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INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEERING
WROCŁAW, POLAND

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What is TRATWA?

The history of TRATWA (which means “raft” in Polish) began with the Non-Governmental Information Centre **established in August 1997** as a spontaneous attempt to overcome effects and to **provide basic assistance to victims of a great flood**, which then a month earlier struck the southwestern regions of Poland.

Today our main **objectives include development and professionalization of the third sector**, providing quality **support to young people in risk of exclusion** through non-formal education methods and promotion of volunteering, **intercultural and intergenerational awareness** and mutual respect. Through the years Tratwa renovated and rebuilt two tram depots in Wrocław: PPM Zajezdnia and Czasoprzestrzeń. Our structures have **welcomed local community** and **long term volunteers** to exchange and share their passions during **events, workshops, activities, festivals, language classes** and much more.

VOLUNTEERS Profil

- ARE YOU BETWEEN 18 AND 30 YEARS OLD?
- DO YOU COME FROM EUROPEAN COUNTRY? (NATIONALITY OR RESIDENCY)
- DO YOU WANT TO GET TO KNOW YOURSELF BETTER AND DEVELOP INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCES?
- ARE YOU MOTIVATED TO CHANGE THE REALITY AROUND YOU?

RE:FRAME

RE:FRAME is a project for volunteers who enjoy creativity, communication, and taking initiative. During the project, volunteers will play an active role in managing TRATWA's social media channels and helping shape the organisation's online presence. Volunteers will independently create content by visiting events, taking photos and videos, writing posts, and sharing the everyday life of the organisation. They will be encouraged to develop new ideas, improve our communication, and help reach new audiences through creative and engaging content.

Volunteers will also be involved in organising cultural and community events. They will take part in the entire process - from planning and preparation to setting up spaces and supporting the events themselves. As they gain experience, they will be encouraged to take responsibility for their own tasks and contribute their own solutions and ideas.

An important part of the project is creating your own initiatives. Volunteers are welcome to organise workshops, language cafés, creative activities, or other events based on their interests, hobbies, and skills. We believe everyone has something valuable to share, and we provide the space and support to turn ideas into reality.

RE:FRAME

The project also includes practical, hands-on work to improve and maintain our spaces. Volunteers will regularly take part in activities such as arranging rooms, preparing venues, painting, gardening, building simple furniture, or other tasks that help make our cultural centres more welcoming and functional.

RE:FRAMIE is designed for people who want to learn by doing. We expect volunteers to be proactive, take responsibility for their work, make decisions, and gradually become more independent throughout the project. Our team will provide guidance and support, but volunteers will have real ownership of their tasks and the freedom to develop their own ideas.

WHAT IS CZASOPRZESTRZEŃ ?

A space where your activities will take place surrounded by locals and artists working in different fields. Composed of various buildings such as ; two halls which can welcome events and festivals; Klub Łącznik a concert room for live (and online) performances; Hacker Space dedicated to high tech; a community garden and much more. A place where communities are meeting to explore the infinite possibility of your creativity.

Website: https://czasoprzestrzen.org/english/

WHAT IS LEGNICKA ?

The youth initiative centre at PPM Zajezdnia is addressed to teenagers and young people, who are in risk of social exclusion and is based on a non-formal education approach. PPM Zajezdnia is a meeting place for the neighbourhood elderly as well.

Website : https://pracowniazajezdnia.pl

volunteers' team work & NON FORMAL EDUCATION

VOLUNTEERS' TEAM WORK

In the first 6 months, volunteers will jump straight into action by helping us manage and energize TRATWA's social media channels, creating daily posts, photos, and videos to boost our reach. Alongside keeping our digital channels active, you'll get to know our team, support our industrial spaces, and learn how our organization works from the inside out.

Over the full 12 months, you will step into a leadership role by taking charge of your own project or community initiative. You'll develop your idea, handle the planning, contact local partners, and lead both the event itself and its full media promotion across our platforms.

NON FORMAL EDUCATION

If you don't know the book definition of non-formal education - don't worry! This term will accompany you throughout the entire project.

Especially for future volunteers, we have prepared a series of trainings, which consists a substantive and practical part. If at this point you are unable to answer the question "what is non-formal education?", we guarantee that you will be an expert in this field!

THE ESC *program*

A program financed by European Union which gives you the opportunity to travel, discover, learn and improve !

TRAVEL COST

You should not purchase your flight ticket independently. After consulting with us, there are two options:

1. We will book your ticket within the ESC travel budget limit based on distance;

or

2. You can buy the ticket yourself within the same limit. In this case, reimbursement will be made after your arrival, upon signing the volunteering agreement and providing: proof of travel, receipt or invoice, and proof of payment.

ACCOMMODATION

Tratwa NGO will provide the volunteers with accommodation, that consists of shared rooms (same gender) or single rooms. They should be ready to share the living spaces with others.

HENNER

Volunteers are covered by HENNER - European type insurance. If volunteers already have a public or pivate insurance, HENNER will be an extention to it. All volunteers should have European Health Insurance Card.

POCKET MONEY AND FOOD ALLOWANCE

Pocket money and food allowance will be given to each volunteer on their bank accounts at the beginning of each month. The amount is calculated with the following information : 6 euros/ day + 4 euros/day. For your consideration, 1 € = 4,32 zł.

THE NEXT *steps*

1. Read this infokit carefully and decide whether this project is for you

2. Send your CV and the presentation form filled to esc@tratwa.org

3. Later on you will receive an interview proposition

SOCIAL *media*

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- https://pracowniazajezdnia.pl/
- czasoprzestrzen.org
- tratwa.org

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