

## Project details

**Code:** VSS09-18      **Date:** 2018-07-04 / 2018-07-18      **Total places:** 2      **Age:** 18 - 30

**Name:** VILLAGE GAMES WITHOUT BORDERS, Bikovo

**Type of work:** Manual work (MANU) - Festival (FEST) - Language camp (LANG)

**Country:** SERBIA

**Location:** BIKOVO

**Address:** Bikovo

**Email:**

**Phone Number:**

**Web:**

**Fee:** 0.0 EUR

**Languages:** English

## Description

### Partner:

The local association "Bikovo" organizes this workcamp for the 3rd time. The summer festival "Village games without borders" are going to be organized for the 10th time, and since past two years, the participation of foreign volunteers has been giving international character to the Games. The volunteers will contribute to the idea of the host to increase the quality of life to the village inhabitants with this festival and to show how little is needed to have a full and fun summer in the village. The international volunteers will give an added value to this rural event.

### Work:

The tasks will be about technical support to the whole manifestation (renewing old and making some new equipment/installations for the games) and program support (involvement with preparation and realisation of Village and Children games). In addition to supporting the Village Games, with the help of the locals, volunteers will work on cleaning and maintenance of village football club and its court (mowing a lawn, cleaning the weeds, collecting garbage, paint the Club premises, arrange the dressing rooms, fix the showers...). The volunteers should expect manual work, cleaning, painting and work with hand tools.

With this we want to raise the interest of young people in sports and socializing, as our Club is one of the rare ones in the surrounding villages. We wish to make opportunities for young people in order to keep them in the village, but also to keep the Club that started to lurk.

Study part: Experience from previous years has shown that local inhabitants lack knowledge of English language for efficient communication with volunteers. In order to change that, as free time activities, we will organize language classes and various get-together workshops.

### Accommodation and food:

The accommodation will be at a farm on the outskirts of the village Bovine, 500m from the village center. The Farm is an authentic old agricultural estate, a real monument of "the old times", with a big yard, garden and summer houses, workshops, etc. The volunteers should be prepared for basic living conditions, outside toilet and solar shower, but there are real beds inside to sleep on. It is necessary to bring a sleeping bag. Participants will prepare breakfast and dinner by themselves while lunch will be prepared by the local households in the manner of this village customs. Vegetarian and vegan food will be provided upon request.

### Location and leisure:

Bikovo is a close to Subotica in North Serbia (near the border with Hungary). It has 1,487 inhabitants, mostly Croats, Serbs, Hungarians and Bunjevac. The local population is mainly engaged in agriculture or employed in Subotica. The volunteers will be one of the participating teams in the Games. In free time the volunteers will enjoy the daily summer life with the locals participate in language lessons and various workshops. Visits to Subotica and the International Palic film festival are going to be organized, as well as horse riding with the help of an instructor.

## Additional information

**Location:**

Bikovo

**How to get**

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**Airport:** BEG**Bus/train station:** Subotica

## Project details

**Code:** VSS10-18

**Date:** 2018-07-05 / 2018-07-15

**Total places:** 2

**Age:** 18 - 30

**Name:** HIKILICIOUS, Uzice

**Type of work:** Environmental (ENVI) - Construction (CONS) - Art type (ART)

**Country:** SERBIA

**Location:** UZICE

**Address:** Uzice

**Email:**

**Phone Number:**

**Web:**

**Fee:** 0.0 EUR

**Languages:** English

## Description

### Partner:

Tour Guides Association Kapedunum (<http://www.kapedunum.rs/>) is non-governmental organization which gathers tour guides, nature lovers and extreme sports instructors in order to promote extreme sports, eco-tourism, rural development and protection of cultural heritage and environment.

### Work:

Surrounded by picturesque nature and the river canyon Djetinja, numerous bikes and walking trails, the town of Uzice is increasingly visited by environmentally conscious tourists, nature lovers and young travellers who want to explore small towns in Serbia. Volunteers will participate in a photo safari in the protected nature area of Djetinja Gorge and they will build hiking trail that leads to the stunning viewpoints above the town. Volunteers in this workcamp will mainly be focusing on two things:

- They will help build a hiking trail through the Djetinja gorge by clearing debris away and superfluous vegetation.
- Making photos and videos for promotion of protected nature area and hiking trail.

The team can expect some heavy lifting, clearing the bushes and garbage, in order to prepare hiking trails. Volunteers will be making photos during hiking trail building and along "Djetinja Gorge". Special themes for photography will be announced every day. Excursions will be provided for volunteers where they will also take photos of nature and cultural monuments. The international volunteers will work around 6/7 hours per day. During free time the volunteers will have the opportunity to explore the area, visit cultural events, etc. Please note that flexibility and adaptability are required, and there might be some physically demanding work from time to time. Be ready to work with locals and to get familiar with local customs. We expect the locals to get involved too, as they have already started asking about you, our international volunteers!

