

ESC IN CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY IN GDYNIA / 12 MONTHS



Coordinating organization

Centre for Youth Cooperation
and Mobility

Host Organization

City Public Library in Gdynia

Location

Gdynia, Poland

Duration

12 months

If you are interested in joining
this project- fill in this online
application until deadline:



<https://goo.gl/forms/kd3q9uJ6JmObp4ZE2>

ARE YOU ORGANIZED AND OPEN TO NEW EXPERIENCES? DO YOU LIKE TO SPEND TIME AROUND BOOKS AND WOULD LIKE TO PROMOTE LITERATURE? ORGANISE CULTURAL EVENTS AND DISCOVER NEW CULTURES? DO YOU WANT TO GAIN INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE AND NEW USEFUL SKILLS? IF YOUR ANSWER IS YES, WE INVITE YOU TO TAKE PART IN EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY SERVICE WITH OUR ORGANIZATION!

Volunteers will work with the local community in one branch of the City Public Library in Gdynia, which is a hive of activity and a great place for the local community to meet, learn new things and have the use of many facilities.

Library is a place full of books - but for sure it is not boring! As it may be the only cultural centre in some districts, Public Libraries offer more than just books. They propose children's programs, workshops and many interesting events for local communities in various ways. And for this purpose they need the support of volunteers, to make their offer more valuable and interesting.



Who are we?

The library in Gdynia consists of 23 branches, which are situated in different districts of the city. Often the library may be the only cultural institution in the neighbourhood.

Depending on the district, where the libraries' departments are located, our main actions concern groups of people socially and culturally excluded – in terms of not equal access to social and cultural goods, where society is rather poor (in both financial and cultural way, where dominates passiveness among people).

Therefore we prepare workshops with local artists and social workers, reading aloud, making illustrations with kids, lessons how to use book resources, how to search information in internet and books, English lessons for young and older people – equalizing opportunities, dancing workshops, theater workshops, photo workshops, art workshops.

It is important for us to implement actions that would be important for the community, would respond to their needs and as well would reflect the social and mental changes, which take place over the years.

Our goal is also to adjust to the offer proposed by us to the reality, which transforms very fast. People, who are supporting us in this actions are: teachers, social workers, artists, students, readers, parents and so on.

Opening hours: 11.30 a.m. – 07.00 p.m.

The volunteer will work up to 8 hours a day, 5 days a week.

A detailed schedule will be specified after a consultation with the volunteer.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Our aim is to meet cultural needs of our society. The assumption of this project is that **one volunteer could realize his project in two dedicated branches**, but this does not exclude the activities and cooperation with other branches.

Each branch of the library has a specific profile and different target and age groups they work with. It influences the range of the tasks for a volunteer to do.

Volunteer will have the opportunity to broaden their own knowledge and creativity. At the beginning s/he will watch the activities, which will be conducted in the Library and become familiar with other duties of the librarians.

With the time, the volunteer will be able to conduct workshops on their own. Help is needed in all kinds of tasks, some simple and some more complex.

In each branch the volunteer will support employers of the library in their daily tasks. It includes helping with:

- working with guests
- preparing and conducting different activities for groups of children/ youth /adults
- keeping materials and space in good shape; working with books, CDs, and other library materials;
- typical librarian's work : labeling; creating displays, planning and presenting programs; books and shelves maintaining.
- Preparing and leading at least one English conversation workshop per week. Leading it in his/her own native language as well is possible option.
- Preparing and leading presentations about your country, at least 2 times in different branches of Gdynia's Public Library
- Organizing events and workshops of the coordinating organization Centre for Youth Cooperation and Mobility
- other tasks that are assigned to each branch (you can find them below)

The volunteer will have the opportunity to propose personal projects and lead workshop about a topic of his/her interest depending on the space and possibilities of the library



Who can apply?

We are looking for a volunteer who will be communicative and open for new experiences, creative and inventive. It is welcome if the volunteer has basic English language skills and is willing to study Polish.

It would help a lot in the daily life of a volunteer and would enable him/her to be more involved in the organizations life. The volunteer should be interested in methods of active education, open for people from other countries and cultures and willing to co-operate and work in group.

S/he should be open-minded. We are searching for young people, who would contribute to the actions taken by the library and would like to develop his/her personality.

Being interested in literature and librarian's tasks or some artistic skills would be a positive asset taken into consideration during the recruitment process

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