



Alternative education youth project in Poland

8 months



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Are you interested in alternative, democratic education, forest education or in work with fewer opportunities youth in special needs schools ?



Join us and get involved in solidarity work!





About the project



MAIN GOAL is to introduce non-formal active creative methods in the innovative democratic, alternative, forest kingardens and special needs schools in Poland.

18-30 years old

resident of EU or
partner countries

enjoy working
with kids or
young people
of fewer
opportunities,
also with
disabilities

passionate and
interested in your
hobbies that you
want to share

If you are...

empathetic,
patient, able to
show
friendliness and
comprehension

motivated,
eager to take
initiative, open
minded,
flexible



socially active,
eager to work for
local community,
communicative and
ready to face
challenges that
international
cooperation brings



want to get more
self-confidence and
leadership skills

want to learn how to
become
a
therapist/educator/
activist and help
others

If you are...

motivated
to teach a
language
and also to
learn new
languages

have artistic &
creative skills
(painting/drawing,
dancing, singing,
manual skills) or
willing to learn new
ones

understand the
importance of
Non-Violence
Communication

What else do we offer?

- unique opportunity to live in a foreign country, practice English and work for a social goal
- development within the community of many youth workers here on the spot
- Youthpass Certificate after completing the service
- support from the project coordinator, mentor and the tutor
- opportunity for personal, social and professional growth
- life changing experience
- cycling, roller-skating and cross-country trails, outdoor gyms, swimming pools, aqua-park, concert halls, open air concerts, cinemas, theatres and festivals
- city bus card to travel in the region
- great location with excellent connections to many cities in Poland



About us

Active Women Association is a non-profit organization. Since 2002 we work on local, national and international level. We hosted already 38 European youth workers and sent 78 into the organisations worldwide.

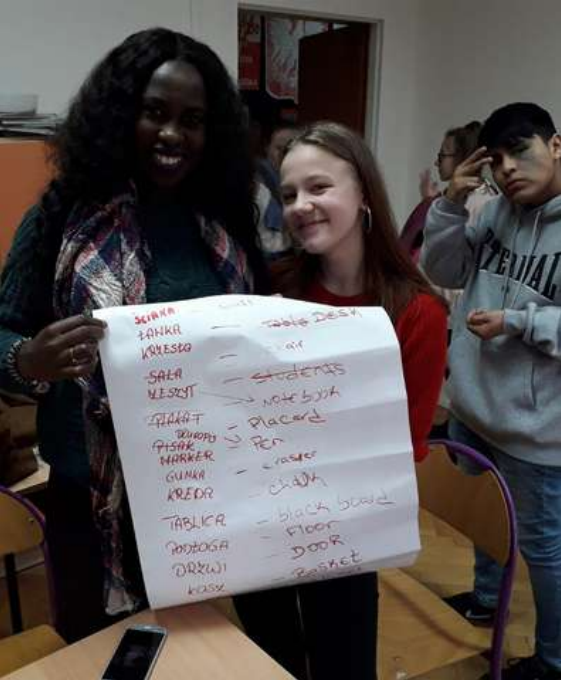
We are well-known, innovative and appreciated animator of the socio-cultural life in the Silesia region. Our staff have years of experience in youth work and great heart for it.

Check our website:

<http://eks.aktywnekobiety.org.pl/offers/>



Schools in the project



Democratic schools based on deep democracy and ecology, where each student is free to decide on his/her engagement. Schools put great emphasis on community building, respect for cultural diversity, communicating one's needs in open and emphatic way, connection with nature.



Innovative special needs schools for pupils with light, modern and strong mental retardation. Methods applied: biofeedback, recording studio, music therapy, art therapy, handicraft, hippotherapy, dogotherapy, polysensory park.

Montessori and Waldorf schools with alternative approach, nature-based methods, ecology, Non-Violence Communication, handicraft.

Upper Secondary Schools active in European non-formal education, active citizenship, volunteering and international cooperations.



Forest kindergarden Children spend a lot of time outside, climbing trees. They enjoy the benefits of nature and learn to live in harmony with it. In line with the idea that the best way for children to develop harmoniously is to accompany them, follow them, give them the opportunity to be themselves in nature and respond to their individual needs.