### Accommodation and food:

In a student campus in a 4-bed rooms with shared toilets and showers. The volunteers will prepare meals from ingredients provided by the organizer.

### Location and leisure:

The city of Uzice in western Serbia is geographically located in the middle of the world famous tourist attractions such as Mokra Gora, Drvengrad, the National Park Tara, Zlatibor, Sirogojno, Drina River House etc. The city is just the step away from the untouched nature and is ideal for an active vacation, cycling, paragliding, climbing etc. Uzice has significant cultural and historical heritage, starting from its mention in the writings of Dubrovnik from the 14th century whose witness is a medieval fortification "Stari Grad" which still stands on the hillside of the city, offering outstanding views over the city. There is the first hydropower plant in Europe and the second in the world, built by Tesla's principles. Probably the most famous historical value of the city is The Uzice Republic is - the first liberated territory in the World War II. Guided excursions will be organized to the natural, cultural and historical sites of Uzice. The volunteers will also participate in workshops on the topic of environmental protection.

### Requirements:

Volunteers should bring their own photo camera or go pro camera with them. They will use it for photo safari tasks.

**Additional information**

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**Location:**

Uzice

**How to get**

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**Airport:** BEG

**Bus/train station:** Uzice

## Project details

**Code:** VSS11-18      **Date:** 2018-07-09 / 2018-07-21      **Total places:** 2      **Age:** 18 - 30

**Name:** AGE IS JUST A NUMBER #1, Belgrade

**Type of work:** Renovation (RENO) - Work with elderly (ELDE) - Social project (SOC)

**Country:** SERBIA

**Location:** BEZANIJSKA KOSA

**Address:** Bezanijska kosa

**Email:**

**Phone Number:**

**Web:**

**Fee:** 0.0 EUR

**Languages:** English

## Description

### Partner:

After successful camps in 2016 and 2017, Gerontological Center of Belgrade became a traditional workcamps' host. The results of previous camps were wonderful and both residents and the volunteers were satisfied and motivated to repeat similar experience. With this notion, it is our pleasure to invite you to join us at another workcamp with this enthusiastic group of people.

NOTE: These are probably the coolest elderly people in Belgrade! They are talkative, playful, really into handcrafting, cooking, yoga etc. By the way, take a look at their surprising calendar for 2017 at <http://www.blic.rs/galerija/naslovna/deke-i-bake-kao-tinejdzeri-korisnici-gerontoloskog-centra-beograd-vole-sve-sto-vole/rb3867e> The Center is quite modern. It hosts close to 600 residents and it is the largest in the country and one of the largest in Europe. Professional staff takes care of the residents and creates an atmosphere of free and solidary community life. The idea for doing an international volunteer workcamps here arises as a need for assistance in improving the quality of life of the residents, especially during summer. Inter-generation solidarity and intercultural exchange has proven to be particularly beneficial for the residents.

### Work:

The volunteers will be working with elderly people, residents of the elderly care center "Bezanijska kosa", which is a part of the Gerontological Center of Belgrade. They will participate in creative workshops with residents, planned with professionals. Beside that, they will spend quality time with them, organizing free time activities (quizzes and games, reading sessions, playing music...) or assisting in walks or work-therapy for residents in a need of support. There will be a dynamic schedule of different activities, but volunteers' ideas are very welcome!

### Accommodation and food:

The volunteers will be accommodated in four-bed rooms of the Center (sleeping bags are not required), with toilets and showers. Meals will be prepared by the Centre professional cooks, in the center's canteen.

### Location and leisure:

The area of Bezanijska kosa is in a quiet part of the city of Belgrade. There will be an excursion organized to important places of cultural and historical heritage of Belgrade. The volunteers will have a workshop with the centre's employees about communication with elderly people and meeting their needs.

### Requirements:

The volunteers should be motivated for work with elderly people (and send a project related motivation letter at the time of application), also willing to help the Center's cleaning crew with: gardening, painting, cleaning parts of the building...

## Additional information

### Location:

Bezanijska kosa

**How to get**

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**Airport:** BEG**Bus/train station:** Belgrade

## Project details

**Code:** VSS12-18**Date:** 2018-07-10 / 2018-07-20**Total places:** 2**Age:** 18 - 30**Name:** ON THE BEAUTIFUL BLUE DANUBE, Apatin**Type of work:** Environmental (ENVI) - Construction (CONS)**Country:** SERBIA**Location:** APATIN**Address:** Apatin**Email:****Phone Number:****Web:****Fee:** 0.0 EUR**Languages:** English

## Description

### Partner:

Association „MY APATIN“ has goals to support local sustainable development of the community of Apatin municipality, youth and humanitarian work, education of the citizens, protection of the environment and ecological development, advancement and growth of culture and tourism in municipality Apatin. Members of the association were participants and organisers of multiple different workcamps in the previous years.

