

2023 - 2024
Vilnius & Trakai, Lithuania
Volunteering opportunities





About ESTA Saltes

European Voluntary Service Association “SALTES” is a nongovernmental organization founded by ex-EVS volunteers with a goal to strengthen and promote non-formal education and volunteering at national and international level. SALTES also seeks to provide young people (including those with fewer opportunities) an opportunity for self and professional development through active involvement in non-formal based activities.

To reach our goal we work to disseminate and promote volunteering and non-formal education ideas, to unite volunteers, to create volunteering traditions in Lithuania, to exchange best practices of youth work internationally, to raise the quality of youth work in the field of volunteering, to promote cultural cooperation and develop socio-cultural competences.

About the project

This is a project that connects international long-term volunteers and their hosting organizations in Lithuanian cities (Vilnius and Trakai).

While coordinating international volunteering projects "Europos savanorių tarnybos asociacija Saltes", as organization, has established good and long-lasting relationships with hosting organizations in Lithuania, that wants to continue their work with international volunteers, keep on hosting new ones.

We see the value in this project, because both hosting organizations and volunteers will have the possibility to enhance their skills in an informal way, gain new skills, learn to collaborate better, to be more tolerant, to be responsible citizens, share experiences and enhance intercultural competencies.

ORGANIZATIONS

SOS Children's Village

SOS Family Strengthening Program supports disadvantaged families at risk of separation by bolstering their capacity to protect and care for their children.

SOS Children's Village hopes to help families to learn look after themselves so that they can live independently in the long-term. Only in this way can we ensure that children are not left and that they grow up in their families. 25 children on average have an opportunity to visit our Day Care Centre every working day. Here they can do homework, play, interact, participate in group activities and attend cooking lessons. If it is necessary, children is also provided with psychological consultations and emotional expression strategy is applied.

Volunteering positions: 1

Dates: Sept 2023 – Sept 2024



Pirmary school “Patirčių slėnis”

Primary school is looking for a long-term (12 months) volunteer. School provides primary education for children in the city of Trakai from 7 to 11 years old kids.

The foreseen activities for the volunteer are the following: helping with everyday life and routine in school - participation in educational processes, hiking trips, excursions, etc. Our school values the possibility to personally know and cocreate with a person from the other country as well as the possibility to indirectly know another culture and country with its similarities and differences. The possibility to practically practice English and other languages is also very valuable. The volunteer could share personal talents and hobbies like playing musical instruments, drawing or playing chess. It is important that the volunteer has qualities of openness, the ability to organize activities, cooperate and work independently.

Volunteering positions: 1

Dates: Sept 2023 – Sept 2024



Kindergarten “Patirčių slėnis”

Kindergarten “Patirciu slenis” is looking for a long-term (12 months) volunteer.

Kindergarten was established in 2016, it provides pre-school education for children from 1 to 7 years old kids. Kindergarten offers daily activities for kids, as well as different events, actions, workshops. Volunteer will be helping kindergarten teachers to implement different activities for kids, organize events, workshops and etc. The kindergarten is based on outdoor Waldorf pedagogic that is why most of the activities are happening outdoors.

The Volunteers will also have a space to implement his/her own ideas, projects, activities.

Kindergarten is based in Trakai.

Volunteering positions: 2

Dates: Sept 2023 – Sept 2024



Kindergarten “Čiauškutis”

“Čiauškutis” is a day social care center that provides comprehensive assistance to 2 - 12-year-old children with disabilities.

Our main tasks are:

- Reduce the social exclusion of children with disabilities and their families.**
- To create suitable conditions for the correction of children's mental and physical development, compensation, their preparation for learning in general education institutions, integration into society.**
- To encourage mutual communication between children and parents raising a child with a disability**
- Increase the opportunities for parents to return or enter the labor market.**

Volunteering positions: 1
Dates: July 2023 – July 2024



Waldorf Open School

The Waldorf Open School is a non-governmental school created by parents and teachers and based on the Waldorf pedagogy. The school is part of a large community of Waldorf schools worldwide, which today has over a thousand schools. In Lithuania, the Waldorf School is governed by the concept of non-traditional education and the Waldorf concept of pedagogy. The main goal of the school is to develop creative, open-minded and self-confident personalities. At school, subjects are taught through programs developed by teachers using the programs and experiences of Waldorf schools in other countries, taking into account our country's cultural environment, pedagogical traditions, Lithuanian general education programs and education standards. The mission of the school is to create a space where children and young people reveal their natural powers, develop their abilities/skills, and prepare to be able to achieve their own goals in life.

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Dates: Sept 2023 – Sept 2024**

ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

Volunteer will be accommodated in a rented apartment together with other volunteers, each volunteer will have a separated room. Volunteer will be provided with monthly allowance (food and pocket money), monthly public transport ticket.



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ESTA Saltes are looking for the volunteers as soon as possible. Volunteers that are interested in the opportunities provided above, should send their CV and motivational letters to:
egle.saltes@gmail.com

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