

Development support for Transylvania:

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6 months long adventure in Transylvania

Did you know?

The majority of the local community has Hungarian ethnicity, which means they talk Hungarian and eat Hungarian as we say here. They even hold the Hungarian traditions as well. So you will have the opportunity to get to know many interesting local traditions as well, for example: the funeral of carnival, egg painting, folk dance, wood painting techniques.

Fun



Who are we?

We are the Youth Association from Transylvania, but you can call us ATA. 12 years ago we had set a goal. A goal to show Europe to Transylvania, and to show Transylvania to Europe. We like to work with people, especially people from all around the world. Our hobbies are learning about new cultures and organizing amazing events for our local community and guests who come from various places! Until now, we organized youth exchanges, seminars, and training courses on many topics, from how to be a good citizen to addictions. We hosted volunteers whose main tasks included herbalism, activities with young children in kindergarten, showing their culture to the locals, and so much more!



What is ESC?

The European Solidarity Corps is a program that aims to provide opportunities for all people, between the age of 18 and 30.

ESC helps local communities and allows young people to work and volunteer on European projects. It enables organizations to meet and work with motivated individuals with great ideas and ambitious goals. For both organizations and young people, ESC provides several opportunities, for example, individual and group volunteering, internships, and local project

Are you ready for this journey?

IF YES...

You will be a long-term volunteer! But what does this mean? You will pack your suitcase and move to our quiet, little town for 6 months.



**1 volunteers
needed!**

NGO support person

what will you do?

→support our yearly local activities & communication: you will bring new perspectives & ideas to the local volunteers' regular activities & after that to help with communicating about these on our webpage and social media platforms

→ Increase our social media presence: we always encourage creative ways of representation, thereby you will help out with the engagement of our audience in innovative ways

→support our staff with international mobilities: you will support us doing international mobilities for many youth & youth workers, with their unique perspective & input.



Inclusion support person

What will you do?

→activities in 2 kindergartens & 1 primary school in our town & 2 primary schools in rural areas around the town: you will help to organize daily non-formal workshops for children & youth to teach English, while at the same time will pass along environmental awareness & up-cycling, recycling knowledge.

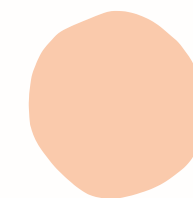
→activities in an organization that works with the disabled: help the staff members specialized on helping with new ideas & methods in order to develop the versatility of the workshops & with annual events / help by giving practical (gardening & cooking) skills to the disabled.

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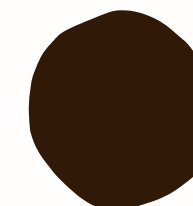


We are looking for you, if you are:

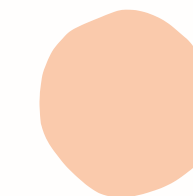
We are looking for any youth aged 18 to 30 who is serious and motivated to come to a small city and support us in the development of a community with a lot of potentials. We do not require volunteers to have any pre-determined skill sets or aptitudes to carry out the activity, only an inquisitive demeanor, and an openness to learn new things which may be needed for the activity. Also, we do not require participants to have advanced or intermediate English speaking skills, we only require them to have a basic skill in English and an openness to learn the local language to effectively communicate with the local community. Last but not least, we are looking for energetic, creative open-minded, and independent youth.



