

ESC TEAM ACTIVITY IN GDYNIA SOCIAL SCHOOL



Hosting organization: Stowarzyszenie “Tacy Sami”
(E10216245) - Social School in Gdynia

Lead organization: Centre for Youth Cooperation and
Mobility (E10049556)

Dates: 28th September – 7th November 2026
(27th September and 8th November are travel days)

Place: Gdynia, Poland

We are looking for volunteers (18-30 years old) to support intercultural education by leading workshops, enriching language lessons with cultural perspectives, and engaging students in activities that promote diversity, inclusion, and global understanding.





Volunteers Work

Volunteers' tasks will include :

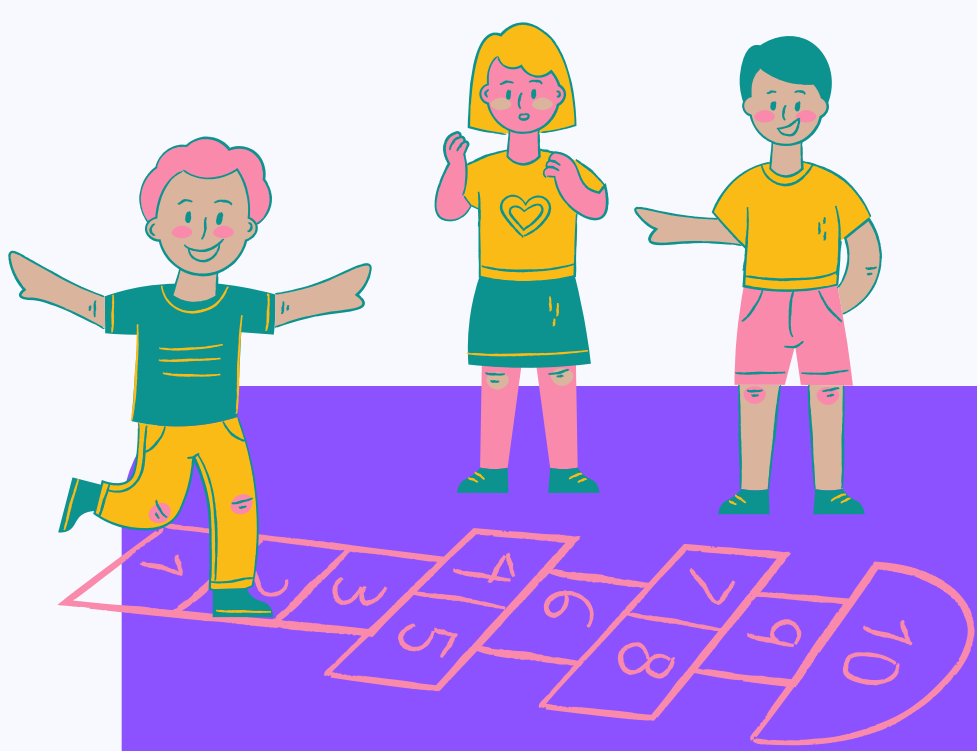
- preparation and running of intercultural workshops for students,
- sharing information about their country, culture, traditions, and daily life,
- supporting English and Spanish language lessons with cultural content and conversation activities,
- organizing educational games, quizzes, and team-building activities,
- leading artistic and sports activities promoting active participation,
- preparing educational materials and lesson resources,
- promoting intercultural dialogue, diversity, inclusion, and mutual respect,
- adapting activities to different age groups and learning needs,
- collaborating with teachers and the project coordinator in planning and implementing activities.

Volunteers Profile

We are looking for someone who:

- is interested in learning about different cultures and sharing their own culture;
- likes working with children and young people;
- is open, friendly, and respectful towards others;
- enjoys meeting new people and working in a team;
- is willing to lead simple games, workshops, or creative activities;
- is responsible, active, and ready to take initiative;
- wants to learn new skills and take part in school and community life.





Project Description

This 6-week volunteering project takes place at Gdyńska Szkoła Społeczna and focuses on intercultural learning, diversity, and international cooperation. The project brings together volunteers from different countries to work with students and enrich school life through cultural exchange and non-formal education activities.

