

European Voluntary Service in Liepajas Jaunie Vanagi Project “Youth for youth”

Would you like to get new experiences and volunteer in a open-minded child and youth organisation in another country from 25th July till 19th of September 2018? With the European Voluntary Service project of the Liepajas Jaunie Vanagi this is possible!

Liepajas Jaunie Vanagi, Liepaja - Latvia



The child and youth union “Liepajas Jaunie Vanagi” (Liepajas Young Falcons) was founded in 1993. Members are between 5 and 30 years old and are mostly young people with fewer opportunities – most of them come from low income families. Our aim is the promotion and protection of rights and interests of children and the encouragement of active and creative youth development.

Liepajas Jaunie Vanagi supports young people in taking initiative and realising their ideas. Together with the different age groups we organise international meetings, sport days, camps, educational activities etc.

We want that young people become empowered to become active in the society, to spend their leisure time as funny and productive as possible, to have an international spirit and to be aware that children have the right to take decisions.

www.liepajasjv.lv, <https://www.facebook.com/LiepajasJaunieVanagi/>

Doing a ‘European Voluntary Service’ (EVS) with LJV means:

- Living for 2 months in another country
- Working in a child and youth organisation together with local volunteers
- Discovering the host country together with other EVS volunteers or local volunteers
- Gaining intercultural experience and learning the language of your host country
- Implementing your own ideas and organize activities for kids and youngsters
- Teaching your own language
- Prepare and organize practical outdoor and indoor activities for kids and teenagers (It means volunteers must be able to communicate in English.
- Working with non-formal education methods by teaching teenagers to become leaders
- Run outdoor camp
- Organize non formal outdoor activities for school groups

The EVS programme is financed by the European Commission. The grant covers:

- Accommodation
- Allowance for food and local transport (200 euros for food in total and monthly transport ticket) + free lunch during summer activities Monday-Friday + free all 3 meals during on-arrival training course week (5days) and camp week (7days)
- A Latvian language course
- Pocket money (3 euros per day)
- Health insurance
- Travel costs to and from the host country (based on max of travel costs)

Your sending organisation will support you with the preparation of your stay.

What to do next?

Please send your letter of motivation and CV to liepajasjv@liepajasjv.lv by **7th May 2018**. Please indicate in your letter of motivation:

- Your general motivation to take part in the European Voluntary Service
- Why you want to work in organisation.
- Your skills and knowledges
- Please add some pictures where you are in action

Organisation are looking for someone who is:

- Aged between 18 and 30
- Good communication skills in English (basic knowledges of latvian language will be taken as advantage)
- Able to commit 2 months to volunteering in another country
- Computer literate
- We are particularly open to young people with fewer opportunities (geographic, economical etc.)
- Basic knowledge of non-formal education
- Open-minded with a good sense of humour
- Familiar with outdoor activities and team building basics
- ! Big bonuss if you are familiar with video making skills and now how to work with camera and after editing clips in one movie!

PLEASE NOTE: With each of candidates we will have skype interview and some extra formalities. All chosen volunteers will be informed with personal emails in the end of May. **Don`t buy tickets before you get approval email!!!**

Here is a table with maximum travel costs. Keep in mind that we can cover 100% of travell reimbursment, just and only if you are not exceed maximum limit

Country	Number of pax	Max.travell costs per person	Max.travell costs per country
Spain	2	360	720
Portugal	3	360	1080
France	2	275	550
Slovenia	2	275	550
Greece	3	275	825

And finally about work ☺

Your main task will be prepare, plan, organize and most important - lead indoor and outdoor activities for local kids and new leaders academy for teenagers. What it means in reality? Its max 38 hours of work per week. Its 6 hours per day.

Also you will have a chance to teach kids your language. All activities is going to be organized in non-formal way, using a lot of fun and creativity.

In the middle of August we gonna have outdoor camp in fantastic Latvian seaside for a week. You will be responsible about programme and activities.

Starting from September, your task will be prapare and run outdoor team building activities for school groups. Starting from 5th class till 12th, mainly focusing on outdoor activities (ropes, forest etc.) working in team by 6 – one group in morning other in afternoon.

