



OPEN CALL FOR ESC VOLUNTEERS

NOW IT'S YOUR TIME!

Be a helper! Be a leader! Be a volunteer!

European Solidarity Corps (ESC) gives you a chance to go abroad, live in another country, work and learn, meet with other cultures, implement your ideas and your contribution to the local community!

We know that we can't compare us with big cities, full of students, events and night life. We know, that living in a small city might be challenging. We know that work in Hosting Organisations is hard and demanding. But we also know that project will give you time to slow down, take a deep breathe, think about yourself, your goals, your values and work as hard as you can and see your

Coordinating Organisation: Akwedukt Association

Where: Kwidzyn and Gardeja, North part of Poland

When: Autumn project might be postponed of two months, depends of situation in Europe.

Duration: 12 months

Topics: Education/ Culture/ Social work

Deadline for applications: **10.09.2021**

#ESC #poland #kwidzyn #volunteer #europeansolidaritycorps #disability #socialwork #kids #ecology
#culture #leader #more #andmore

PROJECT CONTEXT

Location: Kwidzyn

General information

Kwidzyn is a capital of the powiat located in Pomeranian Voivodeship on the river Liwa and even by Polish standards

Kwidzyn is an old city, and one with a rich and interesting history...

Kwidzyn is a town with about 40. 000 inhabitants, with several additional thousand residing in the surrounding rural areas, located 100 km from the Baltic Sea to the south.

It is situated also about 100 km from Gdańsk, Sopot and Gdynia, which are historical and cultural destinations in Pomeranian region.

There is a good bus connection between Kwidzyn and these cities.

The development of the town is based on strong industrial structure – production of paper and electronic industry.

Kwidzyn is surrounded by beautiful and rich forests, with nature reserve and lakes. Beside that there are strong fields of non-governmental actions. We have organizations like scouts, ecological, cultural, musical and the theater. Both adults and youth will find a place for spare time and hobby development. Beside that we have cinema and theater and other cultural places like restaurants. There is also a big sport center with football pitch, basketball and tennis courts and mini golf course.

The inhabitants of Kwidzyn are mostly middle class. People work in big factories in Kwidzyn or they run their small local businesses. There is no University in Kwidzyn, that is why you can find here mostly youth till 19 years old and adults over 25. Target group of the projects are citizens of Kwidzyn, students, family with children and pensioners. We work in all the city, directly working with different organizations. Headquarter of our organization is situated in the center of the city. Next to the old town, shopping center, park, restaurants and churches.

Volunteer will be accommodated in the rented apartment, 10 – 30 min walk from the office. There will be a shared bedroom, kitchen and bathroom for a volunteer.



VOLUNTEERS MISSION

Our 12 months ESC programs allow young people to experience living abroad whilst learning and contributing to a world, with support from the European Solidarity Corps programme. This is a great opportunity to join meaningful work and learning while your food, accommodation, travelling, pocket money, insurance and mentorship are covered.

The main missions for the volunteer will be:

1. Educational and pedagogical activities plus promoting non-formal education methods,
2. European cultural openness and various forms of cultural education,
3. Joint project with the 16 volunteers in the 8 different hosting places.



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<https://youtu.be/5IUmlgZ2VII>

The volunteer will work full time with the team of the Hosting Organization from Monday to Friday, on minimum 32-hour week basis. They might be asked to take part in evening gatherings with the students and locals. From time to time, the volunteer will have the opportunity to work in associated schools, kindergartens and local institutions with the other ESC volunteers in order to build a common projects and events.

We are looking for energetic and motivated candidates with a proactive, creative and problem-solving attitude, at least basic knowledge of English and organisational skills. A creative persons who enjoys speaking in front of a crowd and who is motivated to develop events and activities that strengthen the integration between polish and international students, kids, youngsters. Ready to work with people in different age, not scared of daily routine.

The volunteer must be mature, open-minded and able to work based on his/her own initiative, but also work in close cooperation with the staff at the project. The volunteer should be prepared to work also in the evenings and sometimes weekends – depends of events. Much of the work, a volunteer will be doing, is to encourage young people to participate in civic life as well as to develop their personality and European identity.

All volunteer's task: providing workshops according to volunteers skills, experiences, interests (movie, handcraft, IT, acting, ecology, languages, others), organizing after school activities for youngsters – leading language group, intercultural learning activities – culture evenings, and summer and winter camps for children and so on.