During the first week, volunteers take part in training sessions, get to know the school community, and prepare educational materials and activities. They create presentations about their countries and cultures, as well as games, workshops, sports activities, and creative tasks for students.

In the second week, volunteers lead intercultural workshops for school classes. Through presentations, discussions, games, and group activities, students learn about different cultures, traditions, lifestyles, and values from around the world.

During the following weeks, volunteers support English and Spanish language lessons by introducing cultural topics, leading conversations, organizing interactive activities, and encouraging students to use foreign languages in a practical way.

Throughout the project, volunteers and students work together on an intercultural mural that reflects the themes of diversity, respect, cooperation, and curiosity about the world. The mural will remain in the school as a lasting symbol of the project and the international friendships created during the experience.

The project aims to promote openness, tolerance, active participation, and intercultural understanding while giving volunteers the opportunity to develop their communication, teamwork, creativity, and youth work skills.

Weekly schedule

Week 1 – Preparation and Training

During the first week, volunteers will get to know the school, meet teachers and staff, learn about working with children and young people, and take part in intercultural, team-building, and practical training sessions run by Lead Organization. They will also work in teams to prepare workshops, games, presentations, and educational materials that will be used throughout the project.

Week 2 – Intercultural Workshops

Volunteers will work in two teams and deliver daily workshops for school students, sharing aspects of their cultures and countries through presentations, games, group work, sports, artistic activities, and team-building exercises. Topics will include everyday life, traditions, education, values, culture, and similarities and differences between countries, helping students learn about diversity in an interactive and engaging way.

Week 3 – Preparing Intercultural and Language Lessons

During this week, volunteers will reflect on their workshop experiences, adapt activities for different age groups, and prepare intercultural and language lessons in cooperation with teachers. They will also create teaching materials and begin working on a collaborative mural that will showcase the project's themes and outcomes.

Weeks 4–6 – Language and Cultural Activities at School

During the final weeks, volunteers will support English or Spanish lessons by introducing students to their languages, cultures, and everyday life. Working alongside teachers, they will lead interactive activities such as presentations, conversation sessions, games, quizzes, sports, artistic workshops, and discussions about diversity and values. Throughout the project, volunteers and students will also work together on an intercultural mural celebrating cooperation, respect, curiosity, and cultural diversity, which will remain in the school as a lasting symbol of the project.





What will volunteer learn?

Volunteers will:

- get a possibility to try themselves in working in international group of people;
- learn about Poland and other countries;
- gain experience in working with kids;
- gain experience in organizing workshops, self-presentation etc.;
- share their initiative and propose own ideas, be active and creative;
- be a part of a project that contributes to the local community;
- gain friends from all over Europe!





Hosting Organization

The Social School is run by an association with alternative methods of education. It focuses on working with kids also with special needs e.g. children with sight impairment, autism and other disorders or health problems.

It is a small institution for 160 pupils 6-15 years old. We work in small groups of around 10 pupils. Classes are conducted with a use of project-based methodologies, with the emphasis on learning by experience. Methods and forms of work are tailor-made to the special needs and abilities of pupils. Our school offers individual care and development programs, e.g. optional hobby after-school activities, soft skills development workshops and projects etc. We also work with whole families and cooperate with the nearby kindergarten.



Practical Information

As a part of European Solidarity Corps Programme, the volunteers are provided with an international travel cost (up to the travel limit per country) food, pocket money and the accommodation in the centre of Gdynia in shared flats. All participants must submit a clean criminal record certificate.

Food

You will get 5 EUR per day converted into PLN for food.

