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Long Term
EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY SERVICE

at the

Youth Association from Transylvania?

Here's what we offer!

The Youth Association from Transylvania recognizes the need of the local and regional community to have young people coming from other countries, who can **contribute** to developing the potential of the area from a cultural, social and economical standpoint. For this reason since September 2013 **we have EVS projects**. Currently 7 EVS volunteers are doing activities with us.

The **role of the volunteers** within our organization is **to act as support person and as execution agent** to the activities and initiatives that already exist in the community or our NGO. They will have to bring their own motivation and plans in order to fill in the frame of these actions with meaningful, efficient content. The way the EVS activity of each volunteer is constructed as follows: they will have to allocate **60-70%** of their time and activity, to work on this main activity. **20%** of the time, their task will be to do common activities with the other volunteers, activities which are done around the yearly community traditions, events, happenings and holidays of the community. **10%** of their time will be spent to create and do visibility materials and promotion activities for the NGO and especially for their own EVS activity.

The **venues** of their activities will be in **Cristuru Secuiesc** and a few of the activities may also be implemented in **Odorheiu Secuiesc** and **Sighișoara**. In this context, here are the 6 different types of main activities we propose for the volunteers:

1. Starting July - Supporting the local Radio station – **2 volunteers**
2. Starting July - Supporting the local TV station – **1 volunteer**
3. Starting October - Recycling and up-cycling education manager – **1 volunteer**
4. Starting July - Support person for the Hosting Organization – **2 volunteer**
5. Starting July - Support person for nurseries, day care centers and kindergartens - **2 volunteers**
6. Starting July - Amateur Astronomy guide - **2 volunteers**



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1. Supporting the local Radio station – 2 volunteers

There is a local radio station which is understaffed and cannot do any field work. To this opportunity we wish to add 2 volunteer who would do radio field work, gathering local news, presenting portraits of local personalities and who will have radio emissions which introduce and present Europe to the local community. This means that the volunteer will work together with the radio station staff and when they would require 'in situ' meetings with people of interest outside the station, the volunteer will carry out this role by going out and taking interviews and by formulating first hand accounts either in recorded or written formats. Then they will edit and deliver these materials to the station. All the necessary training needed to achieve this will be given.



This activity may also be implemented in Odorheiu Secuiesc.



2. Supporting the local TV station – 1 volunteer

We have contacts with regional TV station and news portals in the city and the region and these have only a few hours of broadcasting, adapting regional or national TV material or showing recordings of local events. To this opportunity we will add one volunteer who would do TV field work, gathering local news, presenting portraits of local personalities and doing personal cultural shows etc. This means that the volunteer will have the necessary tools and materials in order to film digital raw material, to edit it and to broadcast it. He or she will receive all the necessary training needed to achieve this. **This activity may also be implemented in Odorheiu Secuiesc.**

3. Recycling and up-cycling education manager – 1 volunteer

Cristuru Secuiesc and the region has a lack of options to recycle and act sustainable ecologically so to aid this lack, we will have one volunteer who will do activities on recycling and up-cycling with workshops and other environmental education activities for 3 different age groups, children, teens and adults. During the activity the volunteer will collaborate with the schools and high-schools of the region. The volunteers will receive all the necessary training needed to achieve this.



4. Support person for the Hosting Organisation – 2 volunteer

We would like to have at least two volunteers which will support the activities of our association. This means that the volunteers will work directly with the staff and the volunteers of the NGO, in the office, supporting all the activities carried out by us on a local, regional, national and international level. **This activity may also be implemented in Odorheiu Secuiesc and Sighișoara.**



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5. Support person for nurseries, day care centres and kindergartens – 2 volunteers

The local nurseries, day care centres and kindergartens are understaffed and can offer only a minimal range of activities for their children – we intend to have two volunteers who would collaborate with these institutions, one in each institution. The volunteer will be organizing weekly workshops for the children on various topics like games to teach foreign languages, boosting creativity, learning about the world, developing dexterity, understanding and respecting the environment and doing handicrafts, all with non formal teaching methods. The volunteers will receive all the necessary training needed to achieve this.



5. Amateur Astronomy guide – 2 volunteers

There is a great uninhabited hillside area around the city, which has ideal, unused possibilities for astronomy activities and because there is interest for it voiced on high-school level, we would like to have a volunteer who would do non-formal teaching activities on basic astronomy and sky observation, with night workshops and camps organized for three age categories, children, teens and adults. The volunteers will receive all the necessary training needed to achieve this.

Besides all these, in terms of actually doing the activities, **during the first month** of each volunteers activity, the activities will be more general ones, where the volunteers get used to the community, to the culture, the habits, the logistics and the main activity. Also, in the first month they will also have intensive Hungarian and Romanian language

Logistics

The volunteers will be housed in a **rented house** which has 6 rooms, 2 beds in each, with bathroom in each room. The house is fully furnished:

- kitchens will have fridge, stove, microwave, dishes, glasses, furniture,
- bathrooms will have toilets, showers or bathtubs with shower, washing machines and cleaning appliances
- rooms and bedrooms will have furniture, beds, television and also internet connection with Wi-Fi connection





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For meals, we offer 3 options where groups of volunteers can choose to:

1. Receive the amount allocated for meals, to buy and cook their own food and provide bills for all the purchased food.
2. Let us buy all the foodstuff according to their needs and wishes, making sure that we have all the bills and that they eat regularly
3. Let us offer them lunch in the local restaurants between Monday to Friday and then or we buy all the foodstuff needed for breakfast, dinner and weekends, according to the needs and wishes.

