

# CALL FOR



ESC VOLUNTEERS! →

# WHERE?

**Latvia is a country in the Baltic region of Northern Europe. It is one of the Baltic states and is bordered by Estonia, Lithuania, Russia, Belarus, and shares a maritime border with Sweden.**

**Latvia covers an area of 64,589 km<sup>2</sup>, with a population of 1.9 million. The country has a temperate seasonal climate. Its capital and largest city is Riga, the official spoken language is Latvian but Russian and English are both widely used.**

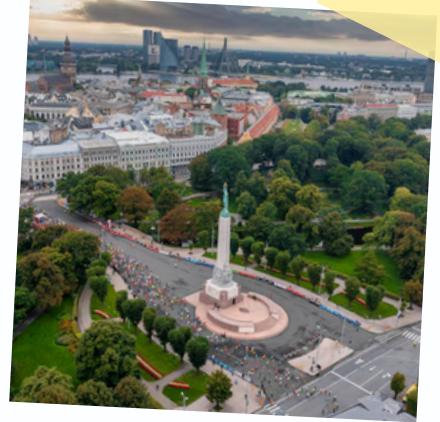


# RIGA

**AFS Latvia offers the opportunity to live in the heart of the capital city of Latvia, Rīga!**

**Rīga is known for its beautiful Art Nouveau style buildings, the presence of nature all around even while being in the capital and the really active night life!**

**In the pictures you can see some of the beautiful buildings of the old town!**



# JELGAVA

**Other ESC Volunteers will be in the wonderful city of Jelgava!**

**Jelgava, formerly known as Mitau, has a rich history dating back to its founding in 1265. It served as the capital of the Duchy of Courland and Semigallia in the 16th century.**

**Besides Jelgava Palace, the city features other notable architectural sites such as the Holy Trinity Church Tower, which offers panoramic views of the city, and several historical buildings that reflect a mix of architectural styles.**

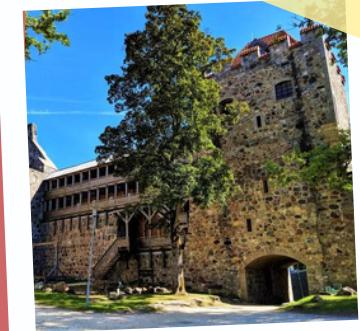


# SIGULDA

**Some others will also have the chance to live in Sigulda!**

**Sigulda, located in Latvia's Gauja National Park, is a city known for its stunning natural beauty, historical landmarks, and a variety of outdoor activities.**

**Whether visiting historical sites, exploring the great outdoors, or enjoying local culture and cuisine, there's something for everyone in this picturesque Latvian city.**



# GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

## CRITERIAS

- **Education:** High school and higher, preferably bachelor degree in social sciences.
- **Language Skills:** Proficient in English, both written and spoken.
- **Previous volunteering or work experience for organizations or charities, or NGOs related to social support are positively valued.**





# WHAT IS AFS?



**"AFS Intercultural Programs is an international, voluntary, non-governmental, non-profit organization that provides intercultural learning opportunities to help people develop the knowledge, skills and understanding needed to create a more just and peaceful world."**

**AFS provides exchange programs for high-schoolers in 70 different countries in the whole world thanks to host families, which are families that open their home to experience this cultural exchange!**

**Other than exchange students and host families AFS also provides volunteering experiences; AFS volunteers have the opportunity to meet young students with a different cultural background.**

**AFS is defined as a big family from all those who are part of the association because no matter where you are if you find AFS you will feel like home!**

**For more info chek out our IG:**



**@AFSLATVIA**



# (3) POSITIONS: AFS LATVIA

## SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS



## AFS HOSTING AND SENDING CAMPS

## SOCIAL MEDIA



## SELF PLANNED EVENTS



Intercultural  
Programs

# (3) POSITIONS: AFS LATVIA

- 1. The First volunteer will work with social media and digital design with the goal of sharing the AFS mission** – planning and preparing contents for the AFS Latvia official instagram account (IG takeovers, taking care of the stories, preparing posts etc..), planning and taking care of the official AFS Latvia tiktok account (making videos, editing, thinking of new content, following the trends etc..) organizing and recording podcasts for the official AFS Latvia podcast which is now located on AFS.lv website. The volunteer is also expected to participate in regular AFS hosting and sending camps as a trainer and facilitator.
- 2. The Second volunteer will be responsible of cooperating with Latvian schools, therefore of facilitating school presentations on its own and with the help of AFS volunteers and exchange students. The volunteer will also be responsible of cooperating with Youth Centers and thinking of extra-curriculum school activities to engage the Latvian youth with the AFS community (for example by planning intercultural events). The volunteer will also attend regular AFS camps and organize different activities for volunteers, such as ICL, the national T4T, intercultural events with exchange students etc... Another task of the volunteer is to plan activities for the exchange students so that they are able to be involved in AFS even though they live outside of Riga.**
- 3. The Third volunteer will have to Coordinate the production of social media content, assist in planning and organizing events, to go to schools and invite youth to volunteer and advertise social activity, to go to schools and invite people to participate in youth politics of the city, to go to Universities and organize open days for young people, participate in training sessions and workshops to enhance skills, work closely with other volunteers and staff members to achieve common goal.**

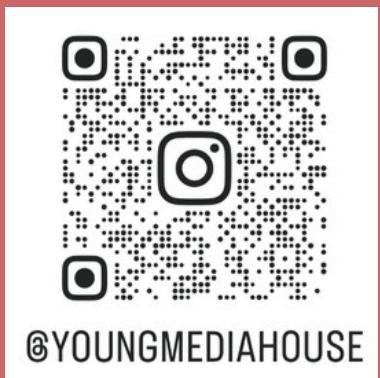
# WHAT IS YOUNG MEDIA HOUSE?

