Get Involved in Odolena Voda

SDA 103-19

Project details

Code: SDA 103-19 **Date:** 2019-07-27 / 2019-08-10 **Total places:** 2 **Age:** 18 - 30

Name: Get Involved in Odolena Voda

Type of work: Construction (CONS) - Environmental (ENVI)

Country: REPÚBLICA CHECA Location: ODOLENA VODA Address: Odolena Voda

Email: Phone Number:

Web:

Fee: 0.0 EUR Languages: English

GPS location

GPS: lat: 50.229007, Ing: 14.413139

Description

Partner:

The workcamp takes place in a small town of Odolena Voda in cooperation with the local municipality. The town hall aims at creating good conditions for living, working, spending free time and enjoying the environment for its inhabitants. The main focus is on landscape regeneration and leisure time activities, such as social and cultural events or sports facilities. The aim of the workcamp is to help with renovation of the public space in the town, to create new play structures for children and maintain local green areas. This year, the workcamp will be organized for the 5th time.

Work:

The work will manual and it can be physically demanding, so get ready for some hard work. The tasks can include: creating simple play structures for children from natural materials and maintenance of public areas (painting fences etc.). You will also work in the local green areas to make the places attractive for locals by creating paths (e.g. by cutting grass or branches), by marking paths and collecting garbage. You will also paint municipal composters and turn them into a piece of art in the street. A lot of work will be done outside in all kinds of weather, please bring solid shoes.

Study part: Meeting the locals (e.g. local firemen), getting to know the local culture.

Accomodation and food:

In the local primary school. A kitchen, a bathroom and the gym will be available. You will sleep on gym mats in classrooms or the gym. Please, bring your own sleeping bag and a light mat! You will cook your own meals as a group.

Location and leisure:

A small town of Odolena Voda (population of 6,000 inhabitants), located approximately a half an hour drive from the outskirts of Prague.

Leisure time: You can visit the local baroque church, fortress and museum; go on a hiking trip to close-by volcanoes, a trip to Prague, to the Veltrusy castle or a cycling trip to the town of Melnik. There is a possibility to use the community sports facilities for playing football, basketball, volleyball and beach volleyball and tennis. A BBQ party with locals will be organized during the workcamp. There is also a natural swimming pool in Odolena Voda. Please bring a swimming suit.

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Requirements:

This workcamp needs volunteers who are not afraid of physically demanding work and who enjoy working outdoor in all kinds of weather (it can get quite hot in summer). You can learn to work with different tools under supervision. Some work tasks will involve minor construction so you can use your skills or learn new ones.

Additional information

Location:

Odolena Voda

Remarks

During the workcamp, an international literary evening Meeting of Languages will be organized in a house where a significant Czech poet Vitezslav Halek was born. You can get involved in the program by reciting short extracts of your favourite book or poem to the other volunteers and the public (in English or even in your native language). Please bring your favourite novel or book of poems, preferably in hard copies, which you would like to present at the event. See photos from the previous workcamp: goo.gl/zfa9Cm

How to get

Airport: PRG

Bus/train station: Odolena Voda

Support Local Community in Hlasnice

SDA 106-19

Project details

Name: Support Local Community in Hlasnice

Type of work: Renovation (RENO) - Environmental (ENVI)

Country: REPÚBLICA CHECA

Location: HLASNICE
Address: Hlasnice

Email: Phone Number:

Web:

Fee: 0.0 EUR Languages: English

GPS location

GPS: lat: 49.7520391, lng: 17.2919077

Description

Partner:

This workcamp takes place in a small village of Hlasnice in the northern part of Moravia in cooperation with the local municipality. The village and its citizens try to revive public places for relaxing and leisure activities - the community centre with playground and sports equipment, and hiking and cycling trails in the surroundings of the village. Students of Mendel University in Brno created landscape proposals for opening these trails to the public. Since 2016 local volunteers have been preparing the first trail in order to create a connection with neighbouring villages. International workcamps have been organized in Hlasnice ever since 2017. The aim of this workcamps is to help with revitalization of the area around the community centre, making the trails accessible for public, and to create space for exchange of experience with the local community.

Work:

You will mainly work manually and outdoor. The tasks will include: 1) getting the area of the community centre ready for a traditional cultural event for children Good-bye, Summer Holidays, helping during the event and cleaning the area afterwards; 2) maintaining public spaces, hiking and cycling trails, installing signs and benches, renovating rest areas, planting trees etc., depending on the current needs. In case of bad weather, you will clean up the attic of the community centre and/or paint walls inside the centre or other municipal building. Bring working clothes and waterproof shoes. Some activities will be physically demanding, some of them will be more relaxing.

Study part: Excursion to the historical town of Sternberk (4 km) - castle, monastery, unique exposition of time. There will be at least one meeting with the local community - an international evening with presentations of various cultures and countries. Please bring something traditional from your country or prepare a presentation.

Accomodation and food:

In the community centre. You will sleep on mattresses in 1 room with a carpet. Bring your own sleeping bag! Several toilets and showers are available, in the community centre and a building next door. There is a fully equipped kitchen in the centre. You will cook your own meals as a group from food supplies provided by the local partner.

Location and leisure:

Hlasnice (215 inhabitants) in the Olomouc region. It is located 20 km to the west from the city of Olomouc, at the foot of Low Jeseniky Mountains. It is possible that for 1 or 2 days you will work in one of the surrounding villages (according to their interest and needs).

