

CALL for VOLUNTEERS European Voluntary Service (EVS)

Name of the project: Space for Environment and Inclusion
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Country: Bulgaria
Long term type: EVS
Project theme: Environment
Project language(s): English
Local language(s): Bulgarian
Location: village of Vlahi, Kresna (Blagoevgrad region)

Number of vacancies: 2
Number of volunteers: 2
Work starts: 1st March 2014
Work ends: 31st October 2014
Application deadline: 26th September
Decision date: 30th September

Project description:

Cooperation for Voluntary Service Bulgaria (CVS – Bulgaria) is a non-profit organization aiming at promoting of peace, intercultural understanding and voluntarism in Bulgaria. We achieve our aim through various voluntary and educational activities – work camps, volunteer exchanges, seminars, trainings, workshops, information campaigns, etc. The values that **CVS - Bulgaria** respects are peace, awareness, tolerance, responsibility, solidarity, initiative, democracy, equality, respect, positivism. We are the Bulgarian branch of **Service Civil International** and a member organization of **SEEYN**.

Vlahi is a small village in Pirin Mountain near Macedonia and Greece, which offers great biodiversity and beautiful nature. **CVS - Bulgaria** has created there an **Eco-center “Nature School”** few years ago. The center is built mostly with volunteer contribution and with eco friendly materials and technology. Its main aim is to serve as an educational and visitor center where young people can learn more about ecological constructions, biodiversity, saving energy, energy efficiency, renewable energy sources, etc.

Work Description:

The volunteer will help the **Eco-center “Nature School”** coordinator in running the center, facility maintenance, gardening and everyday work. He/she will be welcoming school groups or visitors in the center or in the area. Part of the EVS project will be to organize and coordinate an eco international work camp in the summer months. The volunteer will have the opportunity to implement their own ideas and initiatives if they are in correspondence with the values and goals of the **Eco-center “Nature School”**.

Requirements:

It is essential that the volunteer is well prepared for very basic life conditions (sun shower and compost toilets, slow internet connection). The nearest town is Kresna and there is no public transport to the village (transportation will be organized by car or by bike). The volunteer is expected to be very independent and ready to spend 8 months in a very small village close to nature. Volunteers are also required to be strongly eco-oriented, flexible, and responsible, with good social and organizational skills. Most welcome will be candidates with strong self driven and self initiative personalities, creative spirit and open mindedness, ready to develop a great close to nature project within the framework of the suggested EVS program.

Food: Provided money allocations for food supplies every month (shopping will be done on a regular basis in the nearest town of Kresna). In the **Eco-center** there is a fully equipped kitchen where the volunteer could prepare their own food.

Accommodation: Provided – in the **Eco-center**. Very basic conditions!

Pocket money: 65 EUR (per month)

Insurance: Provided (AXA standard EVS insurance)

Fees: None