

Dates: from 15th of february 2014– 15th of november 2014

Partner

Sodrujestvo is a non-government organization working in the field of intercultural communication and education, making international long-term and short-term projects for students and school children on the topics of intercultural diversity, non-violence, tolerance, global issues, and foreign languages. Our organization is based in Cheboksary, Russia. 1, 5 years ago we started a branch in the city of Kazan. This is a big and fast-developing city with unique history and culture. Volunteer will be helping to develop our branch in Kazan, bringing international spirit to the 1000-year-old city. There will be a lot of work on promoting volunteering among young people and it will be interesting.

Work

- Promotion of volunteering by making presentations in schools and universities about international voluntary movement, giving away flyers, making posters and organizing other activities - Making presentations about his/her home country - Organizing clubs of intercultural communication, English-speaking clubs, clubs of speaking volunteer's native language at schools and universities - Assisting at the lessons of foreign languages at schools and universities - Helping in the office of the organization, communicating with visitors, answering e-mails - Participating in the project organized by Sodrujestvo (including summer camps for school kids in Cheboksary)

Location & leisure

The project will take place in Kazan, a big and developing city. There is a lot of possibilities of free time activities, also locals will be happy to invite the volunteer to join different activities. More about the city here: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kazan>

Requirements

Motivation to work in the area of interculturality; interest to Russia, Russian language and culture; good knowledge of English; knowledge of other languages (German, French, Italian, Spanish etc.) is welcome; Knowledge of Russian would be useful, too. We would also like the volunteer to have the experience in international and/or voluntary projects. Certificate of good conduct is required. Motivation letter is required

Volunteer tasks in more detail:

- *Visiting schools and colleges with presentations about international voluntary movement and sharing with students its values and mission. Communicating with Russian volunteers about their projects and consulting them about how to participate in international voluntary projects – 30% of the time.*
- *Preparing materials for organizing leaders' training for the campleaders of our organized workcamps and organizing this training together with the vols of our organization – 15% of the time.*
- *Preparing and organizing together with Russian volunteers a training for outgoing volunteers about the mission and values of SCI together with the information about the specific character of participating in an international workcamp – 15% of the time.*
- *Look for potential project partners with whom we could potentially make voluntary projects in the future – which means working with the local voluntary organizations data-base, meeting different activists of voluntary organizations of the region. If possible – start a new project together with the volunteers of our organization – 20% of the time.*
- *Helping in preparing the workcamps organized by "Sodrujestvo" – working out the plan of activities of the workcamp, its program, helping in spreading the word about the workcamp among Russian volunteers, participating in the workcamp – 20% of the time.*

A week will include 30 working hours. Sample weekly schedule is attached. A volunteer will have two days off per week, and usual national bank holidays of the country plus some additional holidays upon request. There will be different types of working days, e.g. days with office work, including internet research, putting together information materials, preparing handouts and meetings, writing letters etc. And there will be days with meetings with local teachers, students and activists, outside activities and games, excursions.

Volunteer will be provided accommodation in a flat or hosting family, depending on his/her preferences. Volunteer will cook for him/herself, lunches during working days could be organized at a canteen. Monthly pass for local transportation will be provided. For language training, individual lessons with tutor will take place twice a week.

The volunteer will be working as part of the project team, closely together with the volunteers of “Sodrujestvo”. The volunteer will have the opportunity to develop his or her own small project, and realize it during the EVS. Possible examples can be – ecological or educational projects.

Expected outcomes and results of the project, including success indicators:

- new knowledge and skills of the volunteer and local activists
- promotion of international volunteering among local Russians, of SCI and its values (raised awareness of the local students)
- organized camp leaders training for local workcamps
- organized training for outgoing volunteers
- intercultural learning and understanding of local culture among the participants
- improved contacts with other local voluntary organizations, schools, colleges
- volunteer is involved in preparation and realization of international volunteer workcamp on environmental subject
- presentation and facilitation skills, team work, leadership and work with students

Weekly work schedule – Promotion of volunteering in Cheboksary, Russia

Work hours	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00-11.00	Preparing presentations, making calls and arrangements about visits, studying database.	Helping in the office	Preparing materials for trainings	Preparing trainings together with Russian vols	Individual work
11.00-13.00	Making visits and presentations	Working with Russian vols on discussing the future projects and preparing trainings	Working with Russian vols preparing trainings	Making visits to schools and colleges and making presentations	Helping in the office
13.00-14.00	Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break
14.00 – 15.00	Russian lesson	Meeting activists of the local voluntary organizations, arranging projects with them	Preparing materials for the workcamp	Russian lesson	Helping in the office
15.00-16.00	Individual work	Helping in the office	Individual work	Meeting with the “Sodrujestvo” activists involved in the project	Meeting with work coordinator and/or mentor