Leisure time: You can use sports equipment in the area of the community centre (football, volleyball, tennis), do a barbecue party, go swimming, try horse-riding, visit the nearby historical towns of Sternberk and Olomouc, go hiking to the Jeseniky Mountains and to the Sovinec Castle, etc.

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Requirements:

This workcamp is perfect for everyone who wants to volunteer in the countryside, to take a part in renovation of public space and who is interested in discovering rural life in the Czech Republic. Volunteers interested in working with children during the traditional event are welcome. Allergies notice: pollen. No alcohol is allowed while working.

Additional information

Location:

Hlasnice

Remarks

At the end of the workcamp, you can attend a traditional race of historical cars in Sternberk. The community house is equipped with barrier-free entrance and toilets - project is open to wheelchair users. See photos from the 2018 workcamp: goo.gl/Cy1w3H.

How to get

Airport: PRG

Bus/train station: Hlasnice

Rock Summer in Kozolupy

SDA 107-19

Project details

Name: Rock Summer in Kozolupy

Type of work: Festival (FEST) - Renovation (RENO)

Country: REPÚBLICA CHECA

Location: KOZOLUPY

Address: Kozolupy

Email: Phone Number:

Web:

Fee: 0.0 EUR Languages: English

GPS location

GPS: lat: 49.7638769, lng: 13.2469896

Description

Partner:

The workcamp is held in cooperation with Local Action Group (MAS) Radbuza and the municipality Kozolupy. The aim of MAS Radbuza is the protection of regional values such as well-preserved nature, rich culture and healthy environment, and supporting citizen initiatives at a local and regional level. Kozolupy is a small but active village and the 2017 Village of the Year Award winner for their social life. The aim of the workcamp is to help the municipality with maintenance of a church, revitalization of orchards and preparations of a rock festival. You will also have an opportunity to experience life in the countryside.

Work:

You will help to maintain the local church which will include for example cleaning statues, washing tiles, sanding benches or painting beams. You will also work in an old municipal orchard where you will repair fences, cut old trees and bushes and clean the area. There will be other tasks in the village, depending on the current need. At the ending of the workcamp (31st Aug.), there will be a traditional one-day festival Rock Summer on the Mze River, where the volunteers will help mainly with preparations of the event (building stalls and fences) and with cleaning afterwards. You will not have to work a lot during the event, so you can enjoy yourselves during the festival.

Study part: Meeting local children at a summer camp and getting to know each other through games, having discussions with local people and the members of the local action group, organizing a football match with the local team, having an international dinner or a barbecue.

Accomodation and food:

In the local cultural centre. You will sleep in one of the halls of the centre on mattresses or gym mats. Please bring your own sleeping bag. There are toilets and showers in the building and also a small improvised kitchen. You will prepare breakfast together as a group, lunch and dinner will be provided in a local restaurant, so you can taste traditional Czech cuisine.

Location and leisure:

Kozolupy (1,100 inhabitants) in the Pilsen Region. It is located near the Hrachalusky Dam and about 10 km from Pilsen.

Leisure time: You can go on a trip to the city of Pilsen (guided tours, visiting the famous brewery etc.), do hiking trips in the countryside, explore the region (e.g. Chotesov Monastery, a historical town of Dobrany, Krizovy Vrch observation tower), swim in the Hracholusky Dam, or do other sport activities etc.

Rock Summer in Kozolupy

SDA 107-19

Requirements:

We are looking for responsible and passionate volunteers.

Additional information

Location:

Kozolupy

How to get

Airport: PRG

Bus/train station: Kozolupy

Grabstejn Castle I SDA 202-19

Project details

Name: Grabstejn Castle I

Type of work: Renovation (RENO) - Environmental (ENVI)

Country: REPÚBLICA CHECA

Location: CHOTYNE **Address:** Chotyne

Email: Phone Number:

Web:

Fee: 20.0 EUR Languages: English

GPS location

GPS: lat: 50.846133, lng: 14.876186

Description

Partner:

Grabstejn is a former medieval castle which was later rebuilt as a renaissance chateau. It was severely damaged under the communist regime but has gone through reconstruction since. Now it is an example of care for historical heritage presenting the life of high society through centuries to the wide public. The castle visitors are offered classical guided tours but also different cultural and educational activities. The castle is state-owned and is run by National Heritage Institute under the Ministry of Culture. The aim of the workcamp is to help local staff to maintain the castle park and its surroundings.

Work:

Work: Volunteers will work mainly in the castle park: maintaining paths and roads, removing invasive plants (e.g. nettles), cutting grass and branches, collecting garbage, removing wood or stones and gardening. The work is manual, physically demanding and sometimes you will need to work in a very steep slope because the castle is located on top of a hill! You will also help in the castle area (basic renovation and maintenance tasks - cleaning, painting). Bring working clothes that can get dirty or damaged and good solid shoes. It is also good to have long pants to protect you from nettles.

Study part: Learning more about the castle and its park (a guided tour around the castle). There will be an opportunity to organize a community dinner with local guides. Please bring recipes for your favourite meals and some pictures or music from your country/region of origin.

Accomodation and food:

You will sleep directly in the castle in one big room with bunk beds. You need to bring your own sleeping bag. There is a toilet and a shower with hot water. Next to the bedroom, there is a small kitchen where you will prepare your meals together as a group. A common room is also available. There is a fireplace outside in the backyard of the castle where you can have barbecue.