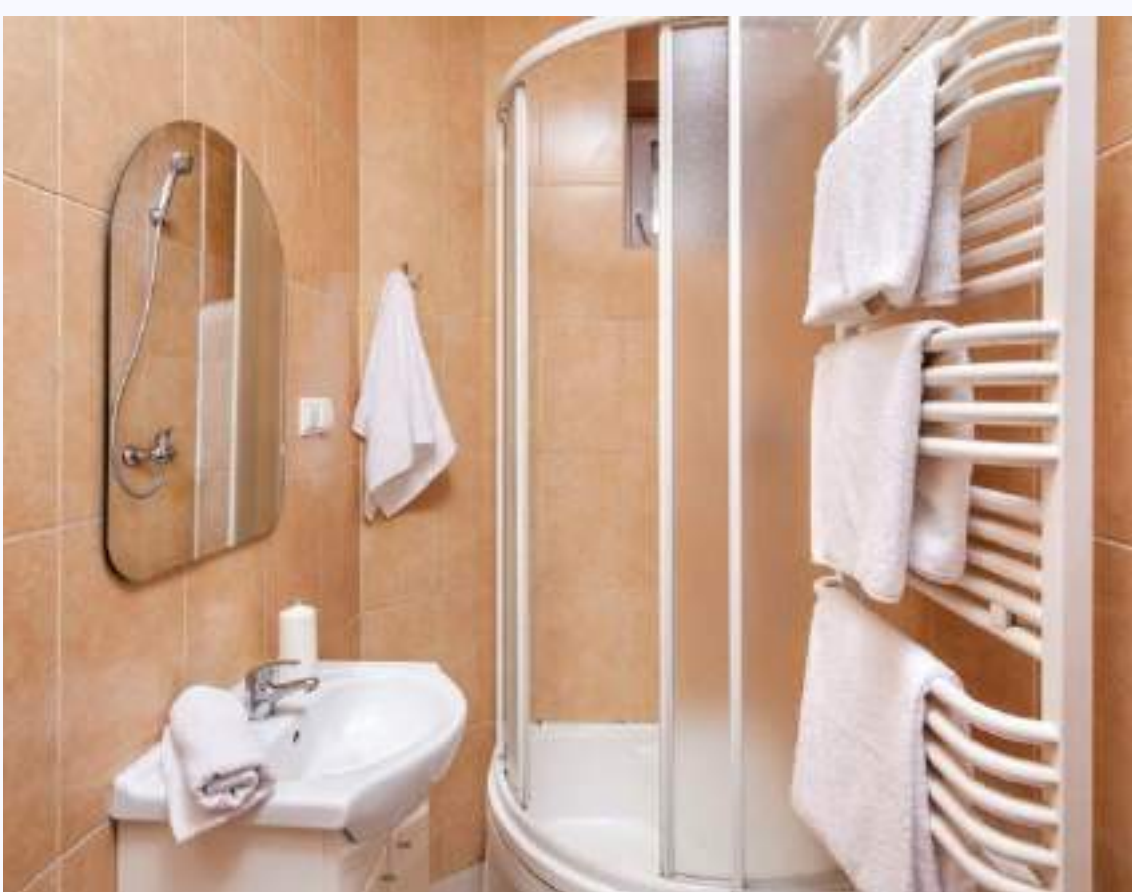
Pocket Money

You will get 6 Euro per day converted into PLN of pocket money which can be used for your own expenses.

Accommodation

You will be staying in two apartments, they are located in the city center, just **200 meters** from the **train station** and from the **beach**! The apartments have a bathroom and a kitchen with a washing machine, microwave and oven with induction stovetop. Bedsheets will be provided. You will share room with other volunteers. You will have wifi.

Sample photos of the accommodation (the rooms will be of a similar standard and style).



Local transport

The School is located in Gdynia centre. Is just a 20-minute walk from the apartments, allowing you to enjoy the city on your way. For this reason, no bus tickets will be provided.

Communication

You will have a possibility to use Wi-Fi Internet in the apartments.

Working Time

You will work from Monday to Friday (minimum 30 and maximum 38 hours per week) including training days, evaluation, meetings in the lead organization office. On Saturdays and Sundays you will have free day. In addition, you will have 3 day of holiday during your stay in Gdynia. All the volunteers must use them at the same time according to our schedule.

Application

You can apply for a team volunteering by filling in the application: [apply link](#)

If it is not your first time taking part in European Solidarity Corps, please remember that, the total amount of time spent by a young person in European Solidarity Corps volunteering activities must not exceed 12 months and the activities carried out must not overlap.



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