Download application form here: [click the link](#)

Questions? Write here: biuro@akwedukt.org.pl

Expectations: [commitment and care for the local environment and community development.](#)





HOSTING ORGANISATIONS

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The Special School for Work Adaptation – 2 spots

Founded in 1957 the Special School in Kwidzyn main goal is to prepare teenage pupils with disabilities for work and independent life, using a diverse curriculum in addition to traditional class like math and writing class etc., we have practical class (cooking, gardening) and therapy class (horse therapy, physical therapy), sport class (swimming pool, basketball), and creative class (drawing, pottery).

The main aim of the volunteers is helping with the organization and conducting educational, rehabilitative and caring activities with the teenagers with light, moderate, significant and deeper mental disabilities as well as the ones with coupled disabilities as well as giving intellectual support in the young people everyday duties.

Special School with Work Adaptation Classes, for people with moderate and severe intellectual disability and conjugate disability up to 24 years old. Fields of education with practical classes in local companies:

- helper of the gardener and arborist,
- cook's helper,
- business worker assistant,
- daily life practise.

Revalidation and Education Department for children with severe intellectual disability up to age of 25 - 4 departments Classes include in particular:

- learning how to establish social contacts,
- communication with the environment - AAC,
- movement improvement (swimming pool classes, sensory integration, physiotherapy, horse riding),
- implementation to achieve the optimal level of independence,
- developing interest in the surroundings, strengthening activity.

Suggested activities for the volunteers:

- helping a teacher with varied educational and caring activities; assisting kids in daily routine;
- taking care and assisting during the curricular and extracurricular classes: at the swimming-pool, hypo therapy, after-school clubs, hikes and school trips, hydrotherapy, rehabilitation during mobility improvement classes;
- preparing various didactic materials for classes;
- giving support to the teacher and students in the Adapting to Work classes – pottery, cleaning, gardening, cooking;
- helping in the organization of the out of school activities and events (the scouts, competitions etc.).

Kindergarten in Gardeja Village – 1 spot

Kindergartens are functioning as a caring, educational and instructive centres. They are the places where healthy and disabled kids have fun together. They provides every child the opportunity to have fun and learn in a safe, friendly place where everything is tailor-made for their needs and development. It shapes the emotional resilience in children with different physical and intellectual capabilities. Kindergartens are building children's knowledge about the social world.

Volunteer will take part in the following activities:

- participating and helping in daily work: preparing activities and games for kids;
- helping during lunch, in daily hygiene, accompanying and watching after the kids during the walks and while staying in public places(cinemas, museums, theatres etc.);
- helping kids get dressed for outside activities;
- helping the assistant during breakfast (setting and clearing the table, giving food to the children)
- Lead games and activities for children, music classes, -playing with the children;
- attend and conduct classes in English;
- assist in working with children with disabilities;
- decorate the school before any programme;
- taking part in ESC promoting projects, workshops, presentations.

SUPRA Football Association – 1 spot, male

Association was created with a passion for sport, mainly for football. Activists become physical education teachers and qualified trainers working in schools and public units in Kwidzyn. People who want to work with young people and infect their passion for movement, sport and football in particular. The task of our association is to train young footballers in Kwidzyn and to promote this sport among children and youth. As part of our work, we conduct football training, take care of children during ongoing classes, organize football matches and tournaments, and take part in them.

Volunteer will take part in the following activities:

- periodic football training for children and youth aged 7-16 from September to June, in various aged groups, trainings in English language; work starts at 15:00 till 22:00
- summer trainings and outdoor activities, winter trainings in the sport hall;
- seasonal competitions organized between Kwidzyn sports clubs and other towns;
- International kids day - an integration meeting for children and young people playing in the club with their parents the meeting aims to integrate and fun. The meeting is directed to 300 people.
- a summer camp that lasts 7 days or longer, organized out of Kwidzyn
- English classes for kids, with special football -related terms.



FLOW Foundation – 1 spot

Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can! - this is motto of organisation. Flow Foundation work as a Crisis Intervention Centre and place of social integration of children and youth from difficult environments. It works as a place where we citizens can always turn to for help in various crisis situations. Delivers activities such as legal advices, psychological consultations, social counselling or parenting skills workshops but also individual corrective and educational programs for people using domestic violence are developed and implemented and educational workshops for various groups (pregnant minors, the disabled, the elderly).

