

Dear scout candidate for the European Solidarity Corps (ESC) in Georgia!

We're very happy that you are interested in ESC program and you're now considering where is the right place and what are the best activities for you! This booklet should help you to know better our scout centre and the activities we do, so you can decide whether or not are we the one for you and you are the one for participating on our projects. Please take few minutes of your time to read it through!

- **Venue** – Rustavi, Georgia, Kvemo Kartli Region
- **Dates** – Due to Volunteers needs project can be up to 2 month till 1 year
- **The ESC Accreditation number** – 2014-1-PL01-KA110-003708



"INTERNATIONAL SCOUT CENTER RUSTAVI" (ISCR) is an independent non-political, non-governmental, non-profit public movement of young people. ISCR represents a voluntary educational movement for children and young people open to all without distinction of origin, race, sex, and religion. ISCR is assisting children and young people in receiving formal and non-formal education. Activities are based on full self-governance and voluntary participation of its members. Except educational aspects ISCR is running **SCOUT HOUSE – YOUTH HOSTEL**. The Scout house hosts international groups of people that attend a specific event or seminar as well as independent groups that want to benefit from the location and the non formal education programs offered by the center team.

Target group – with which EVS volunteers would work

ISCR mainly works with 6-23-year-old young people who are regularly visiting ISCR. Almost every Georgian youngster can communicate with foreigners at least in basic English. They also know Russian language. All ISCR staff members fluently speak in English and Russian. If there are situations when a person with whom an ESC volunteer communicates doesn't know any foreigner language, someone from ISCR staff or volunteer's mentor can help him/her to fix this problem by translating their conversation. The working and living atmosphere at ISCR is very international and dynamic and volunteers will have an opportunity to meet with people from all over the world and different paths of life. They will learn about other cultures, religions, life styles and approaches to youth improvement.



ISCR STAFF members (11 full time worker and local volunteers) are high qualified youth workers and trainers. Most of them has several years working experience in international youth work and maid ESC from 2006-2014 in different countries and now has readiness to develop high quality service based on this experience. General management is developing under the Executive Director, who is line manager of Program Manager and Scout House Manager. The ISCR Program manager will act as project responsible for all ESC volunteers and will be their main contact person for the project and with the Partners (sending organization)

Georgia – a small country situated in the **South of the Great Caucasus, between the Black and Caspian seas**, is the bearer of a rich cultural and traditional inheritance preserved over centuries and described in various myths and legends. The history of Georgia dates back as far as 3 500 years and Christianity (the State religion) was adopted 2 000 years ago. Georgia has a very diverse landscape making each of its regions a unique place to visit and experience. Despite its small territory, one can find various forms of flora and fauna that further makes it a distinct attraction.

GEORGIAN ALPHABET



Numerous historical sources mention Georgia as the country of **“multiple languages”**. This description is valid even nowadays as much as it was centuries ago hosting different ethnic minorities living and sharing everyday life. Moreover, Georgia is the home for multiple religious denominations and despite 97% of the population adopting Christian Orthodox religion, the diverse traditions and co-existence of plentiful of Catholic, Armenian, Gregorian, Islamic and Jewish churches/temples indicate heterogeneity and tolerance towards the diversity of the Georgian nation. **Georgia possesses rich heritage.** Being the world cradle of the **wine-growing** and the wine making, Georgia might have contributed to the appearance of the word “vino (wine)” in the modern dictionary deriving from the word **“Gvino” in Georgian language.** The country grows more than 500 varieties of grapes and applies traditional as well as modern wine-processing methods. The hospitality of a Georgian nation can be better described by the existing proverb: “Arrival of the guest is like a Sunrise, departure of the guest – is a Sunset for the host”. Visitors and guests are usually welcomed by rich and diverse cuisine satisfying even very individual tastes and needs of the visitor. Every traditional Georgian feast is led by a **“Tamada” (the toastmaster)** walking you through the **unique traditions of culture and history**, unfolding the mysteries of survival after many conquerors and binding the guests with warmth of Georgian hospitality. Georgian folklore is known for its complexity and stunning performances and one should not miss an opportunity of witnessing the fire lit on the dance floor.