Location and leisure:

Grabstejn castle. It is in the village of Chotyne (860 inhabitants) in Northern Bohemia. The nearest town is Hradek nad Nisou (about 7,500 inhabitants) which is connected to Chotyne by public transport. The castle is located in a beautiful mountainous countryside which is perfect for hiking.

Leisure time: You can go hiking in the beautiful hilly countryside surrounding the castle and climb the famous mountain Jested (1012 m) with a unique mountain hotel on the top. The nearest city is Liberec (ZOO, botanical garden and much more). It is possible to visit a regional brewery and many other interesting sights, go swimming or boating, and/or visit a neighbouring dog-training army unit. Please bring some games and musical instruments.

Grabstejn Castle I SDA 202-19

Requirements:

This camp is especially suitable for volunteers who like gardening and want to explore the history of the castle. Please note that work will be physically demanding, so it is perfect for hardworking individuals. Smoking is limited to designated areas. Allergies notice: pollen, bees, and wasps.

Participation fee: 20 EUR. Due to limited access to public resources INEX-SDA has this year, we kindly ask participants to contribute 20 EUR towards the costs of general administration. The fee will be collected upon arrival. Please note that this fee does not directly contribute to the workcamp s budget.

Additional information

Location:

Chotyne

Remarks

Visit the website of the castle: https://www.hrad-grabstejn.cz/en. See photos from the 2018 workcamp: goo.gl/yCwv2Q

How to get

Airport: PRG

Bus/train station: Chotyne

Friendly Hospitality House

SDA 203-19

Project details

Name: Friendly Hospitality House

Type of work: Renovation (RENO)

Country: REPÚBLICA CHECA

Location: SKALKA U DOKS

Address: Skalka u Doks

Email: Phone Number:

Web:

Fee: 0.0 EUR Languages: English

GPS location

GPS: lat: 50.564975, Ing: 14.623108

Description

Partner:

The workcamp is held for 4th time in a little village of Skalka u Doks in Northern Bohemia in cooperation with a local NGO The Friendly Hospitality House. Its name refers to the ancient tradition of mutual help of pilgrims. They focus on revival of natural, cultural and spiritual heritage and on personal and community development. They own and renovate a traditional rural house which will one day become a facility for pilgrims, neighbours and volunteers. The intention is to create a welcoming cultural and crafts centre. This workcamp aims to restore relations between the place and its inhabitants, both of today and the past, mutual understanding and respect. You have an opportunity to learn about each other's perspectives and to help renovate several culturally significant buildings.

Work:

The work will be manual and sometimes demanding, it will take place at several locations. In Skalka u Doks, the tasks can include renovation and cleaning of the house, working in a permacultural garden, and renovation of the municipal fire station. In the nearby village of Borejov, you will clean interior of a church and prepare it for a special St. Jacob s pilgrim mass, clean the cemetery surrounding the church and renovate its wall and tiles under the church s tower. In Bezdez, you will treat the wooden interior of St. Giles church against woodworm. Finally, you will help to renovate a historic log building in a heritage protected area of Zdar. Bring solid work shoes, clothes that can get dirty and a raincoat. All the tasks will depend on the current needs and weather.

Study part: Getting to know the history of the region from old photos, film screenings and lectures, an organ recital in the Bela church, attending a special Roman Catholic Pilgrim Mass on Sunday 20th July in Borejov, meeting the local permaculture community, learning about farming in harmony with nature - it will be possible to spend one day with the community and take part in their daily program (work activities, discovering their lifestyle). It is possible to organize an international evening with presentations about different countries.

Accomodation and food:

In the main building of the traditional house that is under reconstruction, so the conditions are basic. You will sleep on mattresses, but you need to bring your own sleeping bag. There are 2 showers, a washbasin, toilets and an equipped kitchen. You will prepare your own meals as a group; you are invited to prepare a traditional dish from your country when it s your turn in the kitchen. Bring simple recipes from home. For cooking, it is also possible to use the outdoor fireplace.

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Location and leisure:

A small village of Skalka u Doks (170 inhabitants) and its neighbourhood. The village is located in a Protected Landscape Area near the Macha Lake which is a popular tourist attraction. When we work at more distant places, transport by car will be arranged.

Leisure time: Visiting beaches of the Macha Lake, evening activities on the beaches and in the town of Doksy, visiting the Houska and Bezdez castles, hiking in the countryside, mushroom and blueberry picking, a barbecue, a party at a fisherman s cottage on the banks of the Macha Lake with a steamboat cruise at sunset. There will be 2 free days (21st, 27th July) available for one-day trips.

Requirements:

This workcamp is perfect for curious, open-minded and hard-working people or those who are motivated to be. Please get ready to share your experience and opinions.

Additional information

Location:

Skalka u Doks

Remarks

There is friendly, but big old dog living in the house (it is strictly forbidden to feed it!).