Volunteers work might be:

- helping in all education activities, with professional educators and social workers,
- working with the young people on the field of art, ecology or sports and others,
- organizing work with the youth on the field of developing hobbies, interests, organizing leisure time activities for the youngsters; language clubs (usually English) for children and adults as well;
- organizing and coordinating simple works like gardening, repairing things etc., art classes, supervisions.
- office work and individual ideas

Akwedukt Association – 1 spot

The Akwedukt Association, was established to support local and international activism, mainly through voluntary service. Initial activities are international youth exchanges, then European Voluntary Service. From 2015, we are a strong organization, recognized locally, regionally and internationally. Our actions are appreciated. In addition to volunteering, we are specialists in the field of international and intercultural cooperation.

Since 2015, we have been permanently cooperating with Kwidzyn schools/kindergartens, coordinating the work of volunteers there. Thanks to their work, children, youth and adults have the opportunity to learn about other cultures/religions, break stereotypes towards other nationalities - and this is especially important in a small town that has been hermetic and homogeneous for many years. Kwidzyn is slowly becoming open and tolerant, which makes city safer, the worldview is slowly changing, open to diversity and the necessary discussion. Such measures are especially needed nowadays due to the large number of labor migrants residing in this industrial area.

Thanks to our work and the work of our volunteers, we organize various activities for children and youth, i.e. Culture Week, intercultural meetings, intercultural workshops.

Our activities:

SPHERE 1 - Support other foreign volunteers of European Solidarity Corps Programme

- Office work
- Creating posters, leaflets, information on the activities of the Akwedukt - volunteers will support the organization in creating various tools to promote the activities of the organisation.
- Planning, realization and evaluation of intercultural meetings, together with foreign volunteers - once in month, volunteers from a given country present their culture and customs for the local community (usually 50-70 people), in the form of a PPT presentation. Akwedukt volunteers support them in creating presentations and cooking traditional dishes, equipment operation and more. Such a presentation requires substantive preparation as well as technical.

- Support for other activities (training, workshops, etc.) - In addition to standard activities, we carry out min. once in a month of training, information and other activities for the local community. The volunteers' job is to support Akwedukt technically and substantially in the implementation of this type of activities.
- Organizing alone or together with other foreign volunteers, linguistic and cultural animation classes for children in different age groups. Weekly classes, where children and teenagers can get to know the culture of the volunteer and practice a foreign language.
- Support in the organization of Intercultural Fairy Tales for kindergartens and Intercultural Workshops for children. Volunteers support us in workshops presenting children with diversity in terms of geography, race, religion, culture, language, etc. In addition to preparations before classes (printouts, art materials), volunteers present their language and geography of their country or the basics of religion.

SPHERE 2 – Media group

- MEGAFON - Volunteers involved in this activity will have the task of planning, preparing and creating a quarterly, which describes the life of foreign volunteers in Kwidzyn. MEGAFON describes the first impressions of foreigners in Poland, presents development opportunities in Kwidzyn. An important element of the MEGAFON is also the space for volunteers' ideas. Each quarterly is different, in some volunteers describe culinary recipes for dishes from their countries, events / national holidays, bring closer political situation written in plain and understandable language. 2. Registering the daily activities of the Aqueduct Association and other host organizations.
- The volunteer's task is to take and archive photos, videos and other materials from everyday activities of Akwedukt and organizations hosting foreign volunteers. These materials are later used for promotion activities, organization, Poland and other aspects of life in Kwidzyn and on the project. Photos and videos are posted on the Polish and English websites, which helps to attract our potential beneficiaries.
- Presentations about ESC and their country in schools in the Kwidzyn district and in other institutions. The task of the volunteers will be to create an interesting presentation about their country and culture, besides the basic information on ESC and volunteering. Together with an employee of the Akwedukt Association or alone, he/she will be visiting various organizations, schools, institutions and encourage participation in the ESC project.
- Creating posts on the website and running social media – FB, IG, LinkedIn and others. Volunteers willing to take part in this type of activities will describe the activities carried out in the Akwedukt Association and others host organizations on our website and other social media. Depending on the knowledge and skills such posts will appear in Polish or English. At the beginning of the project, we create with a volunteer media work plan for the entire duration of the project. We write down issues, titles and time of the realization / publication and medium. Thanks to this, volunteers have planned space to search for interesting information, they know how and when to create and publish articles and other necessary information.
- Promotion of the Volunteer service in Kwidzyn.
- Language animation classes – to lead/organize an active workshops of English/ or other language classes.