Young Media House is a project created by the graduates of the youth organization Avantis and the international media camp Young Media Sharks, with the aim of providing young people with practical skills in creating media content and organizing events.

It is a place where you can meet media professionals in lectures and seminars and get inspired. A place that gathers the sharpest and most creative media minds of the future.

Although the media center is based in Riga, it is mobile and offers various activities also in the regions and in different places of Riga. The organizers of the activities themselves are young people who, accompanied by mentors, implement ideas to offer to their peers.

For more info chek out our IG:



# (1) POSITION: MEDIA AND EVENT VOLUNTEER AT YOUNG MEDIA HOUSE

## Knowledge/ Interest/Experience

- **Media, social media, content creation, photography, video skills, event planning and production, or any related skills.**
- **Social Media:** Proficient with social media management, tools, and trends, or willing to learn.
- **Additional Qualifications:** Active participation in sports or active life style

## Responsibilities of the Volunteer

- **Create, schedule, and post content on various social media platforms.**
- **Coordinate the production of social media content.**
- **Write and coordinate content for posts, blogs, and our magazine “Izvēlies”.**
- **Assist in planning and organizing events.**
- **Develop and implement marketing strategies to promote events and activities.**
- **Engage with the community both online and offline to promote the organization's mission and events.**
- **Collaborate with team members to ensure cohesive communication.**
- **Assist with administrative tasks related to media and event planning.**
- **Maintain organized records of media and event-related activities.**
- **Stay updated with the latest social media trends and tools.**
- **Participate in training sessions and workshops to enhance skills.**
- **Work closely with other volunteers and staff members to achieve common goals.**



# WHAT IS THE YOUTH CENTER "PAKĀPIENS" (STEP) IN JELGAVA?

The youth center on the Loka highway was built and equipped, implementing the project "Integration of children and young people exposed to social risk in the municipalities of Jelgava and Šiauliai (Risk Children)". One of its activities will be coordinated work with young people from social risk groups with the aim of promoting the improvement of the quality of life of young people. In this way, the self-initiative of young people, their participation in decision-making and their active involvement in public life will be promoted through various activities.

For more info chek out our IG:





JELGAVAS  
JAUNIEŠIEM

# **(1) POSITION: YOUTH WORKER AT YOUTH CENTER PAKĀPIENS IN JELGAVA CITY**

## **Knowledge/ Interest/Experience**

- **Digital competence** - Proficient with social media management, to use digital design tools
- **Event planning and production**
- **Preferebly** - work experience or volunteering in field of youth, specifically with vulnerable groups
- **Interest** - handcrafts, reading, culture.

## **Responsabilities of the Volunteer**

- **Coordinate the production of social media content.**
- **Assist in planning and organizing events**
- **To go to schools and invite youth to volunteer and advertise social activity**
- **To go to schools and invite people to participate in youth politics of the city**
- **Participate in training sessions and workshops to enhance skills.**
- **Work closely with other volunteers and staff members to achieve common goal**
- **Organize after school activities in youth center - events, games, competitions**
- **Mobile work on direct places - to visit places with vulnerable groups of young people**



# WHAT IS THE YOUTH CENTER "MĒRKIS" (GOAL) IN SIGULDA?

Youth Initiative Center "Mērkis" ("Aim") was formed in 2008 Sigulda, Latvia. The aim of the organization is to gather youth for new initiatives and planning of free time activities for learning new skills and knowledge according to the age and interests. We have well developed interest groups in robotics, electronics, aircraft modeling, motor workshops and other.

For more info chek out our IG:





# **(1) POSITION: YOUTH WORKER AT YOUTH INITIATIVE CENTER MĒRKIS (GOAL) IN SIGULDA CITY**

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# ACCOMODATION AND MONTHLY BUDGET

**Each volunteer will be provided with a single room in a shared apartment in the city in which they will volunteer.**

**Accomodation is covered by the project.**

**Each volunteer will be also provided with a monthly budget of 375€ for living expenses (pocket money, food and personal expences)**



# HOLIDAYS

**Most of the weekends are free. If there is an important project during the weekend, the volunteer will know in advance and will get extra free days in the following weeks.**

**Bank holidays are free: Christmas, Easter, Misummer (23/24th June), 18th November, 1st May, 4th May.**

**Every month, the volunteer gathers 2 free days for their vacation.**



# Application

**To apply you have to fill the form indicating for which position are you applying and uploading your cv and a motivation letter till **15 of July, 2024**.**

**Link for Application:**

**<https://forms.gle/dLDrxa8yfhTBev1t5>**

**In case of questions: [info.latvija@afs.org](mailto:info.latvija@afs.org)**