

TRATWA

LEAD THE WAY!



Who are we?

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT OUR ASSOCIATION

The history of TRATWA (which means “raft” in English) began with the Non-Governmental Information Center established in August 1997 as a spontaneous attempt to overcome effects and providing basic assistance to victims of the flood, which less than a month earlier visited the south-western regions of Poland.

Currently, TRATWA is one of the largest non-governmental organizations in Wrocław. Our activities are not limited only to our city! We are active in the Lower Silesia region, involving smaller towns in the backyard of our district.

Our main objectives include development and professionalization of the third sector, providing quality support to young people in risk of exclusion through non-formal education methods and promotion of volunteering, intercultural and intergenerational awareness and mutual respect.

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INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS



Wrocław, Poland

City of 100 bridges and 382 dwarfs! This is where the headquarters of our association is located. During the 21 years of activity, we have carried out thousands of projects. What connects all of them is our mission that remains unchanged. We want to create space for the personal development of young people in particular, those threatened with exclusion, and together with them, we work for the development of our local community. We believe that our actions connect different social environments, generations and cultures.

ESC Volunteering in TRATWA

Volunteering is sharing ESC project 2019/2020

The project will start in May 2019 and will last 12 months. We have the opportunity to invite 12 volunteers from 5 EU countries to our organization (Spain, France, Romania, Portugal, Italy).

In this infokit you will find information about our projects, volunteers tasks and development opportunities that we can offer to project participants. Our organization has two large youth centers, inactive tram depots, and a mobile animation office - Volkswagen T3. We create these spaces together, organizing cultural events and realizing workshops using non-formal education methods. But we also renovate, build, paint and plant. The main beneficiaries of our activities are children and youth at risk of social exclusion, young people between 18-30 y.o. and elderly.



THE FOUNDATION OF OUR ORGANIZATION ARE PEOPLE!

Volunteering has always been and always will be an integral part of our association's activities. It is thanks to commitment, ideas and hard work of

international and local volunteers that we have achieved so much over the past 21 years of our activity and still, we have big dreams for the future!



Legnicka 65



The first tram depot, which after the end of its operation was transferred under the wings of our organization by local authorities. We have been taking care of it for over 10 years. Currently, we are implementing 4 (very) long-term projects here. Volunteering Centre, Intercultural Projects Studio, animation of activities for the elderly and the last but not the last Youth Center of Prosocial Initiatives. ESC volunteers will mainly support the Youth Centre and animations of the elderly at the depot at Legnicka Street.

I found my place in NGO!

Title of one of the projects that became the slogan of Legnicka 65! During 10 years of activity, thousands of people who were looking for their place in life and in Wrocław found it here.

Volunteers who will come to us as part of the European Solidarity Corps will have the opportunity to conduct language (English or mother tongue), cultural and culinary workshops for young people at risk of social exclusion and older people who have found a space for development in our association regardless of social status or age.

This workshop program has been prepared by previous generations of EVS volunteers. Remember that you will build this place and add something to it. Coordinator will help you realize ideas for new workshops that you will want to carry out in this place. We are already looking forward to your ideas!



YOU WILL NOT BE ALONE!

Working with youth at risk of social exclusion and the elderly is not easy. During the entire project, volunteers will be able to count on the support of the project coordinator and other

employees of the organization, whose experience in working with these groups can be very helpful. In addition, we provide a series of training sessions that will prepare you to take on this challenge!



Our mobile animation office!

With our Volkswagen T3 we reach to smaller towns in the Lower Silesia region. For many children who participate in our workshops, this is the first contact with a foreigner and his or her culture. What exactly are we doing? First of all, we work with non-formal education methods - we make learning fun!

Project consists in activating various social groups through intercultural and language animation.

Let's go with ideas!

From time to time, volunteers, together with the project coordinator and youth workers from our association, will go on a trip by our amazing animation bus - the Volkswagen T3. Our task will be to visit smaller towns around Wroclaw and realization of animation, cultural and language workshops for the kindergartens and schools. During the workshops, we try to discuss the topic of human rights and discrimination. Our main goal is to open young minds to other cultures and worldviews.

We promote values such as: Europeanness, openness, curiosity, tolerance. We believe that there are no stupid questions!

In addition to schools, we also visit various festivals, family picnics and events. After all, travel broadens the mind!



WHAT IS NON-FORMAL EDUCATION?

If you don't know the book definition of non-formal education - don't worry! This term will accompany you throughout the entire project. Especially for future volunteers, we have prepared a series of trainings,

which consists a substantive and practical part. If at this point you are unable to answer the question "what is non-formal education?", we guarantee that by 2020 you will be an expert in this field!



Tiemespace

Inactive antique tram depot. The second facility, which after the success of Youth Center Legnicka 65, the local authorities decided to put in the care of our organization. In 2017, we started the renovation of the space and together we create the Center for Academic Culture and Local Initiatives "Czasoprzestrzeń" (Timespace in English). This is where the headquarters of 12 volunteers of the ESC project "Volunteering is sharing" will be located.

Tratwa lead the way! All the way!

