

Time for Trzcianka

ESC project in Trzcianka, Poland

Be part of the Primary School' team and support the teachers in education of young people.

We look for you if you:

- are 18-30 years old
- like to work with children
- are interested in languages, arts&crafts
- are open-minded and curious

Location :

Trzcianka, Poland

Date:

start: October 2024
(flexible), 12 months

Number of volunteers: 2



Who we are?

Primary School number 1 in Trzcianka - hosting organization

The school's mission is to implement the slogan "One school, many opportunities", promoting values such as access to a diverse program, social justice, respect for cultural diversity, and mutual communication. It has a long tradition as the school started to operate in 1961. The students are invited to take part in many extracurricular activities such as theater group, cabaret, and different interest groups. An important role in the life of young people is played by sports, thanks to numerous successes the school takes leading positions among the best athletic schools in the region.

Stowarzyszenie Jeden Świat - SCI Poland - leader of the project

We are part of the international network Service Civil International (SCI). In our activities, we combine international projects with local spirit and experience in working for peace, human rights, social justice, respect for the natural environment, and human solidarity.

Our mission is to promote a culture of peace and understanding between people through international volunteering projects, such as short-term volunteering - [workcamps](#), long-term volunteering - European Solidarity Corps, and extensive educational activities.

ESC Programme

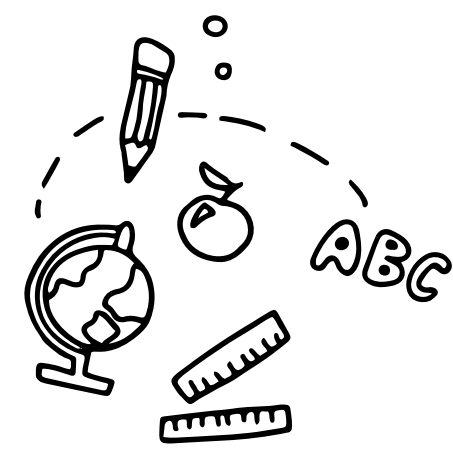


The European Solidarity Corps is an EU funded program for young people wishing to engage in solidarity activities in a variety of areas.

The program's ambition is not only to be more inclusive but also greener and more digital. It is open to individuals aged 18 to 30 and to organizations in EU and partner countries.

Volunteer's tasks

There will be two ESC volunteers working in the school.



Your tasks will consist of:

- assisting in different classes and school activities,
- assisting English teachers and helping students who stay beyond
- assisting teachers in the first grades of school (7-9 yo)
- preparing materials and decorations for different school events
- preparing and running activities for the school club (the place where the children stay after classes)

You are welcome to put forward any personal project or initiative that may come to your mind. We will do our best to accommodate your ideas.

In the summer you will co-lead one of our international volunteering camps (workcamps) - the flagship activity of Service Civil International.



Working hours: you will work around 30-35 hours a week. The work will be realized during the working days, sometimes during the weekends, when special events take place. In this case, free week-days will be provided to make up for the weekend work. Weekends and national holidays are free days as well as 2-weeks winter break. Volunteers have a right to two days of holiday for every month of service. The time and duration of the holidays will be discussed with the Tutor from the school but please be prepared to use your free days during summer when the school is closed.

Volunteer's profile



We are looking for you if you:

- like children and like working with them
- are willing to create a friendly space for students of the School by organizing different types of activities
- are interested in languages/arts/theater/music/cinema/sports and have some skills/knowledge related to those topics that you would like to share
- are energetic and full of ideas
- are open-minded, flexible, and creative
- want to learn new things, mostly about the Polish education system, and teaching
- are well-organized, responsible and motivated to act

Some experience in working with children, non-formal education and teaching English will be appreciated. A sense of humor is always welcome :)



Trainings and learning opportunities

You will participate in the on-arrival and mid-term training delivered by the National Agency. It is a great opportunity to meet volunteers from other organizations and other parts of Poland. It will be also an opportunity to visit Warsaw and Toruń as the trainings take place in those two cities.

In the first months of the project, Stowarzyszenie Jeden Świat-SCI Poland will organize training about SCI and peace education for all the volunteers, hosted by the partner organizations. It will be a good opportunity to get to know each other and find out more about Stowarzyszenie Jeden Świat and the SCI movement. You will also learn some non-formal education tools and methods.

Once a month all the volunteers will come to the office in Poznań for a one-day workshop/meeting. We are planning to host around 10 people in different long-term projects.

You will also participate in the Polish language course.



Living environment and costs covered

You will live in a flat with another ESC volunteer. You will have your own room with access to the kitchen, and bathroom. The flat is within walking distance from the school and basically from everywhere ;) You will receive money to cover food costs and pocket money (around 300 euros per month). The first month you will get it in cash in PLN. Afterward, we will ask you to open an account in a Polish bank and will transfer the money at the beginning of each month.

You will need to buy a Polish SIM card to be able to use the bank. It will be also needed for everyday communication - this cost should be covered with your pocket money.

The ESC program covers the insurance and visa costs if you need it to come to Poland.

The project covers your travel costs to Poland and back. The amount of reimbursement granted depends on the distance between Trzcianka and the place you live in and the way you travel. By choosing green travel (train, bus) the amount of the reimbursement will increase and you will get more money back (you can calculate the distance [here](#)). The amounts of reimbursement in the table below are for the round travel.

distance	regular travel	green travel
100-499	211 EUR	285 EUR
500-1999	309 EUR	417 EUR
2000-2999	395 EUR	535 EUR

Be green! We encourage you not to take the plane, even if this takes more time and might take extra effort. Of course, we know it is not always possible depending on where you are travelling from.

However: Planes are massively responsible for climate change and through our projects we would like to contribute to a more sustainable planet, not to a less sustainable one.

✓ Compare the emissions that your journey emits by train, car or plane: <http://www.ecopassenger.org/>



✓ Read more about your ecological footprint here: <http://footprint.wwf.org.uk>

Location of the project

Trzcianka is a town situated in the north-west of the Wielkopolska region with a population of about 17,000 citizens. This beautiful town is located among lakes and forests and has an interesting history and unique pre-war architecture. Trzcianka is located close to two bigger towns - Krzyż and Piła. And it's around 2- 2,5 h far from Poznań by train.



You won't be alone

Before, during, and after the project you will have the support of different people:

- sending organization - you need to have a sending organization from your country (you can find all of the accredited organizations [here](#)). Sending organization will prepare you for this experience before the project and they will be there for you if anything happens during the project
- tutor in the hosting organization - there will be one designated person in the hosting organization that assigns task and supports you in your every-day work
- mentor in the leading organization (Stowarzyszenie Jeden Świat-SCI Poland) - available at all times to answer your questions and doubts before and during the project
- troubleshooter - it is a person from the National Agency who can support you in case you have some difficulties with hosting and/or leading organization and you need external support
- if at some point you will need extra mentoring, psychological support, etc, there are extra resources that can be used to take care of your well-being to ensure a good experience for all of the parties

How to apply?



Please, send us a CV and Motivation Letter to longterm@poland.sci.ngo or apply through **European Solidarity Corps platform!**

In the second step we will send a Google Form with some more questions to selected participants and then we will invite them for a short online interview.

If you have any questions, please contact Dominika at longterm@poland.sci.ngo.

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