See photos from the 2018 workcamp: goo.gl/1WNqxB

How to get

Airport: PRG

Bus/train station: Duba

Grabstejn Castle II SDA 206-19

Project details

Name: Grabstejn Castle II

Type of work: Renovation (RENO) - Environmental (ENVI)

Country: REPÚBLICA CHECA

Location: CHOTYNE **Address:** Chotyne

Email: Phone Number:

Web:

Fee: 20.0 EUR Languages: English

GPS location

GPS: lat: 50.846133, lng: 14.876186

Description

Partner:

Grabstejn is a former medieval castle which was later rebuilt as a renaissance chateau. It was severely damaged under the communist regime but has gone through reconstruction since. Now it is an example of care for historical heritage presenting the life of high society through centuries to the wide public. The castle visitors are offered classical guided tours but also different cultural and educational activities. The castle is state-owned and is run by National Heritage Institute under the Ministry of Culture. The aim of the workcamp is to help local staff to maintain the castle park and its surroundings.

Work:

Volunteers will work mainly in the castle park: maintaining paths and roads, removing invasive plants (e.g. nettles), cutting grass and branches, collecting garbage, removing wood or stones and gardening. The work is manual, physically demanding and sometimes you will need to work in a very steep slope because the castle is located on top of a hill! You will also help in the castle area (basic renovation and maintenance tasks - cleaning, painting). Bring working clothes that can get dirty or damaged and good solid shoes. It is also good to have long pants to protect you from nettles.

Study part: Learning more about the castle and its park (a guided tour around the castle). There will be an opportunity to organize a community dinner with local guides. Please bring recipes for your favourite meals and some pictures or music from your country/region of origin.

Accomodation and food:

You will sleep directly in the castle in one big room with bunk beds. You need to bring your own sleeping bag. There is a toilet and a shower with hot water. Next to the bedroom, there is a small kitchen where you will prepare your meals together as a group. A common room is also available. There is a fireplace outside in the backyard of the castle where you can have barbecue.

Location and leisure:

Grabstejn castle. It is in the village of Chotyne (860 inhabitants) in Northern Bohemia. The nearest town is Hradek nad Nisou (about 7,500 inhabitants) which is connected to Chotyne by public transport. The castle is located in a beautiful mountainous countryside which is perfect for hiking.

You can go hiking in the beautiful hilly countryside surrounding the castle and climb the famous mountain Jested (1012 m) with a unique mountain hotel on the top. The nearest city is Liberec (ZOO, botanical garden and much more). It is possible to visit a regional brewery and many other interesting sights, go swimming or boating, and/or visit a neighbouring dog-training army unit. Please bring some games and musical instruments.

Grabstejn Castle II SDA 206-19

Requirements:

This camp is especially suitable for volunteers who like gardening and want to explore the history of the castle. Please note that work will be physically demanding, so it is perfect for hardworking individuals. Smoking is limited to designated areas. Allergies notice: pollen, bees, wasps.

Participation fee: 20 EUR. Due to limited access to public resources, INEX-SDA kindly asks participants to contribute 20 EUR towards the costs of workcamp coordination and administration. The fee will be collected in cash upon arrival. Please note that this fee does not directly contribute to the budget of the workcamp itself.

Additional information

Location:

Chotyne

Remarks

Visit the website of the castle: https://www.hrad-grabstejn.cz/en. See photos from the 2018 workcamp: goo.gl/yCwv2Q

How to get

Airport: PRG

Bus/train station: Chotyne

PROJECT

Volunteers for Porta Coeli Monastery

SDA 207-19

CODE

Project details

Name: Volunteers for Porta Coeli Monastery

Type of work: Renovation (RENO) - Environmental (ENVI)

Country: REPÚBLICA CHECA
Location: PREDKLASTERI
Address: Predklasteri

Email: Phone Number:

Web:

Fee: 0.0 EUR Languages: English

GPS location

GPS: lat: 49.3537824, lng: 16.400929

Description

Partner:

The workcamp takes place in a former school in the Cistercian monastery Porta Coeli in Predklasteri near Tisnov (30 km from Brno). During the communist era, it was used by a collective farm and as a book storehouse. With the help of volunteers, some of its old classrooms were rebuilt in the late 90s and then used as a base for volunteer events. The aim of the workcamp is to help restore the monastery as well as the surrounding gardens and orchards and make it open to public. You will work in the area of the monastery and prepare some of its parts for reconstruction works. This international workcamp is organized for the first time but the hosting organization has experience with organizing volunteer days.

Work:

You will mainly do some smaller works in the area of the monastery and prepare some of its parts for reconstruction works. The task will include for example removing old plaster, cleaning bricks or pulling out old floors. You will also work in an old orchard: removing invasive plants, piling up hay, cleaning the millstream, doing some landscaping or gardening etc. You will also prepare an event called Feast of Cultures where you will introduce your countries, cultures and traditional cuisine. Some days you will also help on a local horse farm and also work for the municipality. The work will be varied and adjusted to physical abilities of the volunteers.

Study part: You will have an opportunity to visit the monastery on a tour that goes across the most valuable Romanesque parts. You have an opportunity to see the parts of the monastery that are not open to public. You will learn about the history of the monastery connected to the history of Moravia and the Czech Republic.

Accomodation and food:

In the former monastery school. You will sleep in three rooms with bunk beds. Every room has its own bathroom with a shower and a toilet. There is electricity and hot water available in the building. Please bring your own sleeping bag. You will prepare your meals together as a group in an equipped kitchen. A team of two volunteers will prepare each meal so that you can present your home cuisine. Please bring your favourite recipes. If you have a special diet, please let us know in advance. There is a washing machine and wi-fi in the building.