These three flexible options allow for meeting the needs and styles of many different volunteers at the same time.

The house where the volunteers live is at minutes walking distance from the office of the association or the place where their activities take place. There is no local bus service in the city but we can provide bikes to the participants which require one.

The **working language** in the city and in the greater region is **Hungarian**, so the main focus will be put on learning this language first and after that Romanian which will be needed in trainings, evaluation meetings and free time touristic activities in Romania.

The rules of conduct regarding mutual collaboration and respect between volunteers, association and community will be set up within the specific projects and activity agreements with the volunteers.



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Volunteer profile

The Youth Association from Transylvania is looking for any youth aged 18 to 30 who is serious and motivated to come to a small city and support us in the development of a community with a lot of potential. We do not require volunteers to have any pre-determined skill sets or aptitudes in order to carry out the activity, only an inquisitive demeanor and an openness to learn new things which may be needed for the activity. Also, we do not require participants to have advanced or intermediate English (or other foreign language) speaking skills, we only require them to have a basic skill in English and an openness to learn the local language in order to effectively communicate with the local community. Last but not least, we are looking for energetic, creative open minded and independent youth. If the potential volunteers do not possess these attitudes, they will certainly develop them while working together with us.



Recruitment process

For anyone wishing to join us as an EVS volunteer, we will firstly require a CV and a motivation letter. Besides requiring the full and honest information regarding their profile and motivation, we also encourage candidates to be creative with their applications, to include anything that might reveal their individuality, their likes, dislikes and potential skill sets. Upon receipt of these documents, the board of the NGO will study the applications and will decide whether the presented profile is appropriate for

our needs and activities, In light of this decision we will either refuse candidates or move on to having a Skype or telephone interview with the candidates in order to evaluate motivation and personality in a direct and oral environment. After the interview, the board will take a decision.

Also we ask for patience and understanding from all candidates regarding the fact that from recruitment until start of activity the preparation procedures and activities take time, especially in the case of candidate volunteers who are recruited prior to submitting an application.

About the Town

Cristuru Secuiesc lies at the eastern end of the Transylvanian plateau between the towns of Odorheiu Secuiesc and Sighișoara, in the valleys of the Târnava Mare, Goagiu and Nicoul Alb rivers, 390-395 meters above sea level. As far as nationality is concerned: in 1910 there were 3766 Hungarians, 71 Germans, 25 Romanians and 24 of other nationalities whereas in 2011 there were





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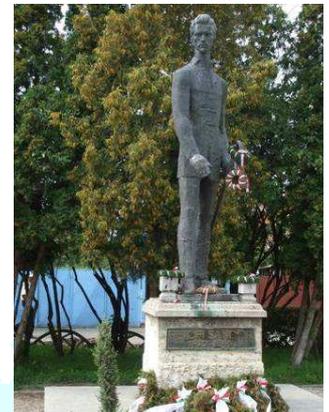


9491 inhabitants, 9266 of which were declared Hungarian, 183 Romanian and 8 German while most of the Roma community declared themselves as Hungarian or a few, Romanian.



In 2011 there were 4438 reformed, 3354 unitarian, 1248 Roman catholic, 208 orthodox and a few baptists, evangelists, Greek catholics, Jehovah's witnesses and adventists as well. There are four churches in the town: reformed, unitarian, roman catholic and orthodox. The city has 4 primary and high-schools one of them being a vocational high-school, it has a folklore museum, the Dr. Molnár István Museum, the PIPACSOK folk ensemble, a civil fanfare, a

philharmonic. There are a lot of hills, meadows, rivers and forests for hikes and the Harghita mountains are also close. The city also boasts with a Theatre, a Lidl supermarket and many smaller general stores, several restaurants and pubs for leisure time with a tradition of having live musicians singing slow music. The youth community is quite abundant, with youth from all around the region pouring out from the 4 high schools and also the youth moving back from universities in the area.



Beside this main headquarter, after gathering a bit more hands on experience, a few of the activities will also be organized in 2 larger cities close to Cristuru Secuiesc, which are Sighișoara and Odorheiu Secuiesc.



Sighișoara is a city and municipality on the Târnava Mare River in Mureș County; it has a population of 26,370, Romanians 75%, Hungarians 17.6%, Roma 5.3% and Germans 1.5%. It is considered to be the most beautiful and well preserved inhabited citadel in Europe, with an authentic medieval architecture. In Eastern Europe, Sighișoara is one of the few fortified towns which are still inhabited and because of this, it is a popular tourist destination. The landmark of the city is the Clock Tower, a 64 m high tower.

Odorheiu Secuiesc is the second-largest city in Harghita County, Transylvania, Romania. The city has a population of 36,948, of which 95.7% or 35,359 people are ethnic Hungarians, making it the city with the second-highest proportion of Hungarians in Romania. The city is also home to communities of ethnic Romanians (2.91%) and Roma (1.16%).

