



## Join our team as a long-term EVS volunteer in 2018

**Host organization:** Volunteers' center Zagreb (Croatia)

**Project title:** Volunteer 4 Volunteers

**Project dates:** 1 February 2018 - 27 December 2018 (11 months)

**Location:** Zagreb and different locations around Croatia (only during work camp season)

**Number of participants:** 2 volunteers (preferably French but other program countries are also welcome)

**Application deadline:** 15 December 2017 (send CV and motivation to [evs@vcz.hr](mailto:evs@vcz.hr))

**Volunteer selection:** selection will be done by 20 December 2017 and interviews with shortlisted volunteers will take place on 20, 21 and 22 of December 2017

### PROJECT ACTIVITIES

#### 1. Promotion of volunteering through SCI workcamps

##### 1.1. Workcamp season preparation (February - May 2018; VCZ office):

VCZ as Croatian branch of SCI annually organizes 8 - 10 international workcamps (short term volunteer projects) in Croatia. Volunteers will have the possibility to take part in most steps of the process (analysis of the needs, definition of workcamp contents, contact with our local partners, visiting places where the workcamps will take place, contact with local communities, etc.). Volunteers will be invited to contribute with their own ideas about the workcamp content and the activities to be implemented, according to their preferences and capabilities. This will give them the opportunity to encounter the Croatian culture and tradition. Volunteers will also be trained and participate in the workcamp season as placement officers. Placement officers are one of the interfaces of SCI, who during the workcamp placement season ensure a proper placement of volunteers and as such have an important role in promoting workcamps and the work of SCI in general.

##### 1.2. Workcamp season (May - September 2018; VCZ Office and different locations in Croatia):

Workcamp season consists in the workcamp promotion and information, assisting Croatian volunteers in finding suitable workcamps, collecting applications of foreign volunteers from our international partners, preparing Croatian volunteers through specific workshops. Volunteers will be involved in all the activities and in the promotional campaign over social networks (creation of promotional materials, presentation of the workcamp season, etc.). Volunteers for whom this will be their first workcamp experience will participate in a training for camp leaders in VCZ, and according to the volunteers' wishes and interests, they will later on lead certain parts of the workcamp modules.

##### 1.3. Workcamp evaluation (September - November 2018; VCZ office):

At the end of the workcamp season, activities will be focused on its evaluation: collection and analysis of evaluation forms filled in by all the actors involved, organizing evaluation workshops with volunteers and workcamp leaders; preparation of the report. The role of the volunteers is of great importance in this phase because they will be able to give their feedback on the basis of their personal engagement in the preparation and organization of workcamp season and leading workcamp/s.

## 2. Intercultural Exchange Fostered Through Language Courses

### 2.1. Foreign language courses, for public (March-May and September-November 2018; VCZ workshop room)

Volunteers will be responsible for the organization, the promotion and leading language classes of their native language, or of any language they are in good command of. The classes will be organized in two yearly courses, spring and autumn, excluding the busiest time of the volunteers' engagement during workcamp season.

### 2.2. Croatian language and culture lessons, for volunteers (February-November 2018; location as agreed with the teacher):

Coming to a project with some previous knowledge of Croatian language is very welcome. Knowing basic Croatian will be essential for everyday life, so the volunteers will be encouraged to make the learning of the language their priority, and to take personal responsibility to learn even outside of the framework of the Croatian lessons.

## 3. Promoting EVS and volunteering

### 3.1. Organizing EVS info events (February-November 2018; VCZ Office and different locations in Zagreb)

Volunteers will have an important role in the promotion of EVS, as well as of non-formal education programs to young people. Volunteers will help prepare and implement presentations and promotional materials for young people, in order to motivate them to take part in different non-formal education programs. The role of the EVS volunteers in this task is essential, since they could provide their experience in international volunteering.

### 3.2. Celebration of important volunteering day (November 2018; VCZ Office and different locations in Zagreb)

Volunteers' Oscar and the International Volunteer Day are on the biggest events, which goal is to focus the public attention to the importance of volunteering and the culture of peace. Both events include extensive volunteering hours for the preparation, and EVS volunteers will be a part of it.

### 3.3. Personal projects (September-November 2018; VCZ Office and different locations in Zagreb)

Depending on the volunteers' experience and hobbies, they will implement a personal volunteering project. It will give them the opportunity to create, develop and put in practice their ideas in any field that suits their interests. Volunteers will be supported by VCZ staff on each step of the preparation and of the implementation.