Schools websites

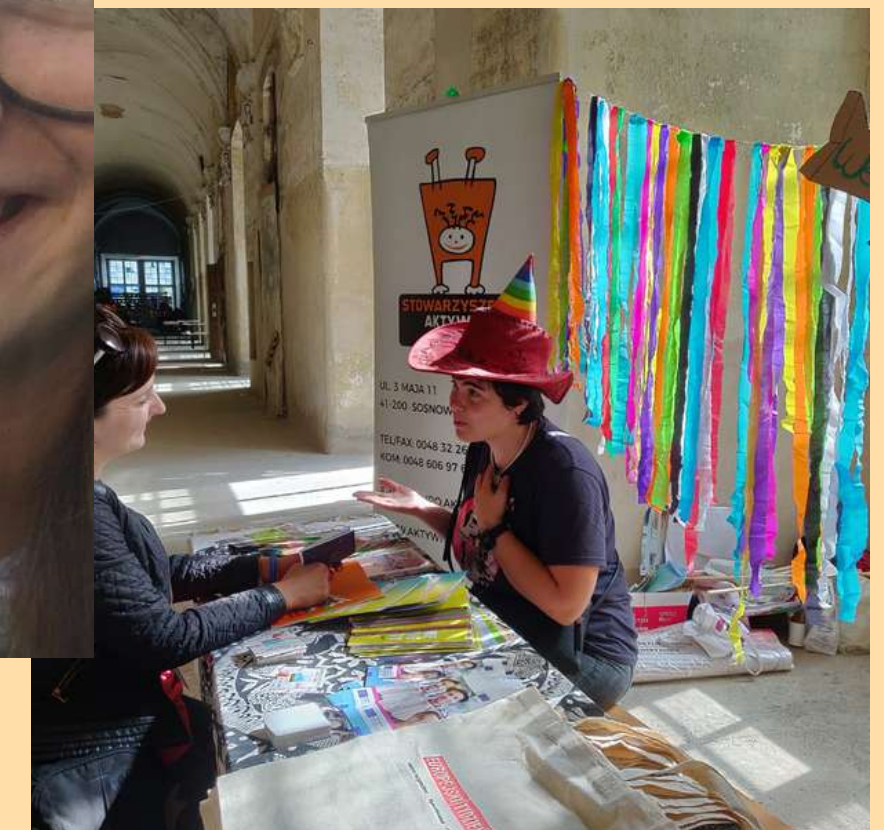


- [Our Good School in Katowice](#)
- [Upper Secondary School No. 9 in Sosnowiec](#)
- [Special Needs Primary School in Sosnowiec No. 30](#)
- [Special Schools Complex No. 4 in Sosnowiec](#)
- [Wild Democratic School in Tychy.](#)
- [Free Democratic School in Gliwice](#)
- [Democratic Education Foundation Dandelion in Łódź](#)
- [Bullerbyn Free School in Warsaw](#)
- [Free School in Warsaw](#)
- [Free Way Democratic School in Szczecin](#)
- [Free Space School in Cracow](#)
- [Forest Kindergarden in Łódź](#)
- [Waldorf Free School in Bielsko-Biała](#)
- [Korrelacja Foundation in Łódź](#)



Participant tasks

- organization of the non-formal activities strengthening pupils' psychosocial skills, wellbeing and school community
- participation in school's activities and daily life of the school community
- co-organization of contests, reviews, fairs, exhibitions, festivals, workshops, events
- co-organization of school trips, outdoor expeditions
- organization of intercultural activities based on youth worker own home culture and traditions
- language classes by non-formal methods



Participant tasks

- Polish language classes
- promoting the idea of solidarity, European Union and voluntary service
- implementation of participant own educational projects, depending on hobbies, interests and passions, by the use of non-formal methods
- building positive relations with local community, engaging citizens in youth worker projects
- sharing success stories and project results on FB, Instagram, blog, website



Practical Arrangements

- work max 38 hours per week, including language classes, job preparation, trainings
- comfy flats shared with other youth workers
- pocket money /120 Euro per month/
- local transportation card
- food allowance /130 euro per month/
- travel reimbursement up to 275/360 Euro
- medical insurance



Virtual opportunities

- Due to Covid-19 there it is possible to start cooperation virtually, working from your own country.
- We have prepared program of online cooperation: training, coaching meetings with tutor and other ESC youth workers, specific tasks
- Working virtually, you have a right to receive pocket money.
- Once it is possible you can come over to Poland physically and start cooperation at the school normally.



