

SHORT - TERM EVS OPPORTUNITY IN POLAND

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Zespół Szkół Społecznych is a non-public school led by KTO (Kłodzko Educational Association). It consists of three types of schools: primary school (grades 1-3), junior high school (grades 1-3), and high school (grades 1-3). The school has been working since 1991. There are 150 students and twenty teachers. After obligatory classes, there are many interesting additional classes, i.e.: editing a school newspaper, computer club, Maths classes in German language, English classes, and different kinds of art projects: drama, dancing, painting.

Our school co-operates with a school in Denmark (Odense). Our students participated in Comenius Project which lasted 2 years.

The main aim of our school is having a wide web of communication all around the world. We would like our students to be tolerant, open-minded people, understanding the history, culture, customs, traditions and problems of Europeans. Spending time with other young people, whether it be through work or play, helps the students to understand important values. English language is the second leading language in our school. The direct contact with the volunteers can motivate them to use a foreign language. After school activities are extremely valuable because it allows students to become more comfortable speaking and understanding English. Teachers at our school are also interested in being with volunteers. They exchange opinions with the volunteers, making the lessons more exciting. The volunteer's presence in our school will allow the students to feel that communication with others is wonderful. It gives the opportunity to understand culture and customs of different nations.

Tasks of the volunteer:

The volunteer who decides to work in our school will have the opportunity to work with different projects and take part in trips organized by our school i.e. field trips (which are in attractive parts of Poland!). The volunteer will help to organize and coordinate school tasks for the youngest students after obligatory classes. We are planning to have volunteer support in art and sport lessons for the youngest students.

The volunteer will take part in the following activities:

- They will share his/her customs, culture, tradition of his/her country preparing presentations and projects, cooking recipes, dances, songs, etc.;
- will help to organize competitions, games and quizzes after classes for pupils,
- will help to organize extra classes according to their interests for junior high students and high school students;
- will be an active participant on projects carried out by our school;
- will be encouraged to display their artistic skills, which can be used to decorate our school for special occasions, or prepare photography exhibitions etc.
- art workshops taking place once a month where the students make different pieces of work created in different techniques and tools;
- dance workshops for junior high students lasting five days and including designing special clothes and make-up;
- "Polish Week" project, connected with Polish customs and traditions from different centuries according to Polish literature;
- preparing artistic cafes where our students can present their abilities, skills and introducing famous people;
- project for the youngest children called "On The Small Feet Into The High Mountains," connected with hiking the local mountains.