### Work:

During the workcamp, volunteers will clean and set up picnic area at the river bank of Danube near Apatin, with the help of local volunteers. Together, volunteers will clear vegetation, clean the surface of 500m<sup>2</sup>, and prepare it to become a local picnic area. The ground will be levelled if needed, they will build and set up big tables with benches, trash bins, they will prepare the field for camping, a trail and also set up a space for preparing food in nature.

### Accommodation and food:

Volunteers will sleep in a boarding school that is 1km from the center of Apatin, with 3-bed rooms and they will be in charge of preparing and cooking their meals (ingredients provided by the host) and taking care of the cleaning of the accommodation. There is no need to bring sleeping bags.

### Location and leisure:

Apatin, municipality Apatin, Danube river bank.

There will be organized excursions and field trips to Sombor and to the special nature reserve “Gornje Podunavlje”. Workshops and lectures will be held about ecology, environment protection and sustainable development.

Volunteers will learn about specific flora and fauna of the river Danube, about how life next to a big river is, how to fish, paddle and how to prepare food in the nature.

## Additional information

### Location:

Apatin

## How to get

**Airport:** BEG**Bus/train station:** Apatin

## Project details

**Code:** VSS13-18      **Date:** 2018-07-13 / 2018-07-24      **Total places:** 2      **Age:** 18 - 30

**Name:** BLOOMING OF THE TISA, Titel

**Type of work:** Environmental (ENVI)

**Country:** SERBIA

**Location:** TITEL

**Address:** Titel

**Email:**

**Phone Number:**

**Web:**

**Fee:** 0.0 EUR

**Languages:** English

## Description

### Partner:

The public enterprise "Titelski breg" coordinates and directs activities for the protection and maintenance of natural and cultural resources of the special nature reserve "Titelski breg", organizes and organizes events to promote its natural, cultural and tourism potential. This is the fourth year that workcamps are organized there, as a part of the reserve conservation.

### Work:

The volunteers will be working on the revitalization of the reserve: cutting and removal of invasive species, waste disposal, production and installation of birdhouses and info boards (using hand tools), photographing and preparation of internet presentations or the nature reserve "Titelski Breg". One joint activity will be organized with the local community of Titel.

### Accommodation and food:

In the premises of the public enterprise "Titelski Breg", sleeping on mattresses, so bring your sleeping bag, pillow etc. Rooms are equipped with toilets. Solar showers will be installed. Volunteers will prepare their own meals from ingredients that will be provided by the organizer.

### Location and leisure:

Titelski breg is the loess plateau that extends for 18km in the province of Vojvodina, in Northern Serbia. It is located near the Tisa river and the town of Titel. Even if the altitude of the "breg" (eng. hill) is only 128m, as Vojvodina is the biggest European plain, when standing on the top of the hill, one has a feeling of standing on an island overlooking the sea. Titel's confluence of two rivers and the vast surrounding green leave a deep impression.

Excursions by boat on the river Tisa will be organized. During free time, the volunteers can stay at Titel's beautiful beaches and the courts for beach volleyball. Several workshops and lectures will be organized, for the volunteers to gain basic knowledge of the location, Special Nature Reserve "Titelski breg" and its national and international importance. See more at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t3ILjuqH8ew>

## Additional information

### Location:

Titel

## How to get

**Airport:** BEG

**Bus/train station:** Titel



## Project details

**Code:** VSS14-18

**Date:** 2018-06-30 / 2018-07-12

**Total places:** 5

**Age:** 20 - 30

**Name:** METROPOLIS RURITANIS #2, Donja Toponica

**Type of work:** Agriculture (AGRI) - Environmental (ENVI) - Art type (ART)

**Country:** SERBIA

**Location:** DONJA TOPONICA

**Address:** Donja Toponica

**Email:**

**Phone Number:**

**Web:**

**Fee:** 0.0 EUR

**Languages:** English

## Description

### Partner:

The local partner organization "Grupa Kobra" has put a lot of effort in the past years in developing and improving life conditions of its small community concerning its environmental protection and encouraging youth activism in this rural area. It is a group of 11 young people that got active since 2007, when they realized that if they do not do something for their village and for themselves, no one will. Although young, they received twice an award for their activities from the Ministry for Youth. It has been seven years that they organize international work camps with the aim to familiarize the local young people with their peers from other countries as they do not have opportunities to travel. It is simply phenomenal, but during the work camp, 100% of the local community (all 350 of them) get involved in one way or another, whether is for working with the volunteers, baking pies, organizing excursions, or simply hanging out or welcoming the volunteers at the station.