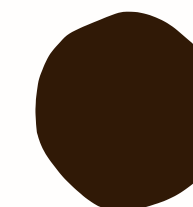
creative



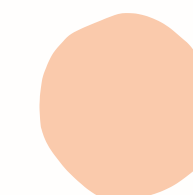
culturally and socially sensitive



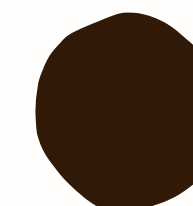
open-mindened



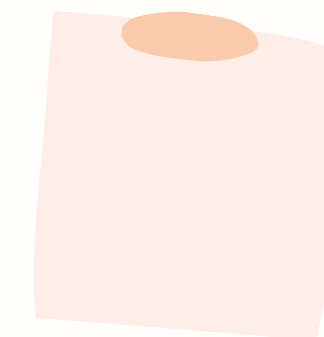
motivated



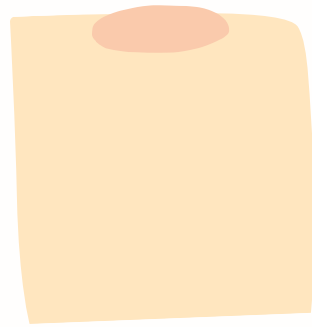
aged between 18-30



proactive



During the project...



Each volunteer will receive 160 € as food allowance and 120 € as pocket money each month. Everything else, including house rental costs, gas, electricity, water and internet costs, appliances, and activity-related costs will be managed by the hosting organization. International travel is also reimbursed. Volunteers will do their activities in a flexible way, for about 6-7 hours/day and 5 days every week. Two days are free every week and 2 other days are holidays every month. Besides these, all regional and national free days and holidays are also considered free for the volunteers.

food/ pocket money



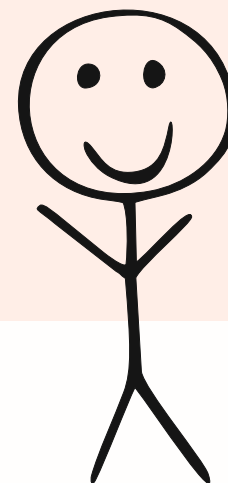
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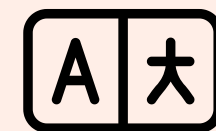
health insurance



local mentor



language support



Housing and logistics



- The house is fully furnished with:**
- a spacious kitchen that has 2 fridges, stove, microwave, dishes, glasses, furniture, etc.**
 - 3 bathrooms that have toilets, showers, washing machine and other cleaning appliances**
 - 5 large bedrooms that have furniture and beds in each.**
 - the house also has electricity, gas, hot and cold water, internet connection with a Wi-Fi connection**

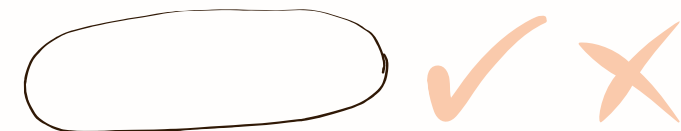


Are you ready for this adventure?

For anyone wishing to join us as an ESC volunteer, we will firstly require a CV and a motivation letter. We encourage candidates to be creative with their applications, to include anything that might reveal their individuality, their likes, dislikes and potential skill sets. These can be sent to us at office.ata@gmail.com. Also, we require candidates to fill a short application form.

Send your CV and motivation letter to us:

office.ata@gmail.com



About the town

Regarding the location, CRISTURU SECUIESC lies at the eastern end of the Transylvanian plateau between the towns of Odorheiu Secuiesc and Sighișoara, 400 meters above sea level. There are a lot of hills, meadows, lakes, rivers, and forests for hikes and the Harghita mountains are also quite close. In 2011 there were 9491 inhabitants, 9266 of which were declared Hungarian, 183 Romanian, and 8 German while most of the Roma community declared themselves as Hungarian. The community nowadays works in the smaller textile, shoe, toy, and furniture factories that popped up in town with foreign companies. The town still has an agricultural aspect though as most of the community owns a few acres of land around the town and many have kitchen gardens. The youth community is abundant, with youth from all around the region going to the two high schools and one VET school. Some of the youth moving back from universities in the area also help the youth life.



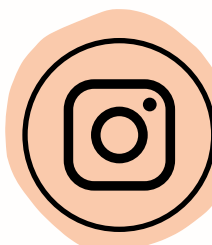
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