

PLAYING AND LEARNING GO SIDE BY SIDE – WORK IN A KINDERGARTEN IN PUŁTUSK, POLAND

Activity dates: 2nd September 2017 – 30th July 2018

Theme: pedagogy and didactics; intercultural/intergenerational education

Host organisation: Przedszkole Miejskie Nr 4 z Oddziałami Integracyjnymi (Nursery School with Integration Classes No 4)

Address: ul. Rafała Krajewskiego 3, 06-100 Pultusk, Poland

Website of host organization: <http://pm4pultusk.szkolnastrona.pl>

Number of volunteers: 2 (Italy and Germany)



The project and hosting organization:

The Nursery School with Integration Classes No 4 in Pultusk provides education and everyday care to about 195 children from 3 – 6 years old living within the Pultusk town and commune. Its pupils complete the core Curriculum and have access to wide range of extra classes such as English, dancing, pottery, gymnastics etc. They also actively participate in life of the town. The children are divided into groups of about 20 - 25 pupils according to their age. Each group is supervised by 2 teachers and 1 service staff. Some classes are integration classes including 1-3 children with mild disabilities or behavioural disorders.

Work, volunteer's role:

The role of EVS volunteer is to assist one group and support its teachers in everyday work with children. Half of the project the volunteer will be working in an integration group, half in a regular group. Volunteers will be working mostly with the oldest, 5-6 years old children, but occasionally will have a chance to support younger groups. The volunteer's tasks include helping with regular educational activities (writing, drawing, manual activities, presentations on specific subjects), preparation to celebrations and special events (e.g. performance for Mothers' Day), excursions as well as self-service activities (dressing up, eating). The volunteer's initiatives such as puppet shows, artistic or music activities, intercultural workshops are very welcome.

Once a week the volunteer will be involved in activities aimed at youth run by the coordinating organisation such as language cafes, cultural presentation, cooking workshops.

You can read more about the volunteers' work in kindergarten and special events in our blog: <http://evsinpultusk.blogspot.com>

Practical arrangements, information:

Working time: The volunteers will be working in a kindergarten from Monday to Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM (in total 30 hours per week). They must be ready to work up to 5 hours per week in the afternoons on extra activities such as language cafes, intercultural presentations.

Accommodation: Shared rooms (2 people in one, spacious room) in a 3-room-flat (2 sleeping rooms and 1 common room). The flat has a fully equipped kitchen and bathroom with a washing machine. The building is located in the main street which makes the place a bit loud.

Food: The volunteer will be receiving 400 PLN (about 95 EUR) per month which is sufficient in a small town like Pultusk. We expect that the volunteer will be mostly cooking for themselves.

Pocket money: The volunteers in Poland receive 90 EUR per month.

Local transportation: The nursery school is located in a walking distance from volunteers' flat. There is no need to use local transportation.

International transport: Reimbursement up to 275 EUR.

About Pultusk

Pultusk is a small and quiet Polish town of about 20 thousands inhabitants. In spite of being a small town, Pultusk has some touristic attractions. You can enjoy boating and kayaking on Narew River, have walks in its green parks or stroll in the old part of the town with the castle (currently a hotel) and old tenement houses. And of course, Pultusk is proud of its town square that is said to be the longest paved town square in Europe.

During the week you will enjoy relaxed atmosphere of a small Polish town and see ordinary citizens' lifestyle. The town has all the modern infrastructure needed— many supermarkets, small shops, sport centre and a swimming pool, several schools and even the Academy of Humanities. Night life of Pultusk is not that bright and full of events but you will always find a nice place to drink a beer with other volunteers. During the summer events such as concerts or happenings are organized. It is not far away from Warsaw so you can explore the capital of Poland during weekends.



About Centrum Międzynarodowej Wymiany Młodzieży i Wolontariatu

Centrum Międzynarodowej Wymiany Młodzieży i Wolontariatu is an association established in 2008, located in Pultusk, a small town in northern Masovia. Pultusk and the Pultusk county is also the main area of activity of the association.

The organisation is focused on popularisation and development of local and international voluntary service, empowering young people as well as strengthening local community ties. The association realises its mission by:

- organising international voluntary service projects (workcamps and individual mid- and long-term projects) and sending Polish youth for such projects abroad,
- supporting local voluntary actions and different forms of local social life,
- promoting local and international voluntary service,
- organising trainings, seminars and other educational activities such as workshops and thematic meetings.

The target group of the activities is mainly youth however many of them involves other age groups. Our activities are organised in cooperation with local partners such as local authorities, social care centres, schools and ngos. The organisation has a small office located in the historical part of the town.

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