In the previous workcamps they turned an illegal dump into a children's park, they created a small resort with a beach volleyball terrain, reconstructed and repaired an abandoned cultural center. Gatherings and activities together with the local youth are essential to this work camp, the hosts would use the opportunity to present their local community, tradition and customs and, together with the participants of the camp, to encourage rural development, youth mobility and intercultural understanding. To get a better idea about the place and the team, have a look at the web documentary YRS-VSS produced in 2017, following three stories of workcamp leaders, one being in Donja Toponica: <http://youthleaders.online/jancha.php>

### Work:

A new eco complex the group is building for the community, Kobraland youth center, will be the place for all the people from the community, for volunteers or travellers – the goal is to create a motivating hub which will share the spirit of cosmopolitanism in a village of 300 inhabitants through workshops, work, activities and gatherings. Volunteers will take care of the vegetables planted during May and will keep working on building the path, open stage and creating a new open place for workshops. They will also help in setting up the office and will have many chances to meet local people thorough activities and work. Apart from work, the goal is to connect volunteers with the local community, build friendships and introduce them to the Serbian culture and customs. Local people will have a chance to practice their foreign language skills, to meet other cultures and hear about them. The mutual benefit will be the exchange of experiences and deeper understanding of the cultural differences.

The work will be consisted of three parts:

**Manual:** Volunteers will be working on removing one old wall and installing the summer terrace and an outdoor kitchen. They will keep working on building the open stage and a path from recycled materials, which will all be started on the previous workcamp.

**Agricultural/Environmental:** The volunteers will work in the organic garden, taking care of the vegetables, and will keep cleaning the outdoor space. They will also help in making new recycle bins from eco materials and will have opportunity to create other needed products of their interest.

**Artistic part:** Creating eco products for the outdoor and indoor space, volunteers will decorate walls of the youth center and will have the opportunity to design them to their own taste.

**Accommodation and food:**

The volunteers will be accommodated in the youth center, sleeping on mattresses and in sleeping bags (which are provided for the volunteers). Since it will be summertime, the volunteers will have the option to sleep outside, in tents we will provide. The space has all necessary facilities needed, the kitchen and a bathroom with shower (3 minutes away from the house). Volunteers will cook for themselves in shifts from ingredients provided.

**Location and leisure:**

Donja Toponica is a small village 15 km away from the third biggest city in Serbia, Nis. There will be organized a visit to the historical sites in the city of Nis (the birth place of the Constantine the Great) and other interesting excursions. Volunteers will have bicycles for the local transport and leisure time.

**Requirements:**

It is expected from participants to be creative and team players and to be ready for manual and physical work. Volunteers with art skills and inclination for it are very welcome.

**Additional information**

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**Location:**

Donja Toponica

**How to get**

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**Airport:** INI

**Bus/train station:** Nis

## Project details

**Code:** VSS16-18      **Date:** 2018-07-21 / 2018-08-03      **Total places:** 2      **Age:** 18 - 30

**Name:** STORIES BY THE LAKE, Deliblato

**Type of work:** Environmental (ENVI)

**Country:** SERBIA

**Location:** DELIBLATO

**Address:** Deliblato

**Email:**

**Phone Number:**

**Web:**

**Fee:** 0.0 EUR

**Languages:** English

## Description

### Partner:

The Sport Fishing Association "Deliblatsko Jezero", a local NGO from Deliblato, is the manager of the Special Nature Reserve Kraljevac, with the special initiative to engage youngsters and youth in the active nature conservation. The Reserve was declared "the first category protected area of greatest national importance" in 2009. The Sport Fishing Association "Deliblatsko Jezero" protects its biodiversity, maintains order in the Reserve and organizes the Park Ranger Service. This workcamp is going to be organized for the sixth time.

### Work:

This workcamp directly contributes to the sustainable tourism in the Special Nature Reserve Kraljevac. The volunteers will reconstruct picnic areas, construct the Eco trail (brushing and painting), cut and remove invasive plant species, make two small bridges and rubbish bins with a help of professionals, arrange the indoors and paint walls of the Visitors' Center. The volunteers will present the results of the workcamp to the general public at the Reserve's Open Day.

### Accommodation and food:

Accommodation will be provided in the Research and Education Center of the Special Nature Reserve "Kraljevac", in twin rooms and 6-bed dorm with shared facilities (toilets, showers and kitchen) in the Visitors' Center. Sheets and pillows will be provided. The volunteers will prepare meals, from the ingredients provided by the organizer.