So you need to prepare program, run it and support each other! You will work in team with 12 EVS volunteers from Spain, Greece, Slovenia, Portugal and France.

Please note, that you might need some extra time for planning activities.

The work is hard, because there are luck of local volunteers, so prepare for really hard work. Also weather conditions could be challange, cause summer here is sometimes ends even before it starts and September could be very rainy and cold. Keep in mind its Latvian summer. And summer in Latvia is very different then summer in your countries ☺ Big chance of rain, cold and almost no sun.

Your project will ends with day of evaluation.

Latvian language courses: As you maybe know, there are no official language courses for short term EVS. Anyway, we are gonna have some obligatory lessons in the beginning and after we are more than open to work with those volunteers who really want to improve their Latvian and want to have at least basic knowledge of local language, which is considered one of most oldest and beautiful languages in Europe! For latvian language lessons we will agree concrete time which will be better for all of you.

Free time: Besides that, as a volunteer you will have a chance to have free time to spend in your own way. We can suggest best places to visit and help with arranging transport etc., but you are free on your choice!

As example I should mention that last year we found a time and organized common Baltic trip for all volunteers. And it was amazing!

Arriving and departure: Hopefully you arrive. And hopefully also depart ☺ Because project starts at 25th of July, would be super cool to have you here at 24th of July. In the beggining you will have first day of on-arrival training course - day of technical information and first lesson of latvian language, get your money, get to know city, try to swim in sea etc. Your on arrival training will goes till 29th of July. We need to see fresh, happy faces ☺

Departure is one day after the project ends, so 20th of September. And again - if by any reason you need to leave 1-2 days before official ending, it could be done, just need to agree. Also you can stay longer and enjoy

summer/autumn in this beautiful place Liepaja, just after 20th September it's on your own expenses.

Living conditions: All volunteers will be accommodated in private house near by city centre. Well, house is old and always could be better, but let's say - conditions are ok. Like normal hostel. Kitchen, fridge, washing machine is for your service. Location are excellent - 3 min to public transport stop, right in the park and 15 min walking from city centre and most of pubs etc. 5min walk to Olympic centre and SPA centre. Office are in 20 min from your house by transport. We will give you monthly transport ticket.

You don't need blankets, pillows or sheets, all will be provided by landlord. Even if we go to trip, rafting, trekking or even mushroom picking, we have enough sleeping bags and tents in our organization.

Yeah, yeah - we have wi-fi as well, we don't need to go check our emails in Lithuania ☺. So wi-fi are available almost everywhere - in office, in flat, most of public places, like public transport stops, parks etc. Even in public transports to other cities.

If you want, your mentors will help you to buy local number and SIM card for easier communication. But as you wish. It's cheap and has fair amount of free internet.

You will prepare meals for your own. For that you will have money in cash.

Financial conditions: Project reimburses you 100% of travel costs, if you are not exceed travel limit for your country. We will pay for your language courses, accommodation, you will have insurance, free transport ticket to use in city. Pocket money (3 euro per day) and money for food (200 euro). During working days tea and coffee are available all the time in the office. Plus you have warm meal during summer activities! (well, during activity days, but anyway) During on-arrival training all meals will be paid (5days) as well during summer camp (7days) all meals will be paid. Even you think money isn't enough, it's fair amount if you prepare common meals and not going to eat in restaurants. Till now all volunteers said it was enough to have normal meal and even beer in weekends.

All of you are going to have on-arrival training. All of you will have mentor, who is responsible about solving your problems and make you feel more comfortable in Latvia. As soon as we have all volunteers, I send you names of your mentors and contacts.

About reimbursement of travel costs. **We will reimburse your travel costs just and only when you will give to us invoice, boarding passes and any tickets for coming to Latvia and send us back way boarding passes, after returning home.** If you have to use car, please contact with Liga for to ask – is it possible in your case to pay gasoline (ligad@inbox.lv).

We inform you personally about pick up service from airport as soon as we get know names and arrival times of all participants, please be patience!

See you soon!

Team of „Liepajas Jaunie Vanagi”