12 volunteers who will be selected for the "Volunteering is sharing" project will have a unique opportunity to create with us the Center for Academic Culture and Local Initiatives. This is where they will spend the most time during their volunteering project and it will depend on them how this place will look like in 2020!

The main task of the volunteers will be to help build the Center for Local Initiatives from scratch drawing on the experience of Legnicka 65 Youth Center. Together we will decide how exactly it should look like.

In addition, volunteers will support the organization of cultural events (concerts, exhibitions, festivals) that we organize there from 2017. As part of their individual projects, they will also be able to organize their own events.



LET'S GET OUR HANDS DIRTY

Timespace is a young, just developing initiative. From the very beginning, we build it with our own hands, so volunteers must also be prepared

for physical work such as cleaning, painting, building, gardening or moving stuff.



Individual projects

During the first 6 months, volunteers will learn about our association, gained experience by supporting us in the organization of events and participate in various training. All this is aimed at preparing them for the implementation of individual projects. Volunteers from previous generations have created a social garden, sports tournaments for youth at risk of exclusion, a book with animation tools, exhibitions ... In fact, the only limitation is the imagination of volunteers.

It takes more than a good idea!

During 12 months, volunteers will learn how to implement the project from beginning to end. Their task will be not only to find an interesting idea. They will have to describe the project according to the previously established rules, create a budget and make contact with the people/institutions that they will need to carry out the project. Then the ready "application" will be evaluated by the employees of our organization. After its acceptance, they will face the challenge of project implementation. They will be responsible for both, implementation and promotion of their event. The final stage will be the preparation of a small report documenting the activities carried out by them and evaluation.



WE WILL SUPPORT YOU THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE PROCESS

The coordinator of the project will supervise the implementation of your individual project. Before you start implementing your idea, you will have the opportunity to take part in various

trainings aimed to prepare you for this challenge. During the whole process, you will be able to use the advice of employees and resources of our organization.



Finances

During the project, each volunteer will receive financial support under the European Solidarity Corps program. In this way project participants will be able to fully engage in the life of the organization. Each participant will receive approximately 120 euros per month of pocket money and 105 euros of food allowance. In total, in the Polish currency, 985 polish zlotych. Volunteers will be also provided with a card for public transport. Each volunteer will manage their own budget.

Travel costs and accommodation

Travel costs will be returned to the volunteers after the original boarding passes will be hand over to the project coordinator. Volunteer have to buy a ticket to Poland and the money will be returned to him after his arrival. A return ticket will be purchased by our organization.

Volunteers will be living in a flat rented by our association. We care about the good location of our apartments, so all of them are located near to the city center and with good connections to their workplace. They are fully furnished and equipped. Volunteers must be ready to share a room with another volunteer of the same gender.



ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

As our volunteer, you will take part in a Polish language course that will make it easier for you to connect with the local community and will provide you with comfort during your stay in Poland. Classes will be run by a native speaker

who has many years of experience in teaching Polish as a foreign language. Lessons will be interactive and are aimed not only at learning the language but also culture, history and traditions of Poland.



Profile of volunteer

For this project, we are looking for people from Spain, France, Romania, Portugal and Italy. Volunteers in age between 18-30 years old, open-minded, eager to learn and motivated to work on the proposed project activities. The volunteers should be motivated to work with people in a non-formal education context. The participants should like to develop and improve their skills and abilities, be open for experiments, have some hobbies and like to share them when organizing activities. Various talents, hobbies, interests are always welcomed.

Volunteering in Tratwa! Let's get into the details

Volunteers will start working at 10 a.m. and finish at 5 p.m. Every day will be different. Volunteers will participate in specially prepared trainings. They will create workshops for young people and adults. There are many topics to choose from and for sure they will find something for themselves. The workplace will also change from one youth center to another or to an unspecified location on board our Volkswagen T3 somewhere in Poland. We will create the opportunity for them to share their talents with the local community and to become gardener, painter or builder in Timespace. They will organize events and individual projects. All this under the supervision of a project coordinator who will support the development process of volunteers. There will also be time for travel, volunteers have 24 days to spare during the project.



THERE IS MORE!

We know that the decision to move to another country for 12 months is not an easy one. Therefore, we will contact you with your mentor before your arrival. Who is this? It is the person

who will show you the city and present our culture and tradition, but also at regular meetings will help you to set goals that you want to achieve during your project. There is a high risk that he/she will become your friend!

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WHO CAN APPLY?

People in age between 18 and 30 years old from Spain, France, Romania, Portugal and Italy.

TIME FRAME

Duration: 12 months

Arrival time: May - June - July 2019

Deadline for submitting your CV and motivation letter: 09.06.2019

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FILMS ABOUT OUR ACTIVITIES

Jazda z Pomysłami:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rqJIZN2622U>

Europe Day:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_saN9uL-Glw

Czasoprzestrzeń:

<https://www.facebook.com/czasoprzestrzenzajezdniadabie/videos/848863418781416/>

RECRUITMENT PROCESS STEP BY STEP:

1. READ THIS INFOKIT CAREFULLY

2. SEND TO US YOUR CV AND MOTIVATION LETTER

3. IN RESPONSE, YOU WILL RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT AND INVITATION FOR SKYPE INTERVIEW