City Rustavi - Rustavi - the third biggest city in Georgia (approximately 125 000 residents) located just 25 km from the capital city Tbilisi, 25 km from Azerbaijan border, 72 km from Armenia. Rustavi was a major industrial center during the Soviet period - the development of Rustavi was part of Stalin's accelerated industrialization process and Rustavi in nowadays still is rich with huge Soviet time heritage. But unfortunately youth life - and generally youth inclusion and -has lack of opportunities. There are just 2-3 youth organizations in Rustavi activities of which are focused on youth. Also economical and social situation in the city is not good and a big lack of non-formal education and educative programs of international standards exists.

Local community, life of young people in it:

No matter that Rustavi is the third biggest city of Georgia and not far from the capital city Tbilisi, local community is cozy and life runs calm. People are very hospitable and open-minded. In the city there are a lot of restaurants, cafeterias, theaters and beautiful, wild parks. But unfortunately a lot of youth-related problems exist here. There is a lack of youth educational and entertainment centers in Rustavi, which could make it possible for local youngsters to have an additional source for gaining informal and non-formal education. Only a very limited number of young people are socially active due to their involvement in the projects and programs initiated by the local nongovernmental youth organizations. But youngsters want to be creative and they are searching for self-realization opportunities.



Activity #1: Activities connected with Non-Formal, scout Educational Programs

ESC Volunteer

- To support the Senior Management Team to plan, implement and evaluate ISCR programme events, seminars and other national/international events – provide input and feedback on evaluations to improve what we offer and deliver; support with ideas for strategic development of the center.
- To take a lead role in delivering outdoor, adventure educational programs – work as a member of the programme team leading and developing activities with and for participants/guests.
- To ensure participants/guests are provided with relevant educational programme information prior to and during their stay – updating and developing relevant information about our programmes.
- To respond to programme correspondence from potential participants/guests in a timely manner.
- To lead centre or school based non-formal education clubs
- To maintain / improve programme materials and equipment.
- To provide input to promotional material on programme events for the ISCR website, ISCR newsletters and other publications – providing research and marketing material for events and potential marketing opportunities; updating website & other social media.
- To assist with the training of new volunteers so they may lead programme activities.

Summer Camp Lagodekhi

In the summer, we are running International scout/Youth camp in Lagodekhi, which is about 150 kilometers from Rustavi. The groups of campers are coming to one or two weeks camps and we are helping them with food and service supply. The main role of volunteers is to prepare whole area before the campers come and support them during their stay. Volunteers could also prepare special programs which we offer to campers.

Detailed Tasks for Volunteers:

A) Volunteer together with Program staff and local volunteers will work to develop and run year round Eco-Adventure programs (Balanced programs for different school aged groups, camping, hiking, outdoor technique, knots, lashings, orienting, mapping, etc..) , Non-formal and Hobby Education Program, centre based and school based clubs for children and youth for Rustavi schools.

B) Volunteer together with Cultural Program Assistant and local volunteers will working for running cultural program (Magic Later, 2 Minutes video festival, Youth friendly Theatre, handicrafts, creative workshop) for our beneficiaries.

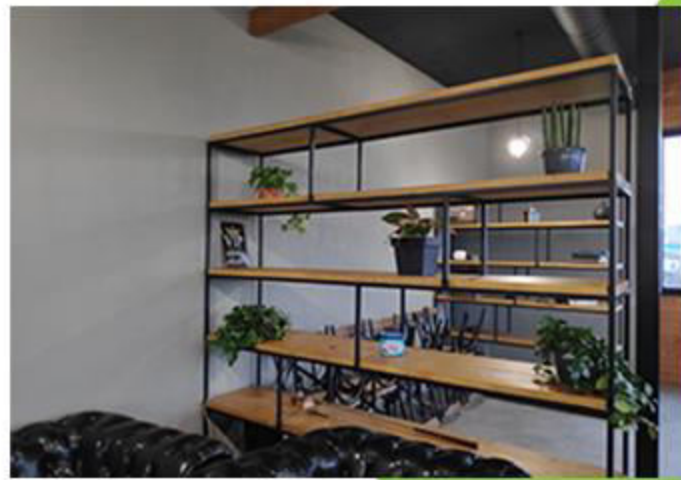
*Together with the tasks from the activity #1, volunteer will have tasks from activity #2 and #3



