

*ASOCIATIA LUMEA LUI PINOCCHIO*  
*discriminarea nu e o gluma...*

**Project title:** Mind the solidarity

**Activity:** "I volunteer!"

**Location:** Panciu (Vrancea, Romania)

**Coordinating organization:** Asociatia Lumea lui Pinocchio (Romania)

**Sending partners:** Agapedia (Germany), COCAT (Spain), IBO Italia (Italy) and FIYE Poland - Stowarzyszenie Promocji Wolontariatu (Poland).

**Duration:**

- from September 2019 to June 2020 (10 months)

"**I volunteer!**" activity will take place from beginning of September 2019 till the end of June 2020 (10 months) and includes 4 volunteers: 1 from Italy, 1 from Germany, 1 from Spain and 1 from Poland. At the end of the activity (mid-June 2020) **Workshop on volunteering** will be organised. The event will be held in Focsani (Vrancea County). The aim of the event will be to the national and international volunteering. The agenda of the day will contain: - Press conference - Round table - "Living Library" with the 4 ESC volunteers involved in the "I volunteer" activity, Romanian volunteers and representative of the 4 Sending Partners.

**Hours / days of service per week:** 33 hours a week - 5 days of service. Free weekends.

**Benefits for volunteers:**

- travel costs' coverage up to maximum Euro 275,00;
- monthly allowance – pocket money: Euro 3 per day of service;
- board and lodging;
- insurance;
- Romanian Online Language Course;
- Support by a local mentor;
- Youthpass Certificate issued at the end of the Service.

**Requirements:**

- Age 18-30;
- Basic English knowledge
- Strong motivation to volunteering and working with disadvantaged children
- No previous participation in an Erasmus+ volunteering activity longer than 2 months;
- Registration in the European Solidarity Corps Portal;

Previous experiences in voluntary and educational fields are welcome. Also artistic skills and competences in communication and graphics are appreciated as well.

**Application procedure:** candidates should send their CV and a motivational letter to the sending organization on [evs.send@spw.info.pl](mailto:evs.send@spw.info.pl) who will pass suitable candidates' applications to the Association Lumea lui Pinocchio. Someone from Lumea lui Pinocchio will arrange a skype interview with the selected candidates.

**Board and lodging:** The volunteers will live in an apartment in Panciu. Volunteers will share the accommodation with other international volunteers. At the moment, there are two flats within walking distance to the center Lumea lui Pinocchio. Both flats have are fully equipped, with kitchen, bathroom with a washing machine, common room and shared bedrooms. The volunteers will take care of the house cleaning, of the purchase of their food and their meals' preparation. They can eat lunch in the center with the children.

**Activities:**

The main project activity is at the Daily Centre Pinocchio directly managed by the coordinating organization. It is a social service provider and the beneficiaries are disadvantaged children (3-16 y.o.) and their families, mostly of Roma origins.

From Monday to Friday, ESC volunteers will come to the center and in the morning prepare activities which they will later execute when the children arrive to the center. The volunteers can for example make workshops on recycling, games, crafts, cinema and sports activities, organization of special events (Christmas, Carnival masks, games with Easter eggs, birthdays); activities related to the promotion of healthy nutrition (culinary workshops with typical recipes, breakfast "at the statue" in front of the school, social canteen). In the morning, from Monday to Friday, volunteers take shifts in serving the breakfast in front of the school for the children of the Centre Pinocchio.

If a volunteer is interested in social media, they can publish posts on the Center's Facebook page, Instagram and update the website with testimonials, pictures and videos.

Other activities include cooperation with local partners:

- at the Kindergarden nr. 1 of Panciu (children 3-6 y.o.) belonging to the Technological High School "A.I. Cuza": Once a week, ESC volunteers will develop educational non formal activities like creative workshops on recycling, music, painting, theatre, use of different materials to develop physico-physical sensoriality, like for example create environments, scenarios and stories with the children in order to develop children's emotional-social-cognitive development as well as volunteer's skills and creativity.
- at the Documentation and Information Centre of the "Ioan Slavici" Theoretical High School: Once a week ESC volunteers can organize "tandem language learning" a face-to-face non formal learning method based on mutual language exchange between ESC volunteers and Romanian young students.
- at the Social Residential Centre for elderly people "Sf. Ioan" of Panciu: Once a week, the Centre belongs to the Municipality of Panciu and it can accommodate 34 elderly people. ESC volunteers can make artistic/theatrical activities, language exchanges, dances, knitting, embroidery, doll making, hand-made greeting cards and other decorative items, foreign language non formal lessons, birthday parties and religious celebrations.
- at the Family Modules for orphans minors in Panciu. It a structure under the subordination of the General Directorate for Social Assistance and Child Protection (DGASPC) Vrancea, having a capacity of 32 places and currently hosting a number of 24 children. Once a week ESC volunteers can help the minors with homework, sports and leisure activities with the minors that do not go home during the weekend.

The extent of these activities depends on the volunteers interests, they should take part at least in one of them but if they are very motivated they can also be involved in all.

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