### Location and leisure:

On the outskirts of Deliblatska Pescara (Deliblato sands, the only remaining desert in Europe <http://www.serbia.com/visit-serbia/natural-beauties/unique-nature/deliblato-sands-the-european-sahara/>), in the midst of the Vojvodina plains, in the picturesque village of Deliblato, lies an oasis of peace and tranquillity, the Special Nature Reserve Kraljevac. Lake Kraljevac with its floating and permanently anchored islands, surrounding reed beds, woodlands, meadows, and pastures supports a rich diversity of plant and animal life.

<http://srpkraljevac.rs/en/2015/10/18/snr-kraljevac/>

Volunteers in the Reserve can enjoy sport fishing and other leisure activities, such as rowing and swimming in the clean and peaceful waters of Lake Kraljevac, hiking, birdwatching, nature photography, painting, as well as sport fishing. During the Eco camp two field trips will be organised, to the recently declared protected area of meandering rivers Karas Nera situated at the border with Romania and to the Special Nature Reserve Deliblatska Pescara, the largest sand-steppe area in Europe.

During the workcamp, series of workshops will be organised covering a variety of environmental issues, nature conservation and basic carpentry techniques.

## Additional information

### Location:

Deliblato

**Remarks**

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Volunteers should be prepared to work outdoors in all weather conditions.

**How to get**

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**Airport:** BEG

**Bus/train station:** Deliblato

## Project details

**Code:** VSS17-18      **Date:** 2018-07-23 / 2018-08-04      **Total places:** 2      **Age:** 18 - 30

**Name:** THE AMUSEMENT PARK, Ruski Krstur

**Type of work:** Renovation (RENO)

**Country:** SERBIA

**Location:** RUSKI KRSTUR

**Address:** Ruski Krstur

**Email:**

**Phone Number:**

**Web:**

**Fee:** 0.0 EUR

**Languages:** English

## Description

### Partner:

The Tourist Association "Ruski Krstur" was founded in 2013 in order to promote the touristic potential of the village. Seven associations joined their work and activities in order to represent, enable and create the touristic profile of the village Ruski Krstur. This is the second time this workcamp is being organized with YRS-VSS.

### Work:

The work will be held on two locations.

- Volunteers will work on cleaning and setting up one location in the village for the needs of the youth so they could spend quality free time in the open doing various activities (sports, recreation, walking on fresh air, picnics...). Also the volunteers will set up sand for volleyball court, benches, tables, sports equipment...
- Volunteers will paint fences around church and school, and decorate and paint requisites in the children's amusement park in the centre of the village.

### Accommodation and food:

The volunteers will be accommodated in a sports hall in the centre of Ruski Krstur. Sleeping is on the mattresses, so you need to bring your sleeping bags. There are two bathrooms available. Volunteers will prepare their own meals from the ingredients provided by the organizer.

### Location and leisure:

Ruski Krstur is a village in the municipality of Kula. The village is mostly inhabited by Ruthenians who in this region have a centuries-old tradition and the cultural centre of the Ruthenian nationality in Serbia, in Ruski Krstur. The workcamp will take place on two locations. The first one is in the centre of the village (kids' amusement park) and the other is at the end of the village by a small lake. The volunteers will meet the activists from youth association "PACT RUTENORUM" Touristic sightseeing of Ruski Krstur will be organized (museum, Vodica, pool, a tour of the village in a carriage...) A workshop with women's association „Bajka“ (making homemade pasta, traditional Ruthenian dishes). A field trip with bicycles. An excursion is going to be organized in consultation with the volunteers, creative and educational workshops as well.

## Additional information

### Location:

Ruski Krstur

## How to get

**Airport:** BEG

**Bus/train station:** Ruski Krstur

## Project details

**Code:** VSS20-18      **Date:** 2018-07-28 / 2018-08-11      **Total places:** 2      **Age:** 18 - 30

**Name:** THE URBAN GARDEN #1, Belgrade

**Type of work:** Work with people with disabilities (DISA) - Agriculture (AGRI)

**Country:** SERBIA

**Location:** ZEMUN POLJE

**Address:** Zemun polje

**Email:**

**Phone Number:**

**Web:**

**Fee:** 0.0 EUR

**Languages:** English

## Description

### Partner:

“Evo ruka” is an organization founded by parents of children with disabilities, who fosters social activism and a proactive approach to solving problems in the local community, especially in relation to the target group. The organization developed sustainable agricultural production in Belgrade in order to provide financing for the work of the association and the Inclusive Center, launched in 2013. “Evo ruka” has a great experience in organizing summer program, various volunteer actions and corporate volunteering, good cooperation with socially responsible companies and visibility in the media and on social networks: <http://evoruka.org/>

### Work:

Volunteers will be engaged in several different tasks:

- Facilitation of workshops for children during the day – 4 days a week (participants are invited to share a topic of their interest and prepare some workshop accordingly – sport or music skills are more than welcome);
- Field work – 2 days a week (picking of tomatoes and peppers, production of “ajvar”, a traditional Serbian side-dish - twice during the camp);
- Assistance in preparing meals for children and cleaning-up of the center;
- Organization of a public event (with a topic to be agreed upon).

