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## CALL FOR European Voluntary Service PROJECT IN MACEDONIA

Project name: **Engaging YOUth!**

Service dates: 01.02.2019 – 28-02-2019 - 2 volunteers (Short term service 1 month)

01.03.2019– 31-03-2019 - 2 volunteers (Short term service 1 month)

01.04.2019 – 30-04-2019 - 2 volunteers (Short term service 1 month)

Hosting organization: **Youth Association creACTIVE**, [www.kreaktiv.mk](http://www.kreaktiv.mk)

Sending organization: **INVOLVED NGO**, [www.involved.ee](http://www.involved.ee)

### SUMMARY

European Voluntary Service project '**Engaging YOUth! !**' is aimed at providing non-formal education and intercultural learning opportunities to young people from Kavadarci, Macedonia, but also a volunteer from Estonia. It is part of a current local project of the Receiving Organization Youth Association creACTIVE ([www.kreaktiv.mk](http://www.kreaktiv.mk)) that mainly works on promoting creativity and active citizenship of young people.

### EVS-s Service lasts for one months.

Current project aims at giving young people more skills, competences and knowledge for their future prospective in order to be more competitive in the labor market and also fosters international learning and mutual understanding.

### Hosting organization in Macedonia

**Youth Association creACTIVE** is an organization that has youth work in the focus of its work. Our mission is to support the development of creativity and active citizenship of young people by organizing activities in the areas of culture, non-formal education and leisure time activities of young people, as well as through recognition of youth work and promotion of volunteering in Macedonia.

CreACTIVE has offices in Skopje and in Kavadarci. Since 2009 we are also coordinating a youth center in Kavadarci. The youth center is open to all young people from the city and it works every day from 11 am until 9 pm. The center organizes the free time of young people through various non-formal educational and structured leisure time activities. creACTIVE implements various youth projects, on both local and international level. While the local activities range from workshops, concerts, volunteer actions, seminars and sport competitions to various performances and other events, creACTIVE's international work includes youth exchanges and training courses organized in Macedonia and in other



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countries, mainly in the framework of the YiA Programme of the European Commission. creACTIVE also sends and hosts volunteers through the European Voluntary Service, and from 2008 until 2010 it acted as a Contact Point of the Youth in Action Programme for Macedonia.

Once a month, creACTIVE is publishing the Youth Magazine LIBERTAS, which is fully prepared by young people from around the world, and distributed worldwide. Read about LIBERTAS at [www.magazinelibertas.com](http://www.magazinelibertas.com).

Currently creACTIVE has five full time employees, EVS (European Voluntary Service) volunteers, one American Peace Corps volunteer and more than fifty local young volunteers. You can read more about the work of creACTIVE at [www.kreaktiv.mk](http://www.kreaktiv.mk)

Youth Association creACTIVE is very experienced in implementing international projects in the field of youth work and non-formal education. During the past seven years they have organized a number of training courses, youth exchanges, contact-making seminars and study visits; while we have been involved as partners in many more. Thus, we are experienced both in hosting international events and in preparing groups of young people/ youth workers for participation in projects in other countries. In addition, we also have a pool of trainers who are experienced in designing and implementing learning processes and educational programs in the field of non-formal education.

EVS project in Macedonia is part of a current local project of the Receiving Organization Youth Association creACTIVE which mainly works on promoting creativity and active citizenship of young people. EVS project will be based in the local youth center of the organization in Kavadarci, while part of the activities will be also developed in some villages near the city, and part on the organic farm of the receiving organization.

Target group of this project are young people aged 13 to 25 from the town and the nearby villages, while the activities include various workshops in the fields of arts, culture, language courses, use of computers, sports, theatre, media, games and others. The club is also open for youngsters' free time activities during the whole day.

No previous experience is required. RO will provide the necessary training and support for them. Still, general interest in the chosen field and above mentioned info and following will be desired – arts, culture, healthy lifestyle and youth work.

### **Participant profile**

Vacancies is open for all youngsters who are interested to volunteer abroad and to gain more knowledge and experience in youth work, sustainability, entrepreneurship, by participating on daily basis in all activities and projects of the youth center (database, web, FB of SO).

**Potential candidates are asked to send us electronically their Curriculum Vitae and Letter of Motivation, both in English. They also are asked to notify which part of Estonia are they coming from and in case of status of unemployment, to provide more information on time frame and possible reasons.**

### **MAIN ACTIVITIES**

Volunteers are expected to develop part of their tasks in city and part of them in villages, while still living in Kavadarci. Activities will be mostly implemented in working space of the



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youth club and the schools in Kavadarci; all equipment and materials will be provided by creACTIVE.

The volunteers basically will work to reinforce the youth participation, in the city, by involving and motivating the young people to take active participation, in activities, workshops, or public events. And also, they will be involved to work with other young people with fewer opportunities, to experience to work in social sphere, and to promote educational program, voluntarism, and non-formal education.

Different support the volunteer will receive while implementing the activities; for each workshop the volunteer will have an assistant from creACTIVE's team members depending on the knowledge and skills for the specific activity.

Project is focused on providing non-formal education opportunities to children and young people from Kavadarci. **Specific topics of activities depend on personal preferences, knowledge and experience of the volunteers. As RO, creACTIVE will show a considerable amount of flexibility and together with every single volunteer will define volunteer's exact tasks and daily/weekly working timetable. Organization is also open for volunteer's own ideas and initiatives.**

Most of time, volunteers work in youth club located in city center.

The club is open from Monday to Saturday, from 11:00 to 21:00 (Saturday 16:00 - 21:00). Around 200 teenagers and young people are members of the club and come to spend their free time where are proposed every day different types of activities for free in the fields of arts, culture, language courses, use of computers, sports, theatre, media, inter-cultural nights, games...

Some project's activities will be developed in cooperation with the primary and high schools from the city.

Youth Association is in close relationship and cooperation with the Ministry of Labor and Social Politics, and there are activities on weekly basis, with the Center for people with disabilities, and Group Home for Kids in Social Risk.

#### **The tasks of EVS volunteers will be divided as follows:**

- **VOLUNTEER-** - **activities focused in Youth Association in Kavadarci,**
- activities developed with local members of the organization (in organization's offices), activities in High Schools, work on the organic farm. Projects with Center for people with disabilities and Group Home for Kids in Social Risk.

Typical tasks for the volunteers:

- Organizing and assisting the organization of various activities for the young members from Kavadarci (workshops, outside events, performances, concerts, volunteer actions etc)
- Assisting the work of creACTIVE's office in Kavadarci (coordinating the members, planning activities, fund-raising etc)
- Organizing promotional events for the organization and its activities.
- Learning and assisting the project for the organic farm of creACTIVE.



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### **IMPORTANT:**

The project involves two volunteers from Estonia at the same time, which will work while join to planned activities and own initiatives according to their interest at the Youth Association located in Kavadarci.

Activities will also take place at the Youth Association, and time will be spent with other local and international volunteers.

### **Practical arrangements**

Travel costs to be reimbursed: 360,00 EUR (maximum, return tickets).

All other costs (accommodation, food, residence permit for LT-Service, full insurance) are covered by European Commission's Erasmus+ Programme.

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Further information and applications must be sent to your sending organization,  
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