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Volunteering Project: eco-ART: Interactions for Diversity

Hosting Organisation:

Društvo za sonaravno in ustvarjalno bivanje Sajan / Association for sustainable and creative living Sajan

Country and place of the Project: Slovenia, Jakobski dol

Duration: August to October: if possible from 6.8.-11.10.2018 (the Project is approved for 67 activity days + 2 travel days)

INTRODUCTION:

“eco-ART: Interactions for Diversity” is an Erasmus+ KA1 project for active participation of 2 volunteers in 2018. The idea eco-art: Interactions for Diversity is about combining natural resources and creativity in rural environment. It is an urgent response to an overall lack of eco-creative initiative and practice in rural environment where the Organization operates. The Organization is located on an organic and artistic homestead Sajan, which represents an inspiring place for gathering, creating and lifelong learning, that fosters community around the topics of organic farming, permaculture, creativity, sustainability, recycling, renewable energies, sharing experiences, cultural engagement and social well-being.

THE GOALS OF THE PROJECT:

The volunteering project "eco-ART: Interactions for Diversity" is focused on sustainability, permaculture and creativity and has an aim to spread an eco-creative initiative in rural environment where the organization operates and also wider. The project is based on the idea that every individual can contribute to the preservation and regeneration of the environment by introducing sustainable practices into everyday life. It is therefore important that the idea and approaches of sustainable lifestyle practices are expanded and passed to younger generations.

We wish to welcome two European volunteers (we prefer volunteers with fewer opportunities geographical, cultural, social) that will be (for a period of 2 and a half

months) actively involved in eco-artistic work in Organisation. The project offers a hands-on experience on the functioning of an organic homestead. That will gain volunteers' learning dimension and strengthening competencies, skills and knowledge related to sustainable lifestyles (with an emphasis on organic farming, eco-art and natural building), personal growth, strengthening social inclusion, intercultural dialogue, work responsibilities, self-initiative and self-confidence, improve communication skills and knowledge of foreign languages, strengthen intercultural and international consciousness.

The project will serve as an example of good practice of non-formal and informal learning opportunities - how through volunteering projects give young people the possibility of active citizenship, thus contributing to raise the importance of youth work in the local environment and wider.

ACTIVITIES OF THE PROJECT:

While staying on ecological and artistic homestead Sajan, volunteers will be introduced to the basic working processes on eco-farm and actively involved in most projects on the homestead (eco-farming, permaculture design, natural building, eco art, self-sufficiency), they will participate in permaculture and creative workshops (mosaics, clay and pottery, creatively with wood) in local environment. There will also be many opportunities to work with participants and members of the Organization and local people, thus strengthening their social and communication skills.

Volunteers can join already existing projects and programs on the homestead and organization (weekends of permaculture, meditative evenings ...). If the volunteer will be interested in a particular topic, it will be possible to design and implement her/his own project.

One of the activities of project for the volunteers and the organization will be preparation and co-creation of the event "Dan Ekovasi" (The day of Ecovillage), which is a traditional social and inspiring event for the promotion of a sustainable lifestyles and environmental awareness in Slovenia, annually connecting people across the country and this year it will take place on the 22th of September on homestead Sajan (this year for the 12th time).

HOSTING ORGANIZATION:

Društvo za sonaravno in ustvarjalno bivanje Sajanj/ Association for sustainable and creative living Sajanj:

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Association for sustainable and creative life SAJAN (Društvo za sonaravno in ustvarjalno bivanje SAJAN) is a non-government, non-profit organization working with the aim of encouraging and educating people about sustainable, alternative lifestyle possibilities with a note of creativity. The organisation was established in 2016. Program of the Association includes: events, workshops on organic gardening, recycling (wood, ceramics, etc.) renewable energies, sustainable ways of living, sharing experiences and social wellbeing. Aim of the association is also to explore potentials of abandoned farms and by doing that encourage (young) people to take responsibility for their empowerment and care on all levels of living.

The Association is located on the organic, artistic homestead SAJAN (established in 2010 on a foundation of partly abandoned farm, owned and lead by a creative tandem and married couple Saša & Janja R. Potočki) in the northern-eastern part of Slovenia. Homestead SAJAN acts as an educational organic farm with the emphasis on permaculture agriculture and preservation of natural habitats and indigenous species. Its founders also act as eco-artist, so the homestead is always in a creative and experimental dynamic (creative and organic building). Homestead SAJAN has a role of hosting centre for visitors that wish to gain alternative exploration and sustainable lifestyle possibilities.

For the volunteer we will provide a private living space next to the house (place with two beds for two volunteers, little-kitchen, solar shower and compost toilets.

Household appliances which are needed (washing machine, dryer, vacuum cleaner, etc.) are located in the main house and can be used by everyone.

Homestead SAJAN is located on a sunny hill in a village named Jakobski dol in the north-eastern region of Slovenia, with around 2000 inhabitants. The village has a market, a church, a school and a kindergarten, some sport fields (football, volleyball, basketball). The farm is located 2, 5 km from the village centre. The village itself is connected by a public transportation to Maribor (bus transfer at least 4 times a day). Maribor, which is the second largest city in Slovenia, is only 20km away, half an hour taking the bus transfer.