Activity # 2: Activities connected with Scout Bar-Restaurant

In Early 2019, newly opened Bar-Restaurant started functioning in ISCR. Its a modern Bar-Restaurant, which offers to guests delicious Georgian traditional and European meals. Beside of recreational function, Bar-Restaurant hosts cultural educational events for youngsters and not only.

Detailed description of volunteers tasks



Tasks in Bar-Restaurant can be diversal and depends on interests and skills of volunteer:

- Assistant of chef cook
- Assistant of Barman
- Working with manager to plan different events
- Maintenance work on territory of Bar-Restaurant

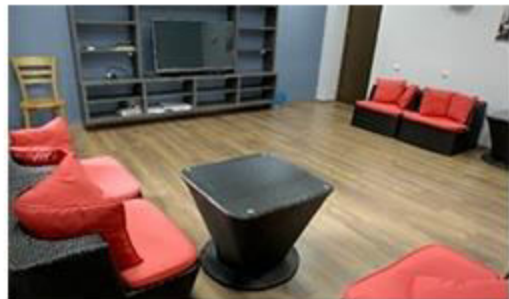
Together with the tasks from the activity #2, volunteer will have tasks from activity #1 and #3 if its needed

Activity # 3: Activities connected with Scout house – Youth hostel

Volunteer

Volunteer together with House Manager, House Assistant, Maintenance manager, Cooker and helper will participate in running daily tasks (Souvenir shop sales, housekeeping, reception, cooking, campsite keeping, webpage and information provision) and that task could be rotating to other volunteers tasks. the service schedule will ensure that each volunteer can experience different areas of work and also decide which one fit best with her/his interests. Together with the tasks from the activity #3, volunteer will have tasks from activity #1 and #2.

During the service the volunteer will learn about different cultures, customs and countries (including Georgia)



Working Conditons

In the office of ISCR wireless internet will be provided to the volunteers. Also we have computers in our office and volunteers will be provided with their own work places and all necessary tools for working – starting with stationery, a computer, a desk, etc. Of course, for more comfortable use, we can advise to bring your own laptop. Your free time and days off depends on agreement and the season. We are asking the volunteers to take longer period of holiday especially during winter season, because our activities are limited because of snow and cold, but still, it is a matter of our agreement. In general, less rest and greater flexibility is expected from the volunteers during spring and summer and larger opportunities for the holidays and more rest are possible during the winter months. However, we always try to balance leisure time and activities by the rules of Erasmus+ program.

Living conditions of ESC volunteers

Volunteers will live at the ISCR base or in a flat situated in a housing estate - about 5 minutes walking distance from the town center, 20 minute - from ISCR. Each volunteer will have his/her own private bedroom or will share with the other EVS volunteer. EVS volunteers will be given money to buy their own food. There is a kitchen in the volunteers' living area where they can prepare meals. Shops and restaurants are close-by (a 2-5-minute walk). Also, we will organize bicycles for volunteers..

Example of an ESC volunteer's possible timetable:

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 3	Day 3
Morning	Staff meeting. Georgian language lessons.	Office work. Presentations. Open hours.	Staff meeting. Georgian language lessons.	Working in Reception	Working for Housekeeping/ /kitchen
After-noon/Evening	Creative workshop led by a volunteer.	After-school activities in local schools of Rustavi city.	Working for campsite keeping	After-school activities in local schools of Rustavi city.	Leisure type indoor and outdoor activities for local youth

Contact

In case you think this is challenging for you, please send us your motivation letter and CV



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