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Location and leisure:

Predklasteri. A small village (1,400 inhabitants) about 30 km from Brno. It is situated in a picturesque landscape and it is considered to be the gateway of the Bohemian-Moravian Highlands.

Leisure time: Sightseeing in the region (the Pernstejn Castle and religious sights in the valley of the Svratka River between the towns of Tisnov and Pernstejn). Hiking in the countryside or a guided tour in Brno city centre can be arranged. You can also visit local caves, a horse riding hall or 3D archery range. Fun games and activities will be prepared for you by the organizers.

Requirements:

The workcamp takes place in the area of the monastery with a community of three nuns still living there, so it is necessary to behave respectfully. The place where the nuns live is not in the same building as the accommodation for volunteers, but it is necessary to respect the quiet hours at night and not to consume hard alcohol. You will have an opportunity to enjoy the night life during your trip to Brno.

Additional information

Location:

Predklasteri

Remarks

Protective equipment (gloves, glasses, respirators) will be provided by the hosting organization. Please bring working clothes, headwear, sunscreen and sturdy shoes.

How to get

Airport: PRG

Bus/train station: Predklasteri

Children Summer Camp

SDA 302-19

Project details

Name: Children Summer Camp

Type of work: Work with people with disabilities (DISA) - Work with kids (KIDS)

Country: REPÚBLICA CHECA

Location: NYMBURK
Address: Nymburk

Email: Phone Number:

Web:

Fee: 0.0 EUR Languages: English

GPS location

GPS: lat: 50.1817982, lng: 15.0429383

Description

Partner:

This workcamp takes place in the town of Nymburk and in a small village of Jizbice (Central Bohemia region) in cooperation with the local NGO Centre for All. Centre for All organizes free time activities and summer camps for children and youth with and without disabilities. The activities take place in a reconstructed barn with a pretty garden in Jizbice and in the centre of the organization in Nymburk. The aim of the workcamp is to help Centre for All to prepare and run a children summer camp for autistic children. It is not a problem at all if you do not have any previous experience working with children with autism or disabilities. You will receive a training course as well as you will always work together with Czech assistants who have years of experience.

Work:

You will do both manual tasks and work with autistic children. 1st week: getting the campsite and the barn ready for the arrival of the children. 2nd week: you will work with children with autism and other disabilities who spend their vacation at the camp in Jizbice (personal assistance to children, organization of activities, going on walks, helping in the kitchen, washing dishes cleaning etc.). During the children camp, you will work longer hours, but you can enjoy more free time during the first part of the workcamp. You will cooperate with Czech assistants - every child will be taken care of by 1 Czech and 1 international volunteer. Bring games and ideas for activities.

Study part: You will get a lecture on autism and a workshop on methods how to work with autistic children and youth. There will be some teambuilding activities together with the Czech assistants. You will have the chance to learn some basic Czech phrases - it will be helpful during the children s camp. You will also learn about the famous Czech author Bohumil Hrabal who was born in Nymburk - you can visit his birth house or see films based on his novels.

Accomodation and food:

In Jizbice: in big tents in the garden. Please bring a sleeping bag and a torch. There is a bathroom with toilets and showers at the campsite. You will have meals together with the children and organizers. In Nymburk: in an international scouts centre - in rooms on mattresses in own sleeping bags. There are 2 bathrooms, a kitchen, a dining room and a big garden. You will prepare your own meals as a group.

Children Summer Camp

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Location and leisure:

Location: Nymburk and the village of Jizbice (8 kilometres from the town of Nymburk). The campsite in Jizbice is located in a garden with a big barn. There is a playground, forests and an outdoor swimming pool.

Leisure time: Tour around the spa town of Podebrady, excursions to the complex of labyrinths and the castle of Loucen, to a local brewery and to the surrounding countryside are planned. An international evening can be organized.

Requirements:

We ask you to send a short motivation letter together with the application form. We are especially looking for outgoing and creative volunteers with good communication skills who enjoy working with children. All the volunteers have to bring a doctor-approved certificate stating that they are fit to work with children. The form will be sent to you after acceptation. Smoking and drinking alcohol is forbidden while working with children.

Additional information

Location:

Nymburk

Remarks

We will also ask you to cooperate before the workcamp and read the materials that will be sent to you. Bring working clothes with you that can get dirty! You will need clothes for all kind of weather (swimsuit, warm clothes, raingear and waterproof working shoes). See photos from the 2018 workcamp: goo.gl/ig8vFu

How to get

Airport: PRG

Bus/train station: Nymburk

Organic Farming at Camphill Community I

SDA 303-19

Project details

Name: Organic Farming at Camphill Community I

Type of work: Renovation (RENO) - Agriculture (AGRI)

Country: REPÚBLICA CHECA
Location: TEREZIN U PAMATNIKU
Address: Terezin u Pamatniku

Email: Phone Number:

Web:

Fee: 0.0 EUR Languages: English

GPS location

GPS: lat: 50.525416, lng: 14.167759

Description

Partner:

The workcamp is organized in cooperation with the Free Farm, an NGO which is part of the Camphill Community movement. This family-like community provides space both for people with special needs and for those without disability to work and live together. The community members can develop their skills in agriculture, bee wax candle making and cooking. The farm grows organic vegetables and herbs. It promotes the importance of biodynamic agriculture and the role of farmers in today s world. The host organization considers the farm and the countryside to be one living organism which needs to be taken care of responsibly with human touch and heart. The Free Farm sells vegetables that it produces, but making profit is not its main goal. It strives to develop cooperation with other farmers and to create direct relationship with individual consumers using the concept of community-based agriculture.

