

# EVS Recruitment Infopack



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**European Voluntary Service**  
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## **About the organizers:**

Coordinating organisation Youth Development and Integration Association **STRIM** [www.strim.org.pl](http://www.strim.org.pl) assembles young active people who are willing to undertake actions aimed at building open-minded society, interested in the youth problems, international education and culture. We organize trainings, seminars, conferences, meetings and exchanges. Working for other organisations and institutions, organizing for them and with them the EVS projects helps us in gaining wider local and international partnerships, as well as create more numerous and diverse international group of volunteers.



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From 15 years we are coordinating, sending and hosting the EVS volunteers. STRIM as coordinating organisation cooperate closely with another organisations or institutions in terms of youth work. Having practice and know-how, we are providing our partners with technical and administrative support. We are organizing also integration activities for the volunteer, provide mentor, language learning, organize volunteer's living and transportation in Cracow or

another Polish towns, if needed. We are supporting volunteers to lead their own projects in the receiving organisations.

## **About the Evs project 2015/2016:**

The project will be attended by 24 volunteers aged 18-30 years working in different receiving organisations. Our project will allow volunteers from European countries to become actively involved in the activities of Krakow's educational institutions, freeing their creativity, local and civic activity. The aim of project is to provide a European youth opportunities to develop knowledge, skills and attitudes through the work in the Polish educational institutions involved in formal and informal education.



The project will take place in seven Cracow's hosting organizations: kindergartens , elementary school, Youth Culture Center, Regional Library and NGO. In the host organizations volunteers will have two main tasks: active participation in the daily life of their organization and give the intercultural dimension in the activities of their projects by conducting their own creative animations and workshops.

Although volunteers will work in different institutions coordinating organization **STRIM** will remain in touch with them. We will invite the volunteers to take part in our meetings, discussions and presentations.

## **Choose your hosting organisation! Kindergarten 176**

Our kindergarten is a place full of life and laugh. In addition to regular educational activities, we have music, theatre, gymnastics, rhythmic and dancing classes as well as social sciences and English. Our



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volunteers work with children aged 4-5. They support daily work of our teachers but they are also encouraged to implement their own ideas! Volunteers have an opportunity to learn about Polish culture and language, to discover our city, parks, museums, theaters, and much more. We do our best to adapt to the needs of volunteers but we also expect them to be flexible and open at work. Tasks that we propose for volunteers are: - accompanying children in games, educational activities; - helping teachers to prepare and conduct classes; - helping teachers during walks, trips, excursions etc. -helping children with artistic activities such as painting, drawing, cutting and sticking etc. -helping to organize small events and celebrations; -teaching about the volunteer's culture and country of origin (through games, songs etc.) -blogging about the daily life and work (you can visit blog of our volunteers: [przedszkolekrakow176.blogspot.com](http://przedszkolekrakow176.blogspot.com))

We are looking for volunteers open to new challenges, who like to work with children and who are sensitive to the needs of others. Our volunteers should be openminded and highly motivated. We expect them to have a great sense of humor and to share positive energy, because children love this kind of people.

To know more see our films <https://vimeo.com/84380651> or <https://vimeo.com/84854655>



## About the city.

All project will take place in Krakow. It is a city in the southern Poland, with a population of ca. 1 million inhabitants. The city is always full of students and young people.

In Krakow tradition merges with innovation at almost every turn. Thanks to this incredible accumulation of cultural events and sights the city was placed on the top 12 list of the UNESCO World Heritage objects. Anyone who comes here discovers their own 'magical' Krakow. You may follow the paths of Nicolas Copernicus here or get some interest in places connected with Pope John Paul II. Some will feel impressed with the unique in the world scale underground recess of the 17th century salt mine in Wieliczka town, some will prefer to spent long hours wandering in the old Jewish district of Kazimierz, while others will feel amazed by the altarpiece of Wit Stwosz in the St. Mary's Church. Taking advantage of its unique geographical location, Krakow wants to be a place in which different cultures and nations meet. Krakow has been always known for its openness and friendly atmosphere for its visitors.

## Practical informations

**Accommodation:** You will live with other volunteers in the apartment. You will share the room with another volunteers (rooms for 2 sometimes 3 persons) outside of the city centre. Kitchen and bathroom will be shared with other flatmates. The room will be equipped with basic furniture and the kitchen equipment. You don't need to bring your own things, like cutlery, plates etc. However you should take the bed-cloths. You might be asked to pay the caution (about 120 €) to the owner of the flat to cover eventual damages. The caution will be given back at the end of the renting period.



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**Local transport:** You will be buying the bus and tram card for all the lines accessible in Krakow, for which the whole amount will be reimbursed.

**Language support:** You will have formal language training once a week. Coordinating organization will provide books and materials.

**The travel costs:** from home country to the venue of the project (2nd class/APEX return train ticket) will be reimbursed to the volunteer or to the sending organisation from the coordination organisation in the maximum amount agreed in the grant application to the value of the ticket.

**The pocket money** will be given to you by the coordinating organisation once per a month in the amount of 85 Euros (its´ equivalent in the Polish złoty according to the exchange rate given by the Polish National Agency) to your bank account.

**The money for food** is 400 Polish złoty/month

The coordinating organisation will cover activity costs (task-related, linguistic and personal support, mentor, accommodation, food, local transport, administration/communication)

The costs of preparation: arranging insurance, staying in contact with the volunteer, evaluation, follow-up, administration / communication will be covered by the sending organization.

## Recruitment process

Application procedure (deadline: April, 10th, 2015) Candidates will be asked to send us a carefully prepared: → Curriculum Vitae (CV), → Application form

Step 1: Fill the Application form our web site

<http://strim.org.pl/en/wolontariat-goszcz%C4%85cy>

**Send all documents to contact person: Ada Szpot [adaszpot@strim.org.pl](mailto:adaszpot@strim.org.pl)**

Step 2: - We will provide Skype interview with the selected participants,

Step 3: - For the selected participants print, sign, stamp, scan it the Mandate and send it back to coordinating person with subject : Evs mandate

If the mandate is filled correctly, we will provide you the postal address to submit the original.

Contact If you need to contact us, send us a message through the E-mail adress or facebook.page (as a private message). In both cases, mention you are interested to apply for info for all projects.