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The Polish Robert Schuman Foundation is searching right now for **2 volunteers** who would like to join our European Solidarity Corps project **"Schuman Solidarity Crew" from October 2020 to June 2021 in Warsaw or Wojkowice, Poland.**

Project "Schuman Solidarity Crew" will involve 18 Schuman Volunteers (16 volunteers have been already recruited) who will be hosted in **9 different hosting organizations:**

- ✓ 2 special kindergartens for children with disabilities (Warsaw),
- ✓ **special kindergarten for visually impaired children (Warsaw) – vacancy!**
- ✓ regular kindergarten for children with special nutritional needs (Warsaw),
- ✓ **primary school with integrative classes (Warsaw) – vacancy!**
- ✓ Association of Developing Children's Activity "Chance" – ngo focusing on providing best possible development, increasing the educational conditions for children and raising the quality of work in early childhood education (Warsaw),
- ✓ **European Integration Club at the School Complex in Wojkowice – non-formal European education for members of European Integration Club and school students (Wojkowice in the Silesian region),**
- ✓ Bilingual school no 1 in Warsaw,
- ✓ The Polish Robert Schuman Foundation in Warsaw.

This project is a part of a 3-years long volunteering partnership coordinated by the Polish Robert Schuman Foundation. Detailed description of the organizations, volunteers' tasks and dates of mobilities below.

WHO ARE WE SEARCHING FOR?

Volunteers aged between 18 and 30 years from EU countries. We seek a balance of varied ages, genders and nationalities amongst our volunteers. All candidates must be registered in [European Solidarity Corps database](#).

No specific knowledge, skills or experience is required as the necessary ones can be acquired during the project. We are not looking for experienced volunteers but those who would learn a lot during the service in a particular hosting organization and are strongly motivated.

Apart from personal motivation of volunteers our requirement is volunteers' strong will of learning Polish language after selection procedure successfully ends. We need selected volunteers to know a few crucial phrases. Why is this important? Because they will work with children with disabilities and youth, which often do not speak English well or any other language.

HOW TO APPLY

We ask each candidate to send us filled our **APPLICATION FORM**. Candidates can add other documents/personal presentations/ videos/photos/motivation letters to the application form, if they want but please know that applications without our form will not be taken into consideration. The recruitment procedure will take place through European Solidarity Corps portal.

Please send applications to: volunteering@schuman.pl. In the title please write: APPLICATION SEPTEMBER 2020. We will contact the candidates with best applications and arrange skype/phone interviews. The deadline for applications is 17th of September 2020.

COMMON ACTIVITIES

To integrate all volunteers, apart from activities in particular hosting organization, common activities for all Schuman Volunteers will be organized. All Schuman volunteers:

- ✓ will write **blogs** dedicated to their experience in the form of articles, photographs, audio/video materials. If you secretly dream of becoming a published author – you are in luck! Each month the volunteers write (at least) one article about their volunteering experiences in Poland. These posts are published on the Foundation's website and/or Facebook. Blogs of previous and current volunteers you can find on the website www.schumanvolunteers.pl,
- ✓ will organize **local activities** – workshops/activities in cultural centers, libraries and ngos to share intercultural experience among people from small societies. They will present their countries, cultures, share volunteering experience and promote European Solidarity Corps during workshops/activities addressed to youth, people with fewer opportunities, seniors,
- ✓ will take part in the preparations of the **Schuman Parade & Schumanville**, events organized by the Schuman Foundation to celebrate Europe Day in the center of Warsaw. Volunteers together with their hosting organizations and the Schuman Foundation will plan & organize one tent in Schumanville devoted to European volunteering & raising awareness about the needs of people with disabilities,
- ✓ will take part in **“internal on-arrival training”** organized by the Schuman Foundation. The first days followed by volunteers' arrival to Warsaw will be spent altogether, not in particular hosting organization. Schuman Foundation will prepare integration activities, trainings and will deal with some organizational things,
- ✓ will participate in **monthly meetings**. Once a month all Schuman Volunteers living Warsaw (and sometimes also those in Wojkowice) will have a meeting in the Foundation and occasionally outside the Foundation to evaluate last month, prepare common activities and just integrate.

PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

Pocket money: each volunteer will get the amount of 4 € per day, so 120€ (in Polish currency – Polish złoty) per month – in cash or by a bank transfer (if they open a bank account in Poland).

Food allowance: each volunteer will receive about 100 € for food per month

Local transport: transport cards are provided – for volunteers in Warsaw a card for area 1 (strefa 1) is provided. The city has 2 areas of transport, however area 1 includes all main districts of Warsaw. In Wojkowice the volunteers will receive a travel card for all Silesian agglomeration. Small cities like Bedzin and Wojkowice are interconnected so when you go by bus you can hardly notice when one city ends and another begins.

Accommodation: The Schuman Foundation will provide accommodation for the volunteers – the volunteers will share flats. The apartments will be rented by the Foundation for the entire time of volunteers' mobilities and are equipped with all necessary utilities. Volunteers are obliged to keep the flat clean :) In Warsaw volunteers will live in 3 apartments. Up to 6 volunteers share the apartment. Often volunteers share a bedroom with another volunteer. Volunteers hosted at Wojkowice will live in Będzin, a town close to Wojkowice. It takes about 30 minutes to get from the flat to the school by bus. In Wojkowice 2 volunteers will share a flat, each will have own bedroom.

Living costs (cost of water, electricity, internet, etc.) will be covered by the Schuman Foundation with a limit up to 90-110 złoty per month per person (depending on the flat and heating season).

Language support: language course at a language school will be organized – for the first 2-3 months, 1,5 hour twice a week.

Polish phone card: will be provided by the Schuman Foundation :)

Insurance: Volunteers from the European Union are obliged to have European Health Insurance Card, if possible. If not, they are required to have a confirmation that they are not authorized to receive one. The volunteers will be also enrolled to insurance plan at CIGNA insurance company, which is valid only if EHIC is not applicable.

Travel to&from mobility: the costs are covered up to limits of the European Commission based on the travel distance:

- ✓ For travel distances between 10 and 99KM: 20 EUR per participant
- ✓ For travel distances between 100 and 499 KM: 180 EUR per participant
- ✓ For travel distances between 500 and 1999 KM: 275 EUR per participant
- ✓ For travel distances between 2000 and 2999 KM: 360 EUR per participant

Visa and visa related costs: are covered . The Foundation & Supporting Organization will help to obtain the visa (if needed) and register in Poland. The Schuman Foundation will reimburse the costs of visa after volunteers' arrival.

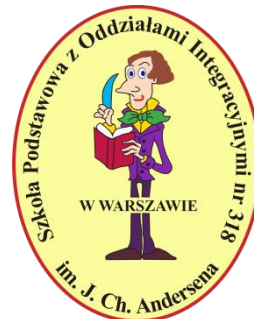
Medical tests: volunteers hosted in kindergartens and school with integrative classes will have to undertake sanitary medical tests, as it is required by polish law. The Schuman Foundation will cover its' costs and assist in the process.

Primary School with integrative classes no 318

OID number: 065927-ORG-00010

Project duration 5.10.2020-02.07.2021

We are searching for: 2 volunteers



Primary School number 318 is dedicated to children aged 6-14 and focuses on integration of kids with special needs and their emotional and social development. The school runs special integrative classes that are dedicated to kids with disabilities (autism, Asperger syndrome, physical disabilities, aphasia etc.) who can attend classes alongside other pupils without special needs. To support children with disabilities, school provides extra classes like: sensory integration, social skills training, psychoeducational classes, speech therapy and individual lessons.

Most of the kids from school spend their free time in a day-room, where school provides daily activities including art workshops, reading workshops, integrative and psychoeducational games, physical plays, individual work with kids if it is needed.