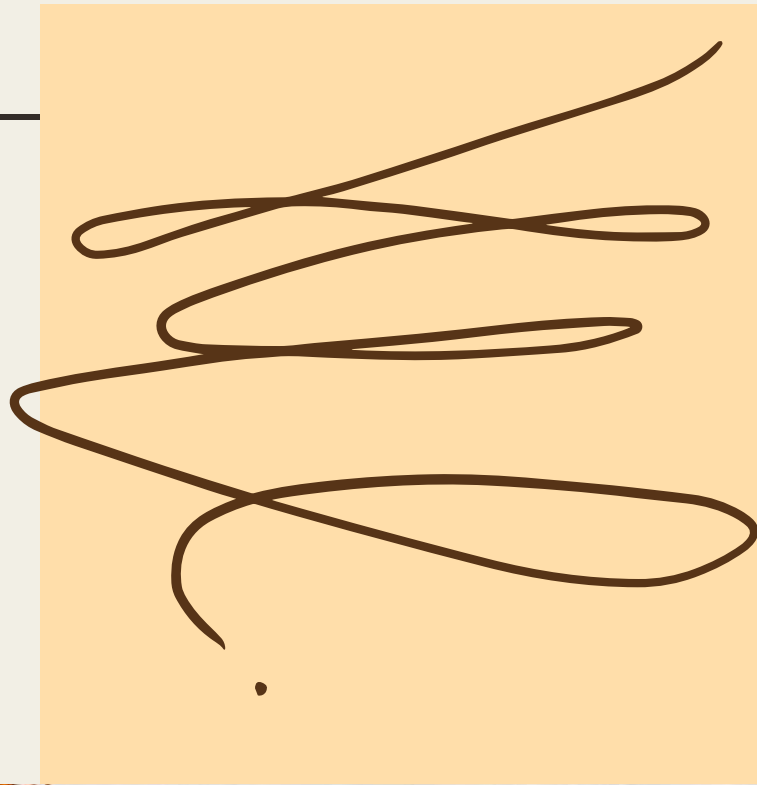
Check out what
our participants are
up to:

 BLOG

 FACEBOOK

 INSTAGRAM

 IMPRESSIONS



Selection process is ongoing.

We will contact only with pre-selected candidates through email, check your inbox frequently. Then there will be organised a skype interview, in which decide which school is most suitable.

We will be happy to advise you on which sending organization to contact in your country of residence for the process of preparation.

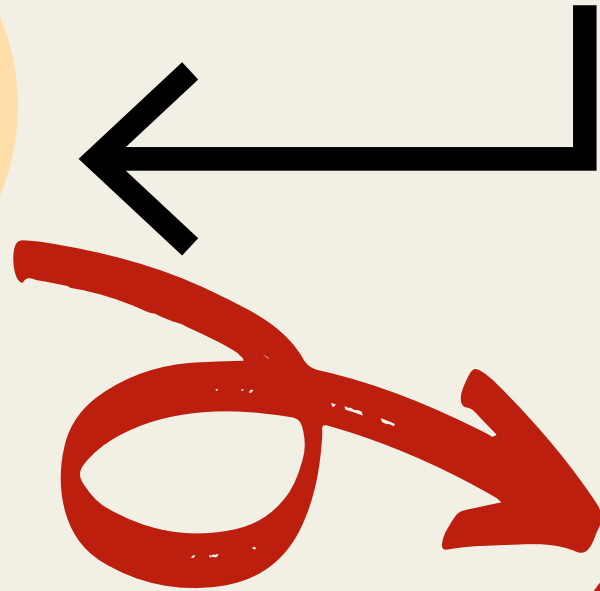
NOTICE: Please don't contact us through Facebook/Messenger, cause your application will probably get lost in the huge amount of messages.

How to apply?

If you are interested in participating fill the application form:



click here to apply



After applying check your inbox frequently!



Interesting facts about Poland



POLAND HAS BEACHES,
MOUNTAINS, FORESTS,
DESERTS, AND LAKES

Poland has a very diverse nature. Almost 800 km of the seashore and a few mountain chains (Carpathian, Sudet and Świętokrzyskie). Poland also has the only Central European desert, Pustynia Błędowska.



THE UNOFFICIAL
TRADITIONAL POLISH FOOD
IS ZAPIEKANKA

It's a baguette cut in half, topped with cheese and mushrooms and doused in garlic mayo and ketchup. Lots of ketchup. Super delicious.



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www.polska.pl

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