

Short-term volunteering teams project in Ozurgeti, Georgia

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Participants from Estonia & Georgia

Why volunteering in Georgia?

We are looking forward to meeting you and to start a ESC Volunteering project with You. We would like to welcome you as a worker in the **social café in Ozurgeti**, it`s a small city in the western part of Georgia, however, locals love the guests very much and are well-known for their hospitality.

We hope that in this project ahead you will not only learn about voluntary work, Georgian culture and language but that you also learn from each other. The ESC Volunteering will be a challenge for you to meet yourself, to meet other people, to meet the world and find-out about your own culture and beliefs. You can be sure that it will be a life changing experience!

As a short-term volunteer, you will work in our social cafe founded by the student Youth Council and your schedule will be made together with us.

What is a social café and why is it social? Well, our café has different aspects to it that makes it social:

- ❖ It is giving an opportunity for local young people and volunteers to gain work and life experience and learn how to be socially active, realize own initiatives.
- ❖ Giving opportunity to young people to spend free time usefully and fruitfully and at the same time to have a fun.
- ❖ Through the incomes of café we will organize multiple social activities for the local community.
- ❖ We connect our volunteers in this way with the local community and because of that we are doing a lot of promotion of the E+ and ESC opportunities for young people.
- ❖ We will try to use your other talents, maybe you are gifted in painting, arts and crafts, dancing, playing etc in doing workshops for locals or organizing activities.

Will your job only be in the Social Café ?

- ✓ Can be yes, can be no, because in our organization there is a lot more to be done.
- ✓ We will try to use your qualifications as much as possible!
- ✓ Also, we may need practical help in maintenance of the café.
- ✓ Or help us to promote European and your own culture and traditions through cooking a food typical for your country, share the history and recipes in cooperation of affiliated association EuroClub and its young members- the most active and energetic teenagers;

- ✓ Or we need you to join us in a regular activity dedicated local youth in terms of leisure, educational, sport, environmental, cultural or intercultural, culinary events;
- ✓ Or we need you in setting up projects for local youngsters;
- ✓ Or simply, promoting volunteering and making it popular among local youth.

Volunteers who take part in the project have to be:

- ☑ Between 18 and 30 years-old;
- ☑ Able to live and work in a multicultural and cooperative environment;
- ☑ Willing to learn and develop the project under non-formal education methodologies;
- ☑ Able to work with everyone (all people involved from different teams and projects) with availability, interest, kindness and smiles);
- ☑ Interested in acquiring experience in local youth projects implementation;
- ☑ Willing to share personal interests, skills and values with other youngsters;
- ☑ Interested and able to find solutions for the common good;
- ☑ Able to understand and accept the consequences of his/her behavior;
- ☑ Willing to develop his/her autonomy;
- ☑ Interested in intercultural and intergenerational learning and dialogue, accepting its difficulties and embracing its challenges.

In the frames of project, volunteers:

- ❖ Will be reimbursed the travel costs to/from Georgia in amount of 360EUR/return tickets (in this project the Estonian volunteer's travel arrangement is done by Continuous Action NGO);
- ❖ The cross-border volunteers have Henner insurance provided by European Solidarity Corps;
- ❖ Volunteers lives' an apartment with 5 bedrooms, a bathroom, kitchen and living room, necessary furniture and facilities, internet connection. You will need only 10 minutes on foot to get an ESC placement. You will need only to bring your personal towels, cloths and own laptops - up to your wish.
- ❖ Every volunteer will work up to 35 hours per week, Monday to Friday and occasionally on weekends (time compensations will be arranged);
- ❖ Georgian Language short course will be conducted for the volunteers;
- ❖ The volunteers will have a regular meetings with the mentor, mentor helping her/him to develop the learning, social skills and improve the process of integration;
- ❖ The volunteers will receive the YouthPass (www.youthpass.eu) after the end of the project.

Ozurgeti is small city and during your stay here, you:

- ❖ will have a possibility to explore Georgia with its reality, culture and habits, try the hospitality of Georgian people and not only “touristic” view.
- ❖ Ozurgeti is located at unique place, we have the Black Sea only with 25 km far away from us and most beautiful resort "Bakhmaro" - in 45 km.
- ❖ Your contribution put in the development of local community will be more visible for everyone compared to any other big urban areas.

Information about Ozurgeti: www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ozurgeti

Short clip about Ozurgeti: www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Zu_QZ-B_PI&t=8s

Short clip about our region - Guria:

<https://www.facebook.com/OZURGETISYC/videos/1300894936709427/>



Student-Youth Council - Organization has been established in 2002. Our mission: *Student-Youth Council* is a public union, which aims at solving the problems that youth and students are facing by protecting their rights, promoting knowledge and skills, filling informational gap, realizing youth’s intellectual, creative, cultural and sport potentials.

Nowadays the organization works in following programmes:

- Assistance to promote and develop volunteering;
- Assistance to establish and develop democratic govern/self-govern;
- Youth integration and assistance for their active involvement in public life.

Organization is involved actively in the volunteering projects under European Solidarity Corps. We have hosted 102 EVS/ESC volunteers at our organization and sent 109 Georgian volunteers to different EU countries.

Official page: www.syc.ge

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