

Project name: “Be in Nature, Like It, Love It, Protect It”

Action: Action 2 European Voluntary Service

Aim: Ecological education, by doing outdoor activities in the nature

Theme: Ecology, Environment, Education through sport and outdoor activities in the nature, Nature protection, Nature conservation, Sustainable development, Animal protection

Duration: 5 months

Hosting organization: Active Ideas

(Active Ideas is a small youth environmental organization. Our main aim is to build ecological education, by doing outdoor activities. We organize activities connected to: ecology, art, culture, sport, social work, music and other free time activities. Active Ideas is a new and small NGO, but we are very optimistic about changing the world in a positive way.)

Accreditation Number: PIC number:940187730

https://europa.eu/youth/volunteering/organisation/940187730_en

Host Place: Haskovo, Bulgaria

(Haskovo is small town (80 000 people) in south Bulgaria.

More info: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haskovo>)

EVS experience of Active Ideas:

- We had host 4 volunteers (from Italy, France and Portugal) until now
- We had sent volunteers from Bulgaria to Romania, UK, Hungary, Slovenia and Italy until now

The **main tasks** of the volunteer are to develop

leisure time activities for young people in Haskovo:

- Hiking in the mountains, camping, caving...
- Scouts movement.
- Take care about nature.
- Clean the forest.
- Plant trees.
- Ecological Workshops for art recycling.



Standard working week:

Monday: Day OFF (because of the weekend activities)

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Wednesday day of workshops - Each week, one workshop: Ecological Workshops for art recycling; Painting; Herbaria; Pottery (clay-work); Wood carving; Painting on ceramics; Drawing on clothes; Workshop for making cheese; Workshop for making yogurt; Workshop for making bread; wool workshop; workshop for making paper

Thursday: Day of Youth Eco Movies

- Screening of environmental films
 - Youths can present (share) movie, pictures and other materials with connected to the youth problems of the Day
 - They can watch them together, this way they can share their ideas
 - Discussion after the presentation
 - this way we promote active citizenship
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Friday: preparation and organization day for the weekend activities

Weekend activities: Hiking in the mountains, camping. Scouts movement. Take care about nature. Clean the forest. Plant trees.

Other important tasks:

- 20 % of your time will be promotion the 'European Solidarity Corps' program. It can be by helping other young people to find their EVS project, making or participating in other 'Erasmus+' projects or just providing information for the local youths about the 'European Solidarity Corps' program in general.

- Another task of the volunteer is to promote our leisure time activities among the young people in Haskovo. It can be non-formal activities in public parks or in schools. It can be organizing non-formal language classes.
- Organizing short outdoor camps (few days), like International Caving gatherings, Scouts camps or green schools.

