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**SHORT-TERM ESC
VOLUNTEERING PROJECT**

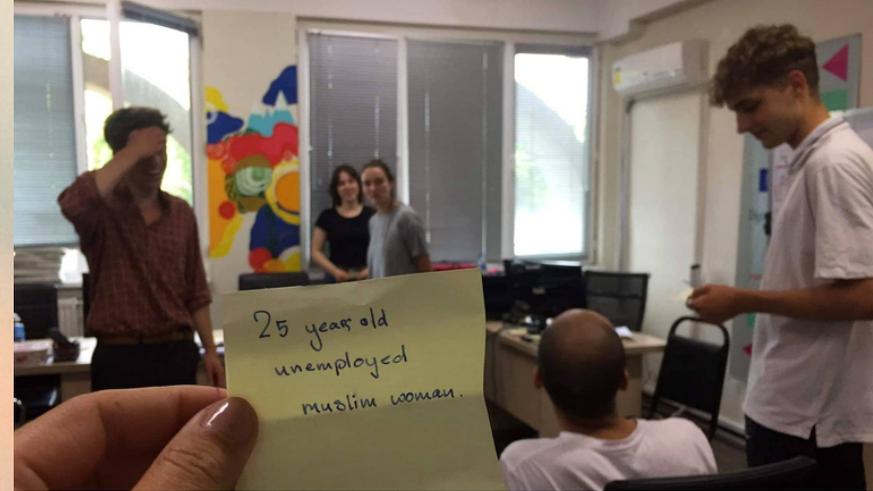
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WHO ARE WE?

Youth Association DRONI (დრონი) is a non-governmental organization with the mission to promote the establishment of a modern, healthy, educated and perfect society.

In order to meet this task the association has been implementing the educational and Youth development programs.

The organisation aims are to support the young people's physical, spiritual and educational development and to develop educational initiatives in the field of civil society, conflict resolution, human rights and peace-building to promote intercultural relations in Georgian society or Youth.



ABOUT THE PROJECT

The project aims to **create and promote innovative educational spaces** for young people. The space - **a SOCIAL BAR**, will reflect on the need to improve the access to different kinds of education as one of the fundamental human rights. The volunteering activity intends to boost the employability skills and competencies of youngsters, both locally and internationally involved.

Another important aspect will be the implementation of **the sessions on the topic of Human rights and non-formal education** in the various regions of Georgia for the youngsters with fewer possibilities and less access to international educational projects.

Volunteers will be involved in activities such as renovation and decoration of the social bar, graffiti creation, implementation of info sessions about the European Solidarity Corps, and non-formal education workshops on the topics of human rights. The results will be shared through the video/photo recordings of the activities with local young people coming from different cultural backgrounds, fostering also cultural understanding.

PROJECT FLOW

The short-term ESC project will consist of several steps of activities for the volunteers which will be flexible and based on mutual decision-making.

PREPARATION

Volunteers will get to know each other, their mentors and the hosting organization. They will prepare strategies for the activities, such as promotion materials like slogans, and information that they would like to spread to local communities during the info-sessions and non-formal educational workshops. Volunteers will also plan the renovation of the space for the social bar.

IMPLEMENTATION

We foresee implementing activities in the capital Tbilisi and later possibly in the western part of Georgia in the city of Zugdidi. In both locations, the activities will consist of workshops, info-sessions and social events. The volunteers will be encouraged to promote volunteering during their workshops. Volunteers will be assisted by mentors, supervisors and local volunteers. The renovation of the social bar will take place in Tbilisi.

EVALUATION

At the project's end, volunteers will have a final individual evaluation with a mentor and then a common evaluation with the DRONI team. During this week promotional materials (photos and video from activities) will be prepared and a final farewell event will be organized (in cooperation with long-term volunteers and local activists) in Tbilisi. Another evaluation is planned after the volunteers return to their homes.

TBILISI



Tbilisi is the capital and largest city of Georgia. It lies on the banks of the river Mtkvari and has a population of 1.5 million people. Tbilisi offers all kinds of services, there are many 24/7 shops, restaurants with international cuisine, bars, parks, sightseeing places and places to relax or have fun. The summer weather is very hot, with afternoon storms. The European-style buses run throughout the whole city, there are two subway lines. There are many stray dogs on the streets, though they are fed and remain ignorant to people. Unfortunately, the city is not yet bicycle-friendly and there is no trash recycling system.

Zugdidi is a city in Western Georgia, in the Samegrelo region. The city is located 318 km from Tbilisi and 30 km from the Black Sea. The train ride to Tbilisi takes 6 hours, but to get to the seaside, you only need 30 mins! The population of Zugdidi is 50 000 people. There are many shops, several restaurants (McDonald's too!), and places to relax such as a botanical garden. There are buses that run around the city and small minivans that go to the nearby villages. The weather in summer is hot.

Alternative location

ZUGDIDI





VOLUNTEERS PROFILE

The project will involve volunteers in creative activities to boost intercultural awareness. In these activities, we want to involve young people with fewer opportunities in economic or social issues, or living in rural areas.

Criteria:

- aged 18-30 as stated in the program;
- motivated to live an intercultural environment;
- interested to spread friendly attitudes;
- willing to work in teams or individually
- ready to fight against exclusion, prejudices and stereotypes;
- a beginner level of English knowledge;



ACCOMMODATION

The volunteers will be housed in a spacious apartment that has 4 bedrooms, small living room area, kitchen, 2 bathrooms and 2 balconies. Accommodation is fully covered and volunteers are responsible for its cleaning.

The apartment is fully equipped with washing machine, oven, fridge and freezer, iron, wi-fi. There are comfortable beds, bedsheets. It is located 7 min. from the subway station. The walking distance to the office is 20 min. There are several shops and restaurants around.



PRACTICALITIES

Volunteers will have **mentors** who will help and support them during their stay in Georgia. They are usually people who have experience with the ESC. Their role is to support the volunteer - help them with adaptation and solving of issues. Volunteers will meet them on a regular basis.

The participants have private **insurance** by CIGNA, which covers all their needs for the whole duration of their project and even after the project(for a few months). The registration to the insurance is made by the Sending organization.

The **travel** budget for the round trip to Georgia is covered. Local transport in the city will be explained by the coordinator - volunteers usually walk, take buses or subway.

Volunteers will receive **Georgian language courses** arranged by the host organisation. The duration of one lesson is from 1h-1,5h. The lessons are held 2-3 times a week

WHAT IS USEFUL TO BRING

- laptop
- mobile phone
- power bank/chargers
- hiking shoes/clothes
- clothes for skiing, swimming
- promo materials of your country
- medicine, if you need a special one

There is a possibility to borrow a tent or outdoor sleeping equipment from the office.





USEFUL TIPS

- The emergency number is 112
- Georgian currency is LARI (Gel / ლ / ლ), smaller coins are Tetri (1 Gel = 100 tetri) → the exchange rate of the lari to the euro is volatile (check it online)
- Mobile Data is very cheap, therefore there are not many public wifi places
- Shops usually open at 10 am (later than in EU countries), but some shops are open 24/7, there is Spar, Carrefour, Nikora, Europroduct
- To charge bus cards, sim cards or send money to Georgian accounts you can use machines called Paybox, they are on every street, close to bus stops
- To order a taxi, use apps such as Bolt or Yandex



If you are interested in being a volunteer in this project, contact the sending organisation who makes the pre-selection. Please, send them your CV and motivation letter.

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