

## Who We are?

Association "Georgian Youth for Europe" (GYE) is non-governmental organization which is providing non-formal education for local children and youth. Local and foreign volunteers organize different clubs (such as language clubs, variety of hobby clubs, Human rights club, Eco club, etc.). GYE is actively involved in Erasmus + projects, hosting youth exchanges and trainings.

**GYE Staff members** (2 full time workers and local volunteers) are qualified youth workers. They speak fluent English. Most of them have been ESC volunteers in different countries and have wide experience of working with international team. ESC coordinator will be responsible for all ESC volunteers in GYE and act as a main contact person for ESC volunteers and for sending organizations.

Target Groups with which volunteers will work: GYE mainly works with 6-25-year-old young people who are regularly visiting GYE. Almost every Georgian youngster knows basics of English. They also know Russian language. All GYE staff members fluently speak in English. If there are situations when a person with whom an ESC volunteer communicates doesn't know any foreigner language, someone from GYE staff or volunteer's mentor can help him/her to fix this problem by translating their conversation. The working and living atmosphere at GYE is very international and dynamic and volunteers will have an opportunity to meet with people from all over the world. They will learn about other cultures, religions, life styles and approaches to youth empowerment.

## Where we are?

**City Rustavi** - Rustavi - the third biggest city in Georgia (approximately 116 000 residents) located just 25 km from the capital city Tbilisi, 25 km from Azerbaijan border, 72 km from Armenia. Rustavi was a major industrial center during the Soviet period - the development of Rustavi was part of Stalin's accelerated industrialization process and Rustavi in nowadays still is rich with huge Soviet time heritage. But unfortunately youth life - and generally youth inclusion and -has lack of opportunities. There are just 2-3 youth organizations in Rustavi activities of which are focused on youth. Also economical and social situation in the city is not good and a big lack of non-formal education and educative programs of international standards exists

#### Local community, life of young people in it -

No matter that Rustavi is the third biggest city of Georgia and not far from the capital city Tbilisi, local community is cozy and life runs calm. People are very hospitable and open -minded. In the city there are a lot of restaurants, cafeterias, theater and beautiful, wild parks. But unfortunately a lot of youth-related problems exist here. There is a lack of youth educational and entertainment centers in Rustavi, which could make it possible for local youngsters to have an additional source for gaining informal and non-formal education. Only a very limited number of young people are socially active due to their involvement in the projects and programs initiated by the local non-governmental youth organizations. But youngsters want to be creative and they are searching for self-realization opportunities

## Main tasks of Volunteers

- Working with young people aged 6-25
- Promote European Solidarity Corps and Erasmus + programs to young people in the region
- Creating promotional videos, documenting Georgian Youth for Europe work and events/ preparing articles for GYE monthly newsletter
- Implementing personal educational project, based on one's hobbies, interests with non-formal methods
- Office assistance
- Logistic and organization support during an international projects
- Leading Language sessions with non-formal methods
- Organization of competitions, summer camps, exhibitions, festivals, workshops, events, trips
- making posters
- Due to dynamically changing global situations caused by Covid-19, volunteer required to be ready for both scenarios: working in GYE office as well as the creation of an online courses.

# About volunteering

Working hours and days off - The ESC volunteer will work 5 days per week, 7 hours per day, Saturday and Sunday are free. The volunteer will have 2 days off as holidays per month, all Georgian National Holidays and Christmas (December 24, 25, 26).

### During the project we will provide

- Accommodation: share flat with other volunteers situated in a housing estate - about 10 minutes walking distance from the town center. She/he will have a separate room, bathroom and kitchen will be common for all volunteers
- Language support: Intensive Georgian language lessons for the 1st 3 months, lessons last 1 hour.
- Food and pocket money
- Training and support
- Georgian mentor.
- The volunteers will attend a training courses (onarrival and mid-term) organized by Salto
- Insurance (CIGNA)
- Transportation (to and from volunteering country, on-site, bicycle)

