

European Solidarity Corps – Individual Volunteering Project

YOU(TH) AND ME

FROM NOVEMBER 2019 TO AUGUST 2020

INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEERING FOR 10 MONTHS

Youth centre | Mladinski center | Kotlovnica, Kamnik, Slovenia



ABOUT KOTLOVNICA

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Youth centre Kotlovnica (MCK) is a place where young people have been dictating its program orientation since 2007. We accept the initiatives and wishes of all young people throughout the year – that is why our main focus right now is on culture and entertainment. We include youth in the process of creating and implementing activities so that they become active attendees.

Among the regular activities are cultural events such as improvisational theatre, cabaret in variety shows, poetry evenings ... – all events are organised by youth themselves – and concerts, designed especially for emerging bands. We organise computer and board game evenings, exhibitions, clothing exchange, creative workshops and workshops for the training of technicians – especially sound and light.

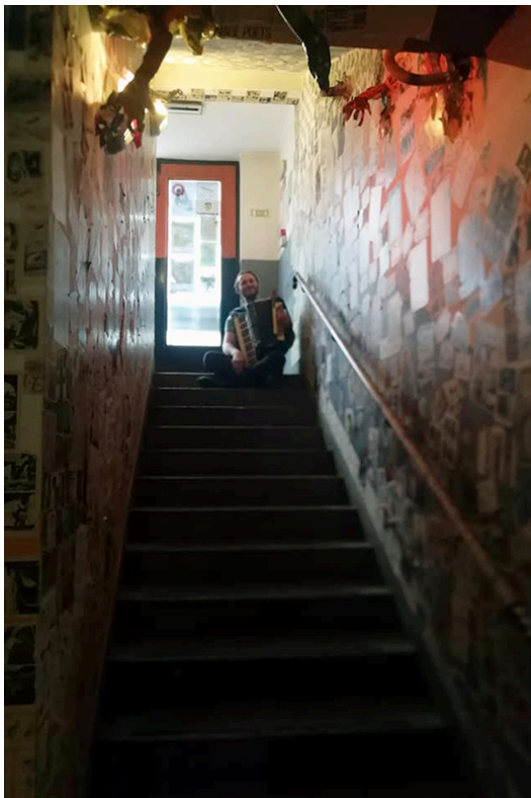
Our organisation is the producer of youth festival Pozdrav iz Kotla, event Ognjena Veronika (festival of fire and lights) and Festival of free video production. We co-

produce festival Kamfest (festival of open culture) and youth festival Mesto mladih (City of youth).

MCK has other spaces for activities – production rooms. They include a photo studio, an art room with an oven for making clay sculptures, a multimedia room, and a practice room for young musicians. The main room with a stage can accommodate up to 150 people.

We offer our facilities to autonomous groups of young artists and we are always hosting a few volunteers through the European Solidarity Corps.

We are involved with local organisations and institutions – primary and high schools, Intermunicipal Museum Kamnik, Municipality Kamnik, cultural NGOs, Business and Student club, Youth council, House of Culture, street theatre organisation KD Priden Možic ... We help youth set up their own organisations and give advice to the existing ones on how to manage them better.



Top left:
**Kotlovnica's
staircase**

Top right:
**Annual festival
Pozdrav iz Kotla**

Bottom left:
**Improvisational
theatre by ESC
volunteers**

Bottom right:
**Exhibition
opening evening**



PROJECT YOU(TH) AND ME

Two main activities of this project are:

- to create a documentary film/s about youth and youth sector,
- to help with the youth centre's main activities.

A SET OF DOCUMENTARY FILMS

You will create one longer or few shorter documentary films. By focusing on youth and youth sector you will analyze the current and past state of youth centres in Slovenia.

You will create an archive of video and audio content and of documents on the topic of the youth sector.

You will make a research of the past, the present, and the future of youth centres in Slovenia. You will do it with the help of youth sector – mainly youth centres but also youth institutions, individuals and young users (between 15 and 29 years of age).

You will go through a series of workshops where you will obtain a better knowledge of filming, photography, editing, directing, production, preparation of materials, scenarios, advertising, opening events ...

WORKING AT THE YOUTH CENTRE

You will help with the implementation of old and with the design and implementation of new content for our youth centre.

You will help with theatre events, concerts, festivals, exhibitions, workshops ... mainly preparing the venue, working at the bar, working as a light technician, helping backstage, performing or just participating in a workshop or playing video/board games.

You will prepare your own events with the help of mentors – organising workshops or social events where young people are able to be active participants.

WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

Nationality – Two participants from Germany or Spain.

Age – Between 18 and 30 years of age.

Skills – You don't need any specific knowledge, but we need you to be interested in cultural and artistic activities and be motivated for learning new skills.

Previous ERASMUS+ or ESC activities – We are looking for someone who has never participated in a long term European Voluntary Service or European Solidarity Corps activity. It's ok if you participated in a short term activity that lasted up to 59 days.

ESC – You need to be registered in the European Solidarity Corps (ESC) before we select you. You will need The European Commission's main authentication service (ECAS) profile in order to register in ESC. To learn more about the whole process click here:

https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity_en.