SPHERE 3 – Active Kwidzyn

- Volunteer will be responsible for supporting youth groups in Kwidzyn in organizing Youth Initiative's in the local field.

- Creating and conducting a series of presentations on ESC in primary and secondary schools, promoting program, possibilities of EU mobility programs, current recruitment among our partners, participation in educational lessons, lessons on civic activity and talking about, for example, the local civic budget.
- conducting meetings for eager young people as part of "YouthLab" - mini workshops, lectures, combined with looking for inspiration for your own ideas and projects,
- planning, designing, writing down your own ideas, or together with young people, testing solutions, implementing ideas in life with the support of local fundraising programmes.
- meetings and presentations promoting the program of youth initiatives - for various age groups, initiative groups and willing NGOs.
- Creating a fundraising programme with office team.

OBLIGATORY ACTIVITIES FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

- Own activities, runned weekly or those proposed by office,
- Organize and support Culture Week, summer camps for kids and teens.
- Intercultural meetings – supporting in organise mass meetings for local community
- Supporting the celebration of the International Volunteer's Day

INFO ABOUT COORDINATING ORGANISATION

Akwedukt Association is NGO founded by local activists, who want to develop their city, and at the same time help others.

AKWEDUKT is an idea to create an organization that focuses on local development, activation of the inhabitants of Kwidzyn, young people, volunteering and promoting cultural diversity. From 2015 we coordinated work of more than 100 hosted volunteers. We are coordinating work of 8 hosting organisations, coordinators, mentors and more!

More info about us find on www.akwedukt.org.pl



Who will be involved?

Our Akwedukt Team, more than 16 Volunteers, 8 hosting organisations, Coordinators, Mentor, local community and more...

Don't wait! Apply!



- Step 1**
READ THE
INFOPACK
- Step 2**
FILL APPLICATION
FORM AND
ATTACH YOUR CV
- Step 3**
PREPARE YOURSELF
FOR INTERVIEW
- Step 4**
WAIT FOR RESULT

HOW TO APPLY?

Please send your CV and the application form at the address:
biuro@akwedukt.org.pl

INTERVIEW?

What will be your contribution for local community?

What would you pack to bring with you to live here for a year?

Are you ready to get involved?

Please send all the required documents:

- CV
- **Application Form**

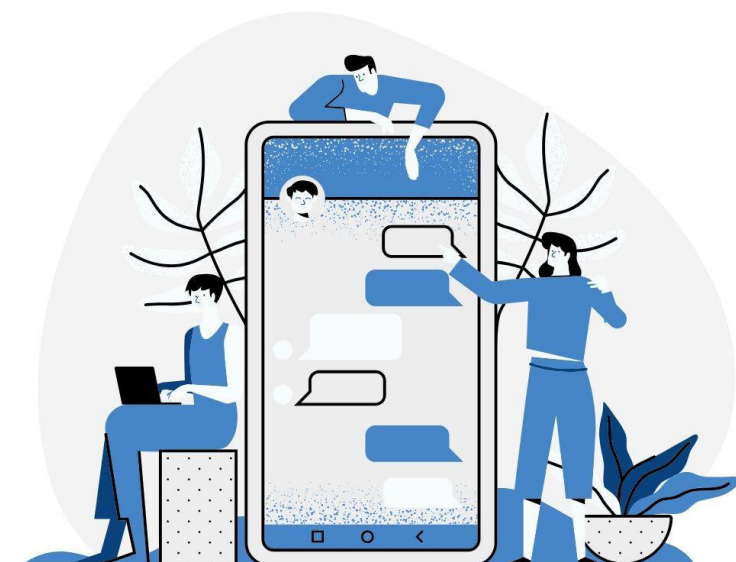
until the **10th of September** to biuro@akwedukt.org.pl

If you do not have a supporting organisation yet, please indicate so clearly in the e-mail!

We will then start the vetting process and take note that we might ask you for an interview via Skype.

CV and Application Form

You can find the Application Form attached to the website. Please fill it out and send it together with the other documents to the stated e-mail addresses. Make sure you are within the deadline. We created a questionnaire to get to know prospective volunteers a bit better. Please take time to answer the questions with consideration.



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