We are looking for a long-term volunteer to our “gallery team” and social services

12 months
beginning from 1. 9 – 31.12 2019

If you think it’s you please contact us immediately!

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Do you possess a desire to make the world better and make a difference in someone’s life? Are you serious about the volunteer commitment? Are you patient and respectful? Are you committed to learning and willing to interact with people from different cultures?

Hosting organization: P-centrum, Olomouc, Czech Republic
Duration of the stay: 1 year – from 1.9. 2019 or later
Age of the volunteer: 18+
Financial support: travel costs, local transport, accommodation, food, pocket money,…
Project is already submitted and approved – so contact us as soon as possible!

P-centrum is one of the key organizations in social services in the Olomouc County in the Czech Republic. Since 1994 we help people in the Olomouc region (ca 636 500 inhabitants) and currently focus on two main problems:

1) Family strengthening – long-term work with psycho-socially disadvantaged parents and their children aged 6–15 and primary prevention for schools and providing support for teachers.
2) Counselling, treatment and integration of persons endangered by drug dependence.

P-centrum is a multi-purpose expert facility. The organization is divided into 5 individual departments with the following activities:

1. The Aftercare program: We help people who are coming from their long term residential treatment of addiction. We help them to start new healthy life. We offer them to stay in our flats for maximum 8 months, help them to find a job, start a new career, start new life in a new city with new friends and healthy hobbies. Its aim is providing services reinforcing the stability and positive changes in the clients which they have acquired in the treatment program leading to their re-integration into society.

2. Outpatient Counselling Program: Anyone who has problems with alcohol or drugs abuse can come to our center for counselling and help. 3. Primary Prevention Centre of Risk Behavior: • We organize programs for schools to prevent the development of risk behavior by pupils – individuals who have not been threatened by the risk behavior yet. For example the prevention of use of addictive substances by pupils who have not had any contact with drugs so far. We also make programs to prevent the emergence, development and persistence of risk behavior by pupils threatened by the risk behavior. For example the prevention of the development of drug addiction by persons who already use drugs. We also intervene in selected schools to prevent health disorders and social difficulties resulting from the risk behavior. For example to prevent serious or permanent health or social damages resulting from the use of drugs.

4. Family Centre U Mloka provides Family strengthening – social activation services for families with children. It is a long-term work with psycho-socially
disadvantaged children aged 6–15 and their parents or legal representatives. We also provide Mediation in Family Law Conflicts.

5. Gallery U Mloka: The gallery activities are further on directed on various social and interest groups. Gallery is a place of informal meetings and presentations of mainly visual, but also musical and literary arts activities of young people. We work on preparing and organizing regular activities / most of them in cooperation with volunteers. We organize exhibitions, concerts, workshops, film screenings and accompanying program.

**Background and profile of the volunteers to be hosted:**
- a positive relationship to contemporary art and children,
- open to learning Czech language (in our organization the staff speaks also English, German and the volunteer coordinator also French - so these are the languages which the volunteer can meet there),
- flexibility, reliability,
- a resolved relationship to addictive substances (P-centrum helps people with substance abuse problems, therefore there is strict rule - the entry under the influence of addictive substance (alcohol, drugs...) is strictly prohibited.
We are non-smoking workplace.
We prefer long-term service.

**ACTIVITIES DETAILS – VOLUNTEER’S TASKS and LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:**

The volunteer will be a member of the "gallery team" and he/she will also cooperate with the managing director (PR and fundraising activities). His/her own ideas and projects are welcomed.

The volunteer will cooperate with other programs provided by P-centrum, such as the „Family strengthening program“ or „Sheltered housing“. So he/she can acquire knowledge and practical hands-on experience with programs for developing cognitive, social, and emotional skills in socially excluded children and/or ex-addicts. For example he/she can cooperate in the afternoon voluntary program for clients after addiction treatment called “Informal Wednesdays” where we prepare diverse activities – playing games, sports, handicraft activities, making gifts and decoration for Christmas, going to the theatre – to experience cultural events etc. Clients need to gain new experience, skills, meet new friends etc.

He/she and other app. 5 Czech volunteers secure the opening hours of the gallery in the afternoon hours. The volunteer tasks relates to technical and organizational managing of regular and repeating activities in the gallery: • exhibitions, • concerts, workshops, film screenings • lectures and discussions, • communication with the artist, • PR and publicity, • and accompanying program. Part of the task will be participation on PR and
fundraising campaigns – beneficial theatre performances, charity stand at the music festival Colours of Ostrava and so on (irregular activities).

**THE VOLUNTEER GAINS:**
Personal satisfaction from helping our clients.
Opportunities to learn new skills, polish old ones.
Knowledge and understanding of the P-centrum programs.
Work experience that may lead to a future career.

**SKILLS** the volunteer can learn while volunteering in P-centrum:
Leadership Skills;
Teamwork & relationship skills;
Self-Management;
Learn to apply the skills "you" already have.

If available – we will enable him/her to join workshops and lectures on the topics such as:
Public relations, Management, Social work with socio-handicapped children and/or adults and Education through art. Learning opportunities:
• Volunteer will be given the opportunity to communicate and work with artists (visual art, music,...) and curators. • He/she will also get in touch with Czech cultural scene - especially in the fine and contemporary arts. After this inter-cultural experience the volunteer may get better position while looking for the job in the field of managing cultural events, production, documenting, dramaturgy of events, exhibitions, public relation, fundraising and working with young people.

The volunteer will always work in cooperation with our stuff to arrange proper run of the things listed above. All volunteer work in P-centrum will be app. 35 hours per week including Czech language course. The volunteer will be working usually in the afternoon hours. The volunteer has a claim on 25 days holiday during a one year, has free weekends – Saturdays and Sundays and public holidays according to a Czech calendar. Working hours: We will set the exact working hours with the volunteer individually, but he must count with the afternoon hours and time to time evenings, the timetable will vary according to events. For example: Mo 9:00 – 12:00; 12:30 - 15:30 Tue 9:00 – 12:00; 12:30 - 15:30 or 14:00 – 20:00 (literary evening in the gallery).

**THE RECRUITMENT PROCES:**

1. Please send us an [email](mailto:info@p-centrum.cz) with your **CV** and a **covering letter** – describe your motivation.
2. After the preselection we will contact you.
3. With selected applicants we are going to arrange an “on-line interview” – skype etc. where we will discuss our mutual questions and expectations. A solid partnership between sending, receiving, coordinating organization and the volunteer is the basis and also an
adequate matching between the volunteer profile and the tasks has to be in place. Therefore we are open to preliminary visits or video calls or any possible communication before the volunteer placement take place, to ensure the happiness, welfare and benefits for both sides – the volunteer and the receiving organization.

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