Study part: Considering that “Evo Ruka” is in close cooperation with the organization “Permaculture of Serbia” and the Foundation “Intergenerational Volunteer Center”, there is a possibility to organize thematic workshops in this field (healthy food production, composting and recycling, making homemade cakes, fractals). We will agree on these activities and topics at the first meeting with volunteers.

### Accommodation and food:

“Evo ruka” has accommodation capacities for 8-10 volunteers. The accommodation will be organized in their Inclusive Center. Volunteers will prepare meals on their own, with ingredients provided.

### Location and leisure:

Workcamp will be situated in Zemun polje, in suburbs of Belgrade. An excursion to Zemun - tour of Gardos Gardens and the island of Lido is planned. Within their free time, volunteers can visit Kalemegdan fortress, Ada Ciganlija lake and the Belgrade city center (since it is easily reachable by public busses)

### Requirements:

Volunteers should have a high motivation to work with groups and want to work and help. Desirable experience. A motivational letter is required.

## Additional information

### Location:

Zemun polje

**How to get**

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**Airport:** BEG**Bus/train station:** Belgrade

## Project details

**Code:** VSS21-18      **Date:** 2018-07-29 / 2018-08-11      **Total places:** 2      **Age:** 18 - 30

**Name:** AGE IS JUST A NUMBER #2, Belgrade

**Type of work:** Renovation (RENO) - Work with elderly (ELDE) - Social project (SOC)

**Country:** SERBIA

**Location:** BEZANIJSKA KOSA

**Address:** Bezanijska kosa

**Email:**

**Phone Number:**

**Web:**

**Fee:** 0.0 EUR

**Languages:** English

## Description

### Partner:

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### Work:

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### Accommodation and food:

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### Location and leisure:

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### Requirements:

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## Additional information

### Location:

Bezanijska kosa



**How to get**

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**Airport:** BEG**Bus/train station:** Belgrade

## Project details

**Code:** VSS22-18      **Date:** 2018-07-30 / 2018-08-13      **Total places:** 1      **Age:** 18 - 30

**Name:** ABORETUM, Sremski Karlovci

**Type of work:** Environmental (ENVI)

**Country:** SERBIA

**Location:** SREMSKI KARLOVCI

**Address:** Sremski Karlovci

**Email:**

**Phone Number:**

**Web:**

**Fee:** 0.0 EUR

**Languages:** English

## Description

### Partner:

Vojvodina Environmental Movement (VEM) is one of the contact points of YRS–VSS involved in sending and hosting volunteers for 9 years now, and has organized more than 50 educational and volunteering camps all across Vojvodina. VEM is a non–governmental organization that aims at the creation of sustainable communities, by working on development of environmental protection, ecotourism, youth and volunteer programmes. Educational camps have for their goal to improve Kovilj-Petrovaradin swamp. [www.pgv.org.rs](http://www.pgv.org.rs)

### Work:

The aim of the international volunteer workcamp 'Arboretum' is to increase awareness of the cultural, historical and educational significance of the natural monument „Dvorska basta” through improving its infrastructure and implementing educational tours of the same. “Dvorska basta” translates to “The Court’s Garden” and it used to be a botanical garden.

The volunteers will participate in cleaning and renovating the park and building amphitheatre, as well as organizing a final event for local community. Local volunteers will also take part in the work. To get a better idea about the place and the team, have a look at the web documentary YRS-VSS produced in 2017, following three stories of workcamp leaders, one being in this workcamp: <http://youthleaders.online/sara.php>

### Accommodation and food:

The participants will be accommodated in rooms of a public institution, where the mattress, sheets and sleeping bags will be provided, and bathrooms, working rooms and meals will be provided as well.

### Location and leisure:

Sremski Karlovci is situated on the slopes of the Fruska Gora mountain, just by the river Danube, in the region of Vojvodina, North Serbia. It is a small, picturesque town with rich past and represents the centre of the Serbian culture and history. It is the place of the oldest Serbian high school and the oldest Serbian theological school, together with the Chappell of Peace (place of peace treaty between the Ottoman Empire and the Holy alliance, famous for the first usage of the “round table” in history). Besides natural richness (Danube and Fruska gora) there is Kovilj-Petrovaradin wetlands (international protected bird area), The Court’s garden and Strazilovo. During the leisure time we can offer guided tours around the town and Novi Sad, the second largest city in Serbia or Fruska gora mountain, depending how we make an agreement with volunteers.

