
- assistance in designing promotional materials
- taking photos/videos of the activities
- publishing posts on our website, Facebook and Instagram
- assistance in the preparation and implementation of projects
- developing a personal project
- participation in weekly team meetings

In addition to helping with the everyday activities of the youth center, the volunteer will be able to participate in all the activities held at the youth center that will suit his or her wishes and needs (e.g. theater/music/art workshops). For the implementation of individual activities, the volunteer will be provided with training and help from the staff and local volunteers.



PRACTICAL AGREEMENTS



Working days will be from Monday to Friday, for around **6 hours per day**, mostly in the afternoon (1pm -7pm). Evenings and weekends will be free. In the summer, working hours will be between 9 am and 3 pm.

The volunteers will have an opportunity to take some working days off. In the period of 4 working weeks, there are 2 free days available. There will also be organised free-time activities, language courses and other educational activities, which will not be obligatory to attend. The **first weeks** will consist of an introduction, and allow for time to get to know each other, as well as the working areas and the culture of Slovenia. We will use the **final part of the voluntary working period** to write the volunteer's final report and to finalise the Youthpass (the mentors will have an active supporting role).

Each volunteer will:

- receive monthly **pocket money to the amount of 4 EUR per day** and an additional **5,5 EUR per day** for food expenses
- be registered for the group insurance scheme CIGNA
- be reimbursed for travel costs
- have a task related mentor and external mentor
- have an opportunity to develop a personal project
- have the opportunity to follow an online Slovenian language course [Online Linguistic Support \(OLS\)](#)

LODGING



Dijaški dom
Portorož
GEPŠ



The volunteers will live in a student residence in Portorož that functions as a hostel in the summer.

During the school year each volunteer will have their own room (sharing the bathroom with 3 other students and a small kitchen for the whole floor). During the summer (July, August) the volunteer might need to share a room with another volunteer/student (depending on the occupancy of the residence).

Living in [the residence](#) the volunteers will have the opportunity to meet high school and university students from all over Slovenia and from other countries. The student residence also has a cafeteria, where the volunteers can have their breakfast / lunch / dinner if they want.

The bus stop, supermarket and beach are nearby - 450m (6 min walking).

The youth center in Piran is 2 km away and the center in Lucija is 3 km away, so the volunteers will get a monthly bus pass.





LOCAL ENVIRONMENT FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF A VOLUNTEER

Slovenia, located in the center of Europe, is one of the smallest countries on the continent. Despite its small land area of 20 273 km², Slovenia offers a variety of landscapes and activities.

Only a few kilometers are necessary to travel between the sea, the mountains, the caves, forests, vineyards and the turquoise rivers. The small size of Slovenia is a perfect opportunity for volunteers who would like to travel within the country and in the neighbouring areas during a short period of time. Between the borders of Croatia, Italy, Austria and Hungary, it's quick and easy to visit new cities.

The range of territory provides an opportunity for volunteers to find and easily practice their favorite activities in nature (swimming, skiing, hiking, biking, photography, ...). Besides the natural activities, Ljubljana (the capital city) is located in the center of Slovenia and is an easy place to reach for shopping, hanging out with friends or participating in different and various events.

The Slovenian coast, located between the Italian and Croatian borders, has the charm of small Italian villages and represents the favorite destination of Slovenian people during the summer. Between the bigger towns of Koper and Portorož and smaller towns such as Piran, Izola, Lucija, Ankaran or Strunjan, everyone can find something to benefit their wellbeing from the various activities on offer.

LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

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In Koper, there are many different kinds of shops, restaurants and bars, while a great and modern place has been created for sports practice (basketball, football, tennis, running, gym,...). It's also possible to discover the whole Slovenian coast by bike or on foot, thanks to the bike path that connects Koper, Izola and Portorož, and which runs alongside the sea.

Each volunteer has the chance to meet other volunteers while being in Slovenia thanks to the training organized at the beginning and in the middle of their voluntary work. The volunteer network is an important part of the volunteer's everyday life through which he or she can get to know people from all over Europe and discover new cultures and languages.

Many Erasmus students are also present in the bigger cities in Slovenia (Ljubljana, Maribor, Koper,...), and therefore, represent another occasion for volunteers to meet more people and practice activities together in their city. In Koper, different student organizations are very active and offer several activities and events.

The Slovenian coast, and more generally Slovenia, is a great destination for volunteers who want to be active while being in a quiet, healthy and varied environment.





WHO CAN APPLY?

The call is open to young people aged 18-30.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS 31ST MAY 2019

Fill in the [online application form](#), with attached your CV
(name the file: *name_surname_CV.*)

CONTACTS

For more information you can contact terminal@pina.si.

**APPLICATION
PROCEDURE**

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