

INFO SHEET

CIVIC EDUCATION
VOLUNTEER

ASSOCIATION IKS



"If we want to change people, we have to love them. Our influence only goes as far as our love."

**Johann Heinrich
Pestalozzi**



“Without change, something sleeps in us, and rarely wakes up. The sleeper must wake.”

Frank Herbert

INFOSHEET "Civic- education Volunteer"

Dear volunteers,

With this info-sheet we want to give you more detailed information about what to expect from the project, where you will stay, the IKS team, how to contribute etc.

We believe that not only the project but also each volunteer will benefit from this ESC project. Working together for a good cause, living in an international group, meeting new people, exchanging ideas and learning from each other is a special and unique experience. European Solidarity Corps service is a truly great experience!

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In this info sheet you'll find information;

- About the organisation
- About the volunteering mission
- the IKS team
- About the activities
- What can I expect from the volunteering mission
- Where will I stay and my volunteering schedule

WEB PAGE: <https://udrugaiks.hr/>

INSTAGRAM: [udrugaiks](https://www.instagram.com/udrugaiks)

**DATES: Earliest from mid February 2025
(6-12MONTHS)**

About the organisation

<https://udrugaiks.hr/>

UDRUGA IKS

IKS was founded by a group of young enthusiasts who wanted to make positive changes in the post-war community. The association was registered on March 12, 2003, with headquarters in Petrinja, Croatia.

From 2003 until today, we have been working to introduce and facilitate positive changes in the area of Petrinja, SMŽ and beyond.

Vision:

A humane, democratic society where Association IKS drives change and fosters positive ideas. We envision a community where members actively find solutions, take initiatives to improve life for all, ensure equal opportunities, and uphold shared values. Together, we create a sustainable future where generations contribute to progress through activism across all areas of society.

Mision:

To empower citizens by developing a sense of responsibility and taking the initiative to advance the whole community.



GOALS OF YOUR VOLUNTEERING MISSION IN PETRINJA

- 1. PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE INTERGENERATIONAL SOLIDARITY BETWEEN MARGINALIZED GROUPS IN AN ISOLATED COMMUNITY SUCH AS PETRINJA**
- 2. PLAN, PREPARE, AND IMPLEMENT ACTIVITIES THAT AIM TOWARDS RAISING THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF DIFFERENT COMMUNITY GROUPS IN POST-EARTHQUAKE AREA**
- 3. PROMOTE VALUES AS TOLERANCE, UNDERSTANDING, INTERCULTURAL LEARNING, AWARENESS, SOLIDARITY AND MULTICULTURALIS**



Tasks and volunteer activity description

What this position its about

Through this position, we want to promote civic education and youth participation as pillars for revitalizing our communities.

If we do not prioritize working with children and youth, providing them with spaces to live, play, and work, we will have a community of elderly residents that will not have a bright future. Except through delivering activities in schools and kindergartens, volunteers will work on online content, such as online campaigns, educational articles, videos and other interactive content adapted to children and youth.

The goal is to promote digital transition and digital tools as a means for learning. Topics that we will cover will follow dimensions of civic education, so we will cover political literacy, human-legal dimension, social, intercultural, ecological and economic dimension.

Strong emphasis will be on volunteering as a means for participation, tool for strenghtening cohesion and solidarity in community, and a way for making positive impact in the community.

Target groups you will be able to work with and prepare activities for: Youth and children

How we will do this:

- Delivering activities to the schools
- Online campaings
- Educational articles
- Videos and other interactive content adapted to children and youth



Participant profile

We're seeking highly motivated individuals with ready to step out of their comfort zones and dive into a new adventure. If you're motivated to make a difference, eager to explore new horizons, and committed to developing adaptability.

Your presence alone is a beacon of hope for our community. People take comfort in seeing international volunteers dedicating themselves to our collective betterment.

Its not require but would be desirable people with experience in the field of culture:

- organization
- management
- Production
- Sound
- Event organization
- Graffic design
- etc

Training during the opportunity

- Volunteer induction training upon arrival to the community
- Croatian language lessons in the organization
- The opportunity to take part in non formal education the organization and local partners offer (depending on the mobility dates)
- On-arrival & Midterm training organized by the Croatian National Agency

Accommodation, food and transport arrangements:

During your stay in Petrinja you'll be accommodated in the "volunteer flat" that has shared bedrooms(2 persons per room), kitchen, living room, bathroom, 3 balconies and WIFI . All house utensils are provided by the hosting organization (towels, bed sheets and similar).