Work:

Manual work is highly appreciated at the Free Farm. Its agricultural project could not be maintained without volunteers. Firstly, you will be helping on the organic farm: weeding, planting, hoeing, harvesting, cleaning, storing, watering, collecting herbs, etc. The work is usually physically demanding, but it is manageable if we all work together. You can also enjoy fresh air, while working outside. Secondly, the house and its surroundings are being renovated on regular basis, so some minor construction and renovation works can be done depending on current needs.

Study part: Learning about the Camphill movement, Rudolf Steiner's anthroposophy, living in a community, and biodynamic agriculture. Learning about Czech Republic, each other's cultures and other related topics. It will also be possible to organize workshops on e.g. bee wax candle making, eurythmy and intuitive pedagogy. If you are interested in organizing an international evening for everyone to present their national cuisine and culture, there will be space for it. It is up to your iniciative. Bring your favourite recipes and some specific ingredients if needed.

Accomodation and food:

In 1 attic room on mattresses. Bring a sleeping bag! A common room, 2 showers with hot water and 2 toilets are available. Local partner will provide food and vegetables from the farm for cooking (vegetarian diet is possible). You will prepare breakfasts and dinners on your own as a group, lunches will be prepared by all the members of the community with help of volunteers.

Organic Farming at Camphill Community I

SDA 303-19

Location and leisure:

Ceske Kopisty - a small village near the historical town of Litomerice. The farm uses 11 hectars of fields; there is a garden and a yard with a couple of animals (a cow, a horse, chicken, ducks, pigs). The area is quite vast - there are 3 residential houses, a candle workshop and a common hall. There are 8 adults, 4 children and 7 people with special needs living there. You might meet around 10 other external co-workers.

Leisure time: Barbecue with the members of the community, playing football, visiting the local pub, swimming in the river, visiting the nearby Terezin Memorial at the location of the former concentration camp for Jews - the Terezin Ghetto, going for trips to the nature protected area of Ceske Stredohori (historical cities of Litomerice, Usti nad Labem, castles, beautiful countryside) etc.

Requirements:

The workcamp is suitable for people who are interested in farming and learning about the community. Please bring enthusiasm and good mood. As you will stay in the place for people with mental disabilities, there are certain rules you are asked to respect: smoking and consumption of alcohol within the community area are restricted, and it is necessary to respect the privacy and night rest of the inhabitants. Be aware that some members of the community do not speak English.

Additional information

Location:

Terezin u Pamatniku

Remarks

Bring good working clothes, solid shoes, a hat and a raincoat. The fields are located within walking distance (app. 500m) from the accommodation. You can learn more about the Free Farm on: www.svobodny-statek.cz. See photos from last year workcamp: goo.gl/GyvbrE.

How to get

Airport: PRG

Bus/train station: Terezin u Pamatniku

Fight Social Exlusion

SDA 304-19

Project details

Name: Fight Social Exlusion

Type of work: Festival (FEST) - Work with kids (KIDS)

Country: REPÚBLICA CHECA
Location: USTI NAD LABEM
Address: Usti nad Labem

Email: Phone Number:

Web:

Fee: 20.0 EUR Languages: English

GPS location

GPS: lat: 50.657892, lng: 13.995718

Description

Partner:

The workcamp is organized in co-operation with a local branch of People in Need (PiN), a Czech non-governmental, non-profit organization founded on the ideals of humanism, freedom, equality and solidarity. It is one of the biggest NGOs in Central Europe engaged in humanitarian aid and development projects. In Czech Republic, PiN targets education and helps people who live in social exclusion. Workcamps in Usti nad Labem have been organized for 20 years. This year, the goal is firstly to prepare meaningful free-time activities for children and youth living in the socially excluded area of the town, present different cultures to them and give them a chance to get new experience. Secondly, volunteers will prepare workshops for the public together with a local association Hranicar which supports and connects contemporary art and culture with everyday life.

Work

You will work in a several socially excluded neighbourhoods. Local children have very limited opportunities during summer holidays. You will prepare and organize free-time activities for children and teenagers. The program for children will include trips and outdoor games and sports. You will also organize two fun days with games for children and help during a small dance and music festival in the neighbourhood. You are also expected to participate in beautifying the public space. You will also help to prepare workshops within Summer in the Streets, a small local festival organized by a local cultural association Hranicar. The workshops will focus on improving public space.

Study part: You will learn about the Roma culture, social exclusion in the Czech Republic, welfare system and the activities of the hosting NGO PiN. There will be a guided tour around different workplaces of PiN in Usti nad Labem organized for you at the beginning of the workcamp. You can participate in a workshop focused on connecting football and social inclusion.

Accomodation and food:

In the premises of PiN. You will share one room in the attic. Please bring a sleeping bag and a mat. For participants with children, a separate room can be arranged. There is a bathroom (1 shower, 4 toilets) and a kitchen. Please note that you will share the premises with the employees of PiN and clients. Hosting organization will provide a budget for you to buy food and cook meals together as a group.

