

GDYNIA SOCIAL SCHOOL



It is a small institution for 160 pupils 6-15 years old. We work in small groups of around 10 pupils. Classes are conducted with a use of project-based methodologies, with the emphasis on learning by experience. Methods and forms of work are tailor-made to the special needs and abilities of pupils. Our school offers individual care and development programs, e.g. optional hobby after-school activities, soft skills development workshops and projects etc.

We also work with whole families and cooperate with the nearby kindergarten.

Who are we ?

The Social School is run by the association to introduce alternative methods of education. It focuses on working with kids also with special needs e.g. children with sight impairment, autism and other disorders or health problems.

Coordinating organization

Centre for Youth Cooperation and Mobility, EVS@cwm.org.pl

Host Organization

Gdynia Social School

Location

Gdynia, Poland

More information on the English version of:

 www.cwm.org.pl

If you are interested in joining our team and taking part in Voluntary Service fill in this online application.

 [application link](#)



Volunteer's Role

You will work in a group of 2-4 volunteers from different countries under the supervision of the school's pedagogist. Volunteers' work at the school is very diverse and depends very much on the interests and skills of volunteers. You will have the opportunity to communicate with children of different ages, from 2 to 15 years old, including children with special needs (vision defects, autism, Asperger's syndrome, etc.).

In your work there will be a space for creativity, teamwork as well as individual work with pupils. You can lead your workshops, organize classes or share your passion, interests and culture ... anything that brings new knowledge and skills to the life of our school and lives of our pupils, anything that will strengthen and expand their horizons.

EXAMPLES OF VOLUNTEER'S TASKS

- Creating integration and energizing games aimed at promoting self-awareness, cultural diversity and tolerance
- Organizing workshops on art, culture, languages, food, future opportunities
- Helping teachers during the classes
- Teaching languages informally and formally, in groups and individually
- Organizing weekly meetings of volunteer clubs
- Joint social work with children from the volunteer club
- Organizing charity events
- Sharing your culture and traditions (preparing presentations on various topics, cooking typical dishes from your country)
- Visiting a Polish family with children to help them in the child-care (help in home-works, play with them)
- Working in a kindergarten
- Creating posters promoting mental health, self-care, tolerance and respect for others
- Advertising of school events and activities.



WHY TO WORK WITH US ?

Volunteer activities respond to important social needs, contribute to strengthening the community and at the same time enable volunteers to gain practical experience, skills and competences necessary to acquire new knowledge, personal, social, civic and professional development.

Volunteering, apart from the fact that it brings selfless help, can be a way to break the monotony of everyday life, a way to make new friends, or an opportunity to acquire new skills. It is safe to say that it is an investment in yourself.

You will, especially:

- gain competencies in teaching and conducting classes/workshops,**
- learn about work with kids with different disabilities and disorders,**
- gain civic competences by running social actions, have an impact on the society,**
- improve your communication skills,**
- find friends and build new relationships,**
- become part of a group of people who share your values,**
- feel joy and satisfaction from the solidarity activities.**

WHO CAN APPLY

We are looking for the volunteers who:

- Believe that education is everyday experience through having fun and being together
- Perceive education as a tool of change in the organization of society
- Like to be in close contact with people
- Are creative, independent, patient
- Search for new inspiration and methods in education
- Candidates with art skills and/or with photo/video making skills are very welcomed.



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