The volunteers' main task will be to:

- assist and propose their activities for children (including children with special needs) in the school day-room.
- co-organize short art, sport handcraft, music, movement and/or language activities/workshops for groups of children in classes 0-5.
- participate in individual sensory integration sessions, psychoeducation, revalidation, speech therapy to get to know working methods with children with different disabilities.
- help pupils with less educational opportunities to prepare for classes and assist them during everyday activities.
- participate in organizing special events & trips outside the school to cinemas, theatres, neighbor kindergarten etc.
- contribute new ideas and prepare specific workshops for different classes with the support of the teacher like games & quizzes, sport activities, workshops about volunteer's country and culture etc.



Special Kindergarten 245

OID number: 065927-ORG-00008

Project duration **5.10.2020-02.07.2021**

We are searching for: 1 volunteer

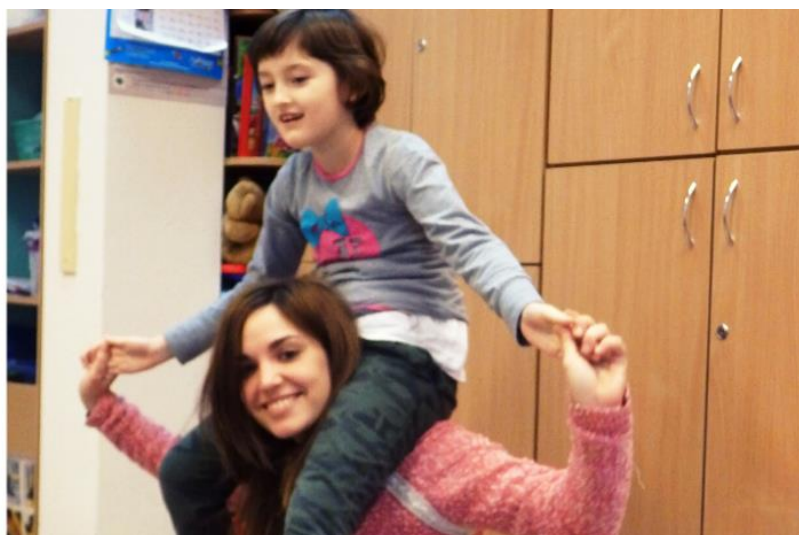


Special Kindergarten number 245 takes care of visually impaired children from 3 to 6 years old. There are 40 children with various visual defects divided into 4 age groups. It's important to recognize that children in the kindergarten are not sightless, though all of them have some serious vision problems.

Kindergarten provides regular activities such as musical lessons, gymnastic, art, dancing, English classes but also special treatment for children who have been diagnosed with different visual defects. Children under professional supervision perform everyday exercises using specialist equipment. Kindergarten also provides professional psychological, logopedic and educational therapy.

The volunteers' main task will be to:

- ✓ assist during the teacher-managed group classes or individual lessons. Volunteers will get specific guidelines and training to prepare them to work with children with disabilities.
- ✓ help teachers in conducting workshops and classes for children in different age groups.
- ✓ take part in therapies and professional lessons with experts.
- ✓ help kindergarten's staff in daily routine with typical self-care activities, such as personal hygiene, eating and dressing, midday nap.
- ✓ provide additional activities like presentations of their countries, thematic days, celebrations of holidays, local events for parents.
- ✓ prepare ideas how to improve or develop existing activities and conduct them with teachers. Time for playing is the time volunteers are welcome to propose their own activities like handcrafts, musical workshops, reading books. They can implement their own solutions and ideas with acceptance of the teacher.
- ✓ Assist during visits and activities outside of the kindergarten like going out to cinemas, theatres, museums etc.



COORDINATING ORGANIZATION



Polska Fundacja im. Roberta Schumana will coordinate all the volunteers, will be responsible for coordinating the project, financial management etc. Foundation's office is located in Al. Ujazdowskie 37/5, in the heart of Warsaw.

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