The apartment is located 7-10 minutes by foot from the main working premises. For transportation to/from activities we use the company van or local buses. You'll receive a monthly allowance - pocket money and living costs to manage your food and daily life. All costs of transport, accommodation and living are covered by the HO.

Where will I stay?



Your accommodation will be near the city centre (short walking distance) from the working premisses and you will share the apartment with other volunteers and interns. The apartment will have bedrooms, a shared kitchen and dining room, bathroom and everything else that is needed. Your living and food expenses will be paid for by the European Union project funding and you will also receive pocket money each month. With that, you can cook, share your delicious food with other volunteers, enjoy a cup of coffee in our local coffee shops and buy everything you need for your everyday life.





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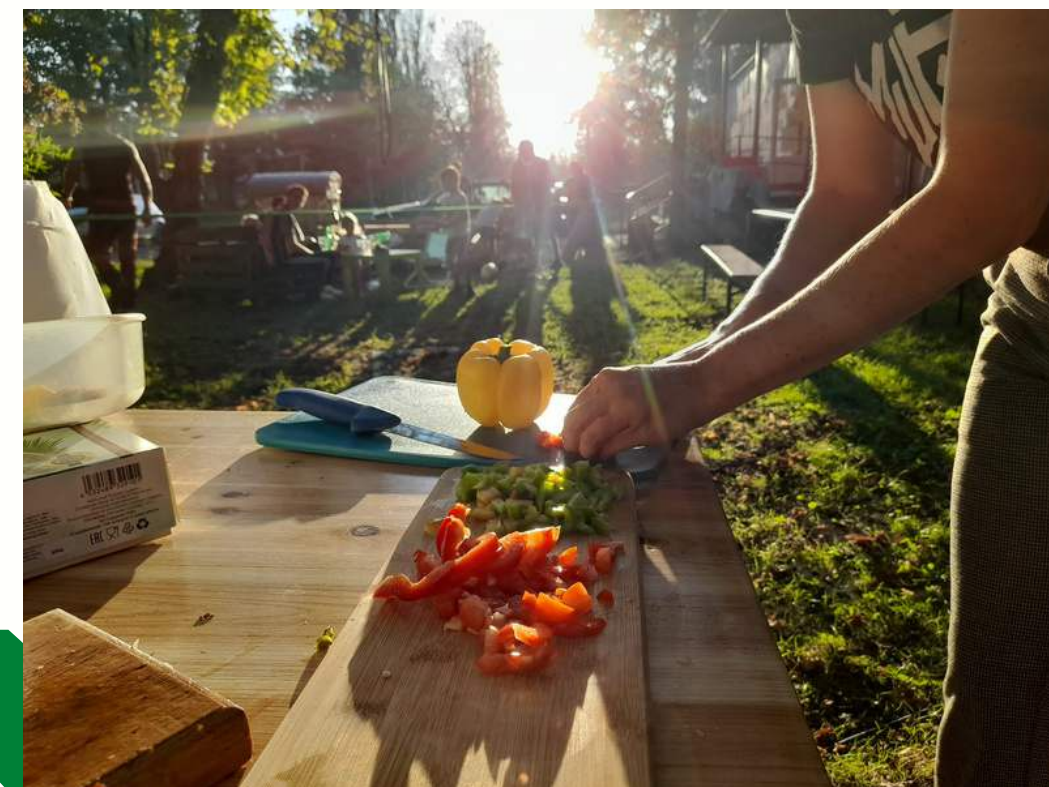




EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES THE VOLUNTEERS ORGANISE IN OUR COMMUNITY

ACTIVITIES WITH THE YOUTH

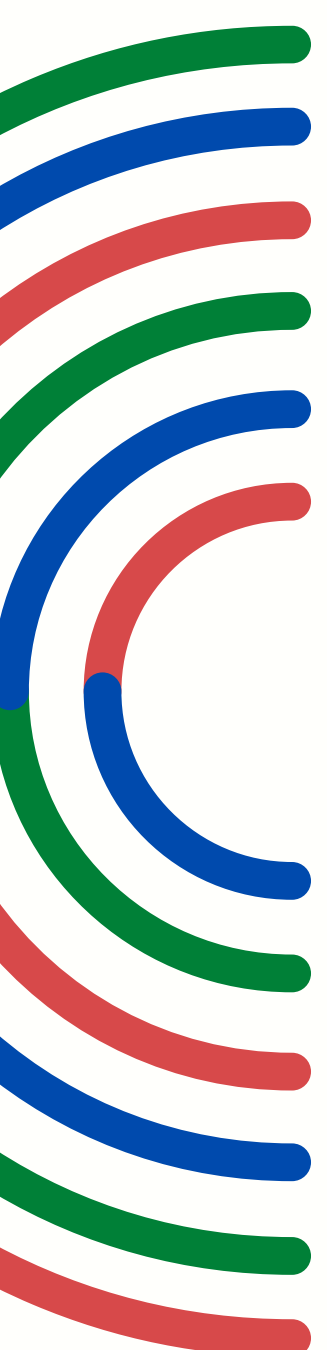




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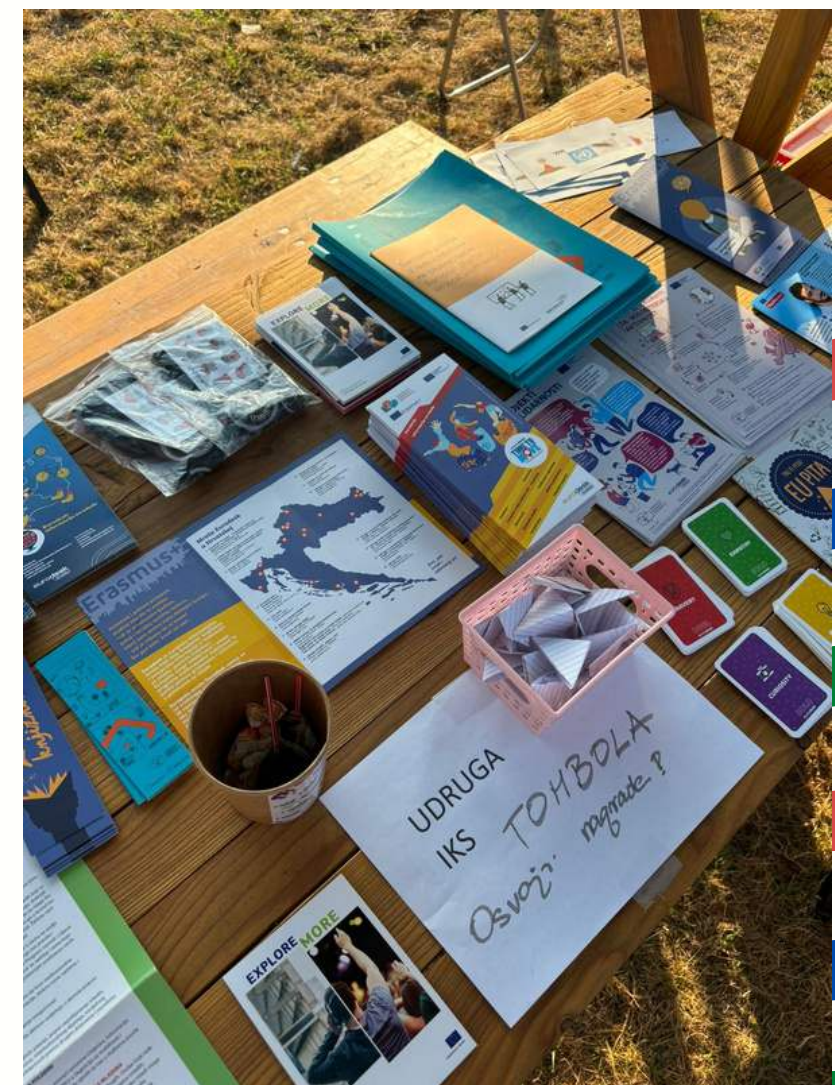


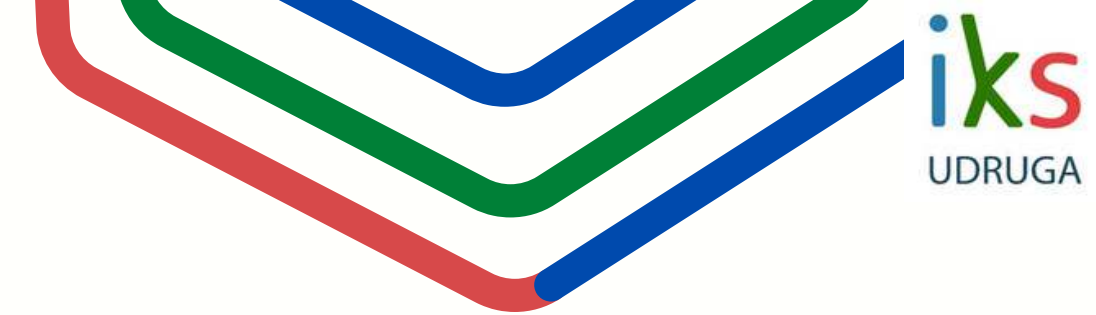