## Additional information

### Location:

Sremski Karlovci

## How to get

**Airport:** BEG

**Bus/train station:** Sremski Karlovci

## Project details

**Code:** VSS23-18      **Date:** 2018-07-30 / 2018-08-13      **Total places:** 1      **Age:** 18 - 30

**Name:** WETLANDS CONSERVATION – SECRET LIFE OF BIRDS, Sremski Karlovci

**Type of work:** Environmental (ENVI)

**Country:** SERBIA

**Location:** SREMSKI KARLOVCI

**Address:** Sremski Karlovci

**Email:**

**Phone Number:**

**Web:**

**Fee:** 0.0 EUR

**Languages:** English

## Description

### Partner:

Vojvodina Environmental Movement (VEM) is one of the contact points of YRS–VSS involved in sending and hosting volunteers for more than 7 years now, and has organized more than 50 educational and volunteering camps all across Vojvodina. VEM is a non–governmental organization that aims at the creation of sustainable communities, by working on development of environmental protection, ecotourism, youth and volunteer programmes. Educational camps have for their goal to improve Kovilj–Petrovaradin swamp. [www.pgv.org.rs](http://www.pgv.org.rs)

### Work:

The aim of the workcamp is to enhance the ecotourism offer of Sremski Karlovci, by developing the infrastructure for realization of ecotourism programmes and increasing the visibility of areas within the special nature reserve “Kovilj–Petrovaradin Wetlands”. The activities on the workcamp contribute to raising awareness on the importance of conservation of special nature reserves. This is the second year VEM is organizing “Wetlands Conservation” workcamp.

Volunteers will be clearing the vegetation and cleaning the riverside field to build a beach, and by doing so creating attractive destination where tourists and locals will be able to gladly spend their time.

### Accommodation and food:

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### Location and leisure:

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During the leisure time we can offer guided tours around the town and Novi Sad, the second largest city in Serbia or Fruska Gora mountain, depending how we make an agreement with volunteers.

## Additional information

### Location:

Sremski Karlovci

## How to get

**Airport:** BEG

**Bus/train station:** Sremski Karlovci

**Project details****Code:** VSS24-18**Date:** 2018-08-01 / 2018-08-15**Total places:** 2**Age:** 18 - 30**Name:** BELGRADE HIGHGARDEN, Belgrade**Type of work:** Environmental (ENVI) - Renovation (RENO)**Country:** SERBIA**Location:** PINOSAVA**Address:** Pinosava**Email:****Phone Number:****Web:****Fee:** 0.0 EUR**Languages:** English**Description****Partner:**

The Center for Development of Ideas is a non-governmental, non-profit youth organization that works in the direction of the acquisition and networking of ambitious and proactive individuals in order to achieve the goals and raise the quality of life and work of young people in Pinosava. The basic directions of the Center's operation are: promotion of youth entrepreneurship, culture and environmental protection. The organization exists since 2014 and up to now has been self-supporting and has organized several projects and actions in form of partnership with different organizations and institutions.

**Work:**

The main task of the volunteers will be arranging public areas in Pinosava, the suburbs of Belgrade. Volunteers will arrange the yard of the local school and also leave messages on the board for the children telling them about the importance of green areas and rules that are meant to be followed and respected. The other activity that is planned will be cleaning and maintaining grasslands.

Even though just at 30 minutes from the center of Belgrade, the capital of Serbia, formally being one of its municipalities, the mentality of people in the Belgrade suburbs like Pinosava is more similar to those in rural areas in Serbia rather than of the capital. The need for internationalisation and youth mobility, reflection and discussion with peers from different countries is great.

**Accommodation and food:**

Volunteers will be accommodated in a house on the property of the Horsing club "Aleksandar" in Pinosava. There will be three sleeping rooms, two bathrooms, a kitchen and one common room. The food will be provided by the organizer and it will be mainly cooked by the volunteers themselves. We are looking forward to tasting dishes from different countries!

**Location and leisure:**

The workcamp will be held in Belgrade, in the suburban area called Pinosava. Pinosava has about 4000 inhabitants and is located in the near Mount Avala, which is a protected nature park. For nature lovers this is an ideal opportunity to get to know this part of Belgrade which is abundant with numerous plant species and beautiful scenery. One day is specifically planned for the trip to the wondrous mountain Avala, which is one of the most beautiful natural oases in Belgrade.

Volunteers will have the opportunity to get to know the capital city of Serbia and its cultural and historical sites as well the social life. At the same property where the volunteers will be accommodated, they will have the opportunity to ride horses and also will be given the opportunity to learn how to take care of them. There is also a basketball court and a small football field nearby. Part of the workcamp is also a series of educational workshops and lectures in the field of environmental protection. Every volunteer can participate in these lectures by preparing of their country's national parks.

