

WELCOME TO EVS IN POLAND, WROCŁAW



Inside is some useful information about our project and lots of other useful things to know.

Dear EVS Volunteers

A huge welcome and hello from everyone at **TRATWA**! We are looking forward to meeting you and supporting you during your EVS project here in Wrocław.

Jakub Kurakiewicz is your EVS Coordinator and is directly responsible for the EVS programme within TRATWA.

This year we will have 4 volunteers. Volunteers will be volunteering in our organization in Wrocław in a capital of Lower Silesia, region located in the south-west Poland.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us at on **evs.tratwa@gmail.com** or telephone number: **+48 519 811 375**.



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1. Information about our organisation TRATWA.

Our organisation TRATWA exists almost for 16 years. One of the organisation's mission is to create conditions of work suitable for vulnerable young people and to help with their social integration.

The EVS project will be leading in Centre of Intercultural Project DEPOT (PPM ZAJEZDNIA), running by our organisation.

This is a special place on the map of Wroclaw because of the voluntary dimension. In the past the building fulfilled a function as a coach terminus/depot, but today is the most important meeting place for young people with a huge potential to organize youth exchanges, social events, concerts, theater performances, film screenings, workshops and other various events.



The Centre of Intercultural Project DEPOT (PPM ZAJEZDNIA) is an informal cultural center. There are two musical studies and music stage for concerts.



More information about our organisation you can find on the website:

<http://www.tratwa.org/english#welcome>

2. Description of the project where volunteers will be working: "My place NGO" - Youth work and non-formal education

EVS volunteers will be working in Centre of Intercultural Project DEPOT (PPM ZAJEZDNIA) with young people in the one of the main project which is call "My Place NGO" (Moje Miejsce NGO). This project is addressed to young people (16-25 years old), who are living in youth care facility or foster families. The main aim of our project is focus on social inclusion and professional social motivation for people who are at risk of social exclusion.



The Centre has developed a non-formal education approach, involving young people in all kind of projects and activities. This project runs with activities focused on the personal development of youngsters, stimulating creativity and participation and offering the opportunity to acquire abilities specific competencies and interests. Through our activity, we create a special space for developing their personalities and discovering new passions.

3. About volunteers work

In the period of **01/02/2014** to **30/11/2014**, four volunteers from UK , Germany and Portugal, will take part in the project to support our aims to create conditions of work suitable for vulnerable young people and to help with their social integration. Volunteers will have a chance to work together with young people (16-25 years old), who are at risk of social exclusion. We would like to host volunteers that will support our group of young people and our workers as well. Involving these young people from different countries, with lot of experiences and enthusiasm is an interesting and new experience for the youth but also a big impact to strengthen the system supporting youth activities in range of EU mobility.

The volunteers will be exploring the methods of **youth work** and **non-formal education**. The project will build upon the volunteers knowledge and skills providing them with experience in European and Civic education, intercultural education or group management. The volunteers will take part in different activities in our organisation. The volunteers tasks will include helping workers with preparing and organising meetings, workshops for young people and get to know procedures of organising it. They will be supporting our projects, sessions and workshops and helping us in developing and planning the activities programme and leading activities for young people like language workshops, artistic workshops like film, music, photography or culinary workshops. Volunteers will also promoting idea of volunteering, promoting culture of the origin country of the volunteer (thematic evenings, workshops, exhibitions) and raise the level of cultural and social awareness among young people.

The volunteers will learn how to lead the socio-cultural projects, experience the local culture, aid with the reintegration of socially excluded groups and help to improve the quality of life by organising cultural exchange activities for young people and local community. Volunteers will be given the opportunity to design, plan and deliver **their own project** with the support of our staff and will also be able to access training opportunities concerning youth work.

There is many option for the individual project of volunteers. In the Centre we have suitable facilities for that like sounds studio, music/theater stage, photography darkroom , DIY (do-it-yourself) workshop with professional tools and kitchen. Everything depends on passion, interests and ideas of the volunteers. It can be little music or theater performances, photography exhibitions or culinary project.



The integration of different methods and points of view from the volunteers will be an effective way to engage and activate the young people. It will allow them to access new and positive patterns, developing their personalities and discovering new passions and interests, both for young people and volunteers.

The volunteer will work 35 hours a week, from Monday till Friday, occasionally at the weekend, depending on needs of the project. Around 80% of time will be designed for activities connected with youth projects. The work will be sometimes in the morning and sometimes in the evening, some events will be done in after school time.