WHAT IS COVERED?

Insurance – Each participant must be health insured in their country of residence and have a valid European Health Insurance Card. With this, you gain the right to additional insurance by Cigna Health Benefits – you will be insured for the duration of the project and for two additional months.

Traveling to Slovenia and back – We will reimburse your travel expenses up to 275 EUR. It depends on the distance from your residence to our organisation.

Individual support – You will receive 120 EUR of individual support per month. This will be transferred to your bank account.

Food money – You will receive 130 EUR of food money each month. This will be transferred to your bank account.

Accommodation – There is a recently renovated apartment in the same building as our youth centre. It can host 3 volunteers and consists of kitchen-dining-living area, one shower, one toilet with

sink, and three single rooms with bed, table, and wardrobe.

Training – You will attend on-arrival and mid-term trainings that are organised by Slovenian National agency Movit.

Certificates – You will receive ESC and Youthpass certificates at the end of the activity. You will have a chance to further develop your Youthpass certificate during the activity.

Linguistic support – You will receive Online Linguistic Support for learning the Slovene language. The first assessment of your knowledge of Slovene language will be done before your arrival to Slovenia and you will complete the second assessment at the end of your project. In between, you'll be able to use an online language course.

Working hours – You will work for six hours per day, five times per week. This means you'll have two days off each week. You also get an additional two days off each month.

Temporary residence permit – You will be issued a Slovene temporary residence permit. In order to receive this card, you need an identification card or passport, health insurance card and permanent address (all three lined to Germany/Spain), bank account and you can also bring a photo for documents that is younger than 6 months if you have one.

Local transportation – When your transportation inside Slovenia is done as part of a project its costs are covered by the project.

Kamnik lies about 20 kilometers north from Slovenia's capital city Ljubljana. There are good bus and train connections between these two places.

Municipality of Kamnik built a network of electric bicycles recently so you'll be able to use them to travel around Kamnik.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR APPLYING

Send an E-mail to info@kotlovnica.si with the subject »You(th) and me application«.

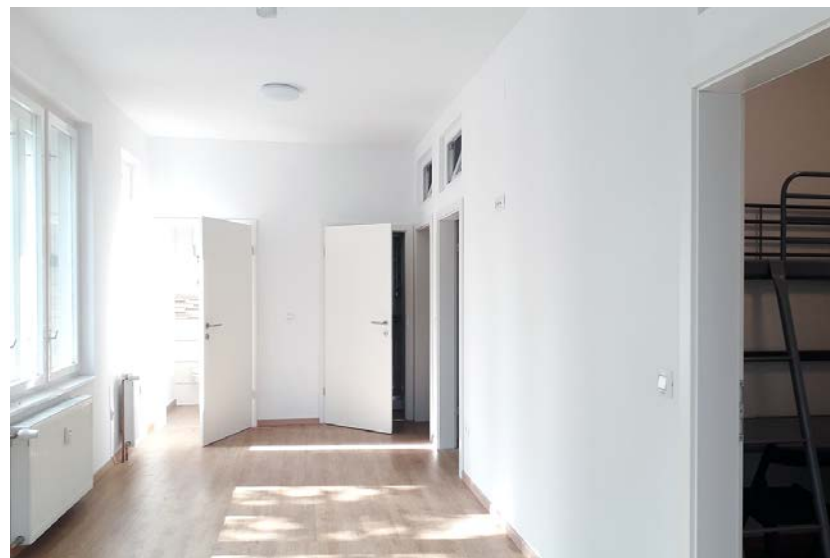
E-mail should include your **CV** and **motivational letter**.

We don't have an exact application deadline. We would like you to arrive to Kamnik as soon as possible.

Write to us also if you have any further questions.

Your German sending organisation is **Jugendwerk der AWO Württemberg e.V.** from Stuttgart – <https://www.jugendwerk24.de/>.

Your Spanish organisation is **Asociación Las Niñas del Tul** from Granada – <http://lasdeltul.net/>.



Top photo:
Youth centre Kotlovnica and ESC apartment are both situated in the building of Kamnik's House of Culture (Dom kulture Kamnik).

Bottom photo:
Recently renovated apartment that can host up to three volunteers.

ABOUT KAMNIK

Kamnik, a town embraced by the Kamnik-Savinja Alps, is considered one of the most beautiful medieval towns in Slovenia. It was once a flourishing trading town, where the counts of Andechs from Bavaria had their seat. At that time, Kamnik was the capital of Carniola.

The first written sources about Kamnik go back to 1229. The two castles of Kamnik, Mali grad and Stari grad, were mentioned even earlier.

Mali grad Hill – Today, only two-storey Romanesque chapel with a crypt has been preserved, which is also one of the main symbols of the city. The hill provides a magnificent view of the town and the Kamnik-Savinja Alps.

Stari grad Hill – The spot is popular among hikers and families.

Description from:

<https://www.visitkamnik.com/en/top-attractions/kamnik>.

Learn more about Kamnik by visiting:
<https://www.slovenia.info/en/places-to-go/regions/ljubljana-central-slovenia/kamnik>.

Photo below:
**View over northern part
of Kamnik from Mali grad Hill.**