**Additional information**

**Location:**

Pinosava

**How to get**

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**Airport:** BEG**Bus/train station:** Belgrade

## Project details

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**Code:** VSS30-18      **Date:** 2018-08-09 / 2018-08-21      **Total places:** 1      **Age:** 18 - 30

**Name:** FEEL THE BEAT OF THE MOUNTAIN, Valjevo

**Type of work:** Environmental (ENVI) - Festival (FEST)

**Country:** SERBIA

**Location:** DIVCIBARE

**Address:** Divcibare

**Email:**

**Phone Number:**

**Web:**

**Fee:** 0.0 EUR

**Languages:** English

## Description

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### Partner:

"Divcibare" association gathers young people who love Divcibare and who volunteer to contribute in development of rural tourism of this region. This is a young NGO, but its members have a very rich experience in organizing and participating in workcamps. They want to give better recognition to and boost tourism of Divcibare, the place of extraordinary beauty but not nearly known and visited by tourists. We organize workcamps with the aim to promote touristic potential of Divcibare and Maljen mountains.

### Work:

The volunteers will take part in various activities aimed at improving the environment of Divcibare as well as developing new tourist facilities: marking of hiking trails and preparing camping grounds for the guests of the non-profit music festival which is going to be held in the last days of the workcamp. Before the festival, the volunteers will design, build and set recycling bins. During the festival volunteers will do waste sorting.

### Accommodation and food:

in a house, but you should bring your sleeping bag. Volunteers will cook meals by themselves, with the ingredients provided by the organiser, so to experience different cuisines and try out their favourite home recipes!

### Location and leisure:

Divcibare is a famous touristic destination near the town of Valjevo in Western Serbia, on the Maljen Mountain. It is located 38km south of Valjevo and 107km from Belgrade. Divcibare is at 980m of altitude. See: <http://www.divcibare.org.rs/en/> Excursions will be organized in a way so the volunteers will have an opportunity to meet Western Serbia from a point of view of the locals. Volunteers can spend their free time hiking and cycling. They will enjoy the daily summer life of the local community and know the authentic way of life of generations of people who live on the mountain slopes of Maljen. A meeting with scientists from the nearby Research Center "Petnica" will be organized, as well as several workshops in cooperation with partner organizations.

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### Location:

Divcibare

## How to get

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**Airport:** BEG

**Bus/train station:** Valjevo



## Project details

**Code:** VSS32-18

**Date:** 2018-08-18 / 2018-09-01

**Total places:** 2

**Age:** 18 - 30

**Name:** THE URBAN GARDEN #2, Belgrade

**Type of work:** Work with people with disabilities (DISA) - Agriculture (AGRI)

**Country:** SERBIA

**Location:** ZEMUN POLJE

**Address:** Zemun polje

**Email:**

**Phone Number:**

**Web:**

**Fee:** 0.0 EUR

**Languages:** English

## Description

### Partner:

“Evo ruka” is an organization founded by parents of children with disabilities, who fosters social activism and a proactive approach to solving problems in the local community, especially in relation to the target group. The organization developed sustainable agricultural production in Belgrade in order to provide financing for the work of the association and the Inclusive Center, launched in 2013. “Evo ruka” has a great experience in organizing summer program, various volunteer actions and corporate volunteering, good cooperation with socially responsible companies and visibility in the media and on social networks: <http://evoruka.org/>

### Work:

Volunteers will be engaged in several different tasks:

- Facilitation of workshops for children during the day – 4 days a week (participants are invited to share a topic of their interest and prepare some workshop accordingly – sport or music skills are more than welcome);
- Field work – 2 days a week (picking of tomatoes and peppers, production of “ajvar”, a traditional Serbian side-dish - twice during the camp);
- Assistance in preparing meals for children and cleaning-up of the center;
- Organization of a public event (with a topic to be agreed upon).

Study part: Considering that “Evo Ruka” is in close cooperation with the organization “Permaculture of Serbia” and the Foundation “Intergenerational Volunteer Center”, there is a possibility to organize thematic workshops in this field (healthy food production, composting and recycling, making homemade cakes, fractals). We will agree on these activities and topics at the first meeting with volunteers.

### Accommodation and food:

“Evo ruka” has accommodation capacities for 8-10 volunteers. The accommodation will be organized in their Inclusive Center. Volunteers will prepare meals on their own, with ingredients provided.

### Location and leisure:

Workcamp will be situated in Zemun polje, in suburbs of Belgrade. An excursion to Zemun - tour of Gardos Gardens and the island of Lido is planned. Within their free time, volunteers can visit Kalemegdan fortress, Ada Ciganlija lake and the Belgrade city center (since it is easily reachable by public busses)

### Requirements:

Volunteers should have a high motivation to work with groups and want to work and help. Desirable experience. A motivational letter is required.

## Additional information

### Location:

Zemun polje

**How to get**

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**Airport:** BEG

**Bus/train station:** Belgrade