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Vacancy for EVS Volunteer at YMCA Bitola (2 places)

Location: Bitola, Macedonia

Host organization: YMCA Bitola, 2010-SI-36

Start: 01/06/2012

End: 31/11/2012

Deadline: 12/01/2012

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About YMCA Bitola

YMCA Bitola is a non-profit, nongovernmental, nonreligious and inclusive youth association which aims to provide opportunities for local youth and to actively work with them in our community. YMCA Bitola is part of the YMCA family spread throughout more than 125 countries worldwide with over 45 million members. YMCA Bitola was established in May 2002.

We welcome all people with a focus on youth.

Fields that we are focused on: culture and art, social and educational activities, healthy lifestyle, civil society and human rights. We accomplish our activities through: trainings, seminars, workshops, camps, festivals, international study visits, and other activities. We work on both local and international level.

Multimedia products from our activities include: movies, videos, comics, web sites and promotional materials. Check out our activities here:

<http://www.ymcabitola.org.mk/activities>

MOTTO: Empowering youth!

VALUES that we nurture and support: Courage - Responsibility - Respect - Creativity - Care

The Project

The project will focus primarily on media through YMCA Bitola's Y-Movie program and NotifY newsletter. Both programs were established several years ago and we are looking for opportunities for further program development while also providing and sharing our experience and resources in order to support the EVS volunteers in promoting different cultures, traditions and nations. In addition, we expect the volunteers will support YMCA Bitola in its other activities.

Y-Movie is a program that involves going out in the field, recording and documenting the work of all YMCA Bitola programs and bigger events. Also this program works on making films about other youth initiatives. Y-Movie is available to all young people, other YMCAs, non-profit organizations and everyone who wants to bring the visual expression of their own events to a higher level. Check out some Y-Movie videos here: <http://www.ymcabitola.org.mk/multimedia/videos>

NotifY is YMCA Bitola's newsletter which covers the interesting work and activities which happen at YMCA Bitola, written for all our members, partners and colleagues. The newsletter comes out every three months (since January 2003), prepared by a team of YMCA Bitola volunteers. It is distributed for free in an electronic format via e-mail. Check out for the NotifY editions here:

<http://www.ymcabitola.org.mk/multimedia/notify>

Activities

- Attend basic training for using cameras and digital equipment
- Attend advanced training for using cameras and digital equipment
- Attend basic training for video editing
- Attend basic training for graphic design
- Recording and editing short videos and movies (YMCA Bitola events, interesting youth activities in Bitola, promoting causes that unite youth, music videos, own projects)
- Graphic design of NotifY and other promo materials
- Organize presentations and promotions of the movie products and share them with other young people in Bitola
- Organize video showing nights, photo exhibitions, etc.
- Teach about your home culture, traditions, and language via different forms of expression (videos, promo materials, performances, celebrating national holidays, international evenings, etc.)
- Write articles or make video on your own impressions to share with others
- Freedom on work on your own multimedia and other related projects
- Deliver multimedia workshops for the local youth
- Promote the European Voluntary Service

Working hours, days off

Working hours will not exceed 30 hours a week. The volunteers will usually have weekends off. If they take part in activities during the weekend, they will have extra time off at another time. For each month of their EVS service, volunteers can have 2 days off (apart from weekends). Other vacations may be arranged upon agreement with the hosting organization.

Rules for the volunteers

The volunteers will be required to:

- Respect common safety, office rules
- Respect their work tasks and working hours
- Report the reasons of their absence ahead or (in unpredictable cases) as soon as possible
- Avoid the use of alcohol and/or drugs before and during their presence at workplaces and premises of the hosting organization, it's partners or other cooperating institutions

Work Environment

The main EVS activities will take place directly within our organization, or with partner organizations. EVS volunteers are expected to participate in the regular volunteer and staff meetings and will have the personal support of the EVS coordinator and mentor. Our staff is volunteer-friendly offering support the local and EVS volunteers. Volunteers will work mainly in our office, equipped with computers and internet, where most of our young people speak English which makes it easier to integrate into the local community.

Since we are promoting healthy lifestyles, we will provide the volunteers with bicycles so they can get know the town even better. The volunteers will share an apartment where they will have opportunity to live together and learn each others' cultures better while living and reflecting upon the domestic, Macedonian culture.

YMCA Bitola offers exposure also to other cultures mainly through youth exchanges and trainings within the Youth in Action program as well as cooperation with many countries from Europe within the YMCA network.

YMCA Bitola is located and operates mainly in the city of Bitola, Macedonia.

Bitola is the second biggest city in Macedonia, a town with remarkable architecture and lots of cultural events. Bitola lies in a valley near the mountains of Pelister National Park, which is great place to get away from the city life and to relax in a natural atmosphere. A historical site, Heraclea, lies on the edge of town. Drinking coffee on the pedestrian street is Bitola's most prevalent pastime.

For more about Bitola and Macedonia visit the following links:

<http://www.bitolatourist.info/>

<http://www.macedoniatimeless.com/>

Profile of the EVS volunteers

Speak good English

Most of the youth in Bitola and in Macedonia speak English very well. There will be communication problem if the volunteer doesn't speak English well. This is the most important criterion and your English language capabilities this may be checked if you are pre-selected to do EVS at YMCA Bitola.

Be enthusiastic and motivated

A project that last for 9 months is in need of motivated volunteers. Please show us in your application why you want to join the project and the host organization.

Be proactive

We expect the volunteer to work with us to come up with clear goals and expectations and make the most from his/her time in the EVS. That also means personal involvement in improving own EVS program.

Have an affinity for the arts

Because this position involves working with videos, photos and graphic design it will be helpful if the volunteers have an affinity for the arts and experience working with artistic forms of expression.

Be able to find a sending organization or be member of one

It is important for the project that there is respected sending organization which prepares you to join this EVS project. They will provide you with a pre-departure training.

Live in one of the Youth in Action program countries

At this time we can only accept we can accept only volunteers from program countries with sending organizations in Youth in Action program countries. For the full list of the program countries please consult the Youth in Action 2011 program guide on page 67:

http://www.ymcabitola.org.mk/download/mk_programski_vodich_za_%E2%80%99Emladi vo akcija%E2%80%9C_2011.pdf

How to apply

Please complete the YMCA Bitola EVS application form which you can find on [our web](#) site and send it to evs@ymcabitola.org.mk **before the 12th of January**. Selection will be 1 day after the deadline and we will contact the selected volunteers within max 5 days after the selection process takes place. There is possibility also of interview via skype.

Note: sending organization should be able to apply in your NA for 1 February deadline!