Fight Social Exlusion

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Location and leisure:

Usti nad Labem (city of 100,000 people), Northern Bohemia - in particularly three locations of Predlice, Krasne Brezno and Mojzir (areas of the city that have a high percentage of socially disadvantaged people).

Leisure time: Trips to the surrounding countryside (nature parks, castles, close-by mountains and historical cities - e.g. Prague), weekend on a farm etc. It will be possible to go swimming or enjoy other activities, such as bowling, rafting or hiking. Bring good shoes for hiking.

Requirements:

Please send a short motivation letter sent with the application form. Describe your experience with or interest in working with children. Give us one example of an activity you can organize for children or teenagers. We are looking for volunteers that love working with kids. You should be independent, creative, and preferably also have artistic skills and new ideas which can be implemented in different kinds of workshops.

Participation fee: 20 EUR. Due to limited access to public resources INEX-SDA has this year, we kindly ask participants to contribute 20 EUR towards the costs of general administration. The fee will be collected upon arrival. Please note that this fee does not directly contribute to the workcamp s budget.

Additional information

Location:

Usti nad Labem

Remarks

See photos from the 2018 workcamp: goo.gl/DXDDVr. Bring some ideas or equipment for games and activities for children with you. Please note that most of the children speak only Czech so be ready for the language barrier and think of other means of communication. You will also make a presentation about your country. Bring a flag or something traditional with you.

How to get

Airport: PRG

Bus/train station: Usti nad Labem

Centre for All SDA 307-19

Project details

Name: Centre for All

Type of work: Work with people with disabilities (DISA) - Work with kids (KIDS)

Country: REPÚBLICA CHECA

Location: NYMBURK

Address: Nymburk

Email: Phone Number:

Web:

Fee: 0.0 EUR Languages: English

GPS location

GPS: lat: 50.1817982, lng: 15.0429383

Description

Partner:

This workcamp takes place in the town of Nymburk and in a small village of Jizbice (Central Bohemia region) in cooperation with the local NGO Centre for All. Centre for All organizes free time activities and summer camps for children and youth with and without disabilities. The activities take place in a reconstructed barn with a pretty garden in Jizbice and in the centre of the organization in Nymburk. The aim of the workcamp is to help Centre for All to prepare and run a children summer camp for teenage children with or without disability.

Work:

You will do both manual tasks and work with children. You will get the campsite and the barn ready for the arrival of the children. Then you will work with children with or without mental and/or physical disabilities who spend their vacation at the camp in Jizbice (personal assistance to children, organization of activities, going on walks, helping in the kitchen etc.). During the children camp, you will work longer hours but you can enjoy more free time before or after the camp. You will cooperate with Czech assistants - every child will be taken care of by 1 Czech and 1 international volunteer. Bring games and ideas for activities. The theme of the camp is Games without Borders.

Study part: You will get a lecture on autism and a workshop on methods how to work with disabled children and youth. Some materials will be already provided to all participants before the workcamp. Please be ready to read them in advance! There will be some teambuilding activities together with the Czech assistants. You will have the chance to learn some basic Czech phrases - it will be helpful during the children s camp. You will also learn about the famous Czech author Bohumil Hrabal who was born in Nymburk - you can visit his birth house or see films based on his novels.

Accomodation and food:

In Jizbice: in big tents in the garden. Please bring a sleeping bag and a torch. There is a bathroom with toilets and showers at the campsite. You will have meals together with the children and organizers. In Nymburk: in an international scouts centre - in rooms on mattresses in own sleeping bags. There are 2 bathrooms, a kitchen, a dining room and a big garden. You will prepare your own meals as a group.

Location and leisure:

Nymburk and the village of Jizbice (8 kilometres from the town of Nymburk). The campsite in Jizbice is located in a garden with a big barn. There is a playground, forests and an outdoor swimming pool.

Leisure time: Tour around the spa town of Podebrady, trip to Prague, excursion to a local brewery and to the surrounding countryside can be planned. We will also organize an intercultural day/evening in Nymburk together with Czech volunteers.

Centre for All SDA 307-19

Requirements:

A short motivation letter sent with the application form is strictly required. We are especially looking for outgoing and creative volunteers with good communication skills who enjoy working with children. We will also ask you to cooperate before the workcamp and read the materials that will be sent to you. All the volunteers have to bring a doctor-approved certificate stating that they are fit to work with children. The form will be sent to you after acceptation. Smoking and drinking alcohol is forbidden while working with children.

Additional information

Location:

Nymburk

Remarks

You can see photos from last year workcamp here: goo.gl/z3UmVx

How to get

Airport: PRG

Bus/train station: Nymburk

Revive the Vitice Springs

SDA 400-19

Project details

Name: Revive the Vitice Springs

Type of work: Construction (CONS) - Environmental (ENVI)

Country: REPÚBLICA CHECA

Location: VITICE Address: Vitice

Email: Phone Number:

Web:

Fee: 0.0 EUR Languages: English

GPS location

GPS: lat: 50.0310994, lng: 14.9150117

Description

Partner:

This workcamp takes place in a small village of Vitice in the central part of Czech Republic in cooperation with the local municipality. Vitice has a rich cultural and social life that is organized by the municipality and local associations. Vitice administers other 5 villages in whose surroundings you can find abandoned springs. The municipality wishes to revive these springs with the help of volunteers and make them a part of the local ecosystem and countryside again.

Work:

In the surroundings of the village, there are multiple abandoned springs that you could bring back to life. You will do some landscaping and small construction works near the springs (e.g. cleaning the springs, building paths, panelling the springs with stones, installing benches, etc.), remove invasive plants, make the springs accessible for public and create a system of paths between the springs. Bring working clothes that can get dirty and solid shoes.

Study part: You will meet local associations, such as firefighters, gamekeepers or fishermen, who will present their activities to you. You can also play a match with the local football team. You will visit a nearby Battle of Lipany Memorial which plays an important role in the local history. If you are interested, you can also attend an organ concert in a local church. There will be some space for organizing an international evening where you can present yourselves and your countries.

Accomodation and food:

In the municipal community centre. You will sleep on a carpet in the main hall of the centre. Bring your own sleeping bag and a camping mat. There are showers (in the centre and the neighbouring building), toilets and a small kitchen. Next to the hall, there is a small restaurant where most of the meals will be prepared for you. Get ready for traditional Czech cuisine. You will get to prepare some meals together as a group.

Location and leisure:

Vitice (261 inhabitants) near Kolin. The village is 45 km away from Prague. In the village, there is a historical church of Saint Simon and Jude from the 13th century.

Leisure time: You can visit an open-air museum of traditional houses in Kourim, a historical town of Kutna Hora or go on a trip to Prague. You can can also go hiking in the countryside or go swimming in a nearby pond. In the garden of the community centre, there is a possibility to do barbecue.

Requirements:

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Revive the Vitice Springs

SDA 400-19

Additional information

Location:

Vitice

Remarks

The workcamp is suitable mainly for those who want to get to know the life in a small village and help the nature.

How to get

Airport: PRG

Bus/train station: Vitice

Eco Centre Horni Marsov

SDA 403-19

Project details

Name: Eco Centre Horni Marsov

Type of work: Renovation (RENO) - Environmental (ENVI)

Country: REPÚBLICA CHECA Location: HORNI MARSOV Address: Horni Marsov

Email: Phone Number:

Web:

Fee: 20.0 EUR Languages: English

GPS location

GPS: lat: 50.6571353, lng: 15.8225337

Description

Partner:

The workcamp takes place in a small town of Horni Marsov situated in the Krkonose (Giant) Mountains in cooperation with the local NGO Centre for Environmental Education and Ethics - SEVER. SEVER focusses on environmental education and the promotion of responsible behavior towards nature and among people themselves. It cooperates with schools and it organizes environmental programs for students and teachers. It also organizes educational and cultural events for the public. The aim of the workcamp is to renovate facilities of the residential centre which is used as accommodation for students and volunteers. You will also have a chance to discover a sustainable way of living and the beauty of Czech mountains.

Work:

You will mainly help with the renovation of the residential centre. This will involve tasks such as painting walls, brushing and painting furniture, window ledges, handrails, etc. All the necessary work tools, including gloves, will be provided. Please bring old clothes that can get dirty with paint. You will also work in the premises of an eco-centre run by SEVER. Some tasks can be physically demanding, such as working with wood (cutting and storing). Other tasks will be less demanding, such as working in the natural garden (weeding, mulching, creating garden beds and maintenance of walking paths, painting fences etc.).

Study part: Presentation of the organization SEVER (what they do to be sustainable), possibility to try environmental education programs for students and tourists, cooking evenings (local and international meals), trip to the Krkonose National Park etc.

Accomodation and food:

In the residential centre. There will be 2 rooms with beds available, WC, bathroom, a common room and a small kitchen. Please bring your own sleeping bags! You can see photos of the residential centre here: http://sever.ekologickavychova.cz/ubytovani-na-severu/. You will prepare your own meals as a group in the kitchen of the residential centre. Sometimes lunch will be provided in the canteen of the TOUCH eco-centre. The canteen operates for all the staff of the eco-centre. Please bring your own national recipes to share with others.

Eco Centre Horni Marsov

SDA 403-19

Location and leisure:

Horni Marsov. North-eastern part of Bohemia, near the border with Poland. The town of Horni Marsov has around 1,000 inhabitants and it is located near the Krkonose National Park. Krkonose are the highest mountains in the Czech Republic and very attractive for hiking. Volunteers will work in two places - the eco-centre TOUCH (seat of the organization) and the residential centre (in the local school). Both places are within walking distance. The area has a bit colder climate even in summer and a beautiful countryside.

Leisure time: Hiking in the beautiful Krkonose National Par and visiting other interesting sights (a town of Trutnov, the Arspach-Teplice rocks, etc.), using outdoor fireplace, borrowing materials for creative workshops, organizing film screenings etc.

Requirements:

Participation fee: 20 EUR. Due to limited access to public resources, INEX-SDA kindly asks participants to contribute 20 EUR towards the costs of workcamp coordination and administration. The fee will be collected in cash upon arrival. Please note that this fee does not directly contribute to the budget of the workcamp itself.

Additional information

Location:

Horni Marsov

Remarks

We are looking for volunteers who like nature and are eager to learn how to be more sustainable. The local partner would like to show volunteers how to be more sustainable in everyday life (sorting out waste, cooking with local and organic products - no palm oil or fried food). Please note that there are cats in the area.

You can see photos from the last year workcamp here: goo.gl/Z536dJ

How to get

Airport: PRG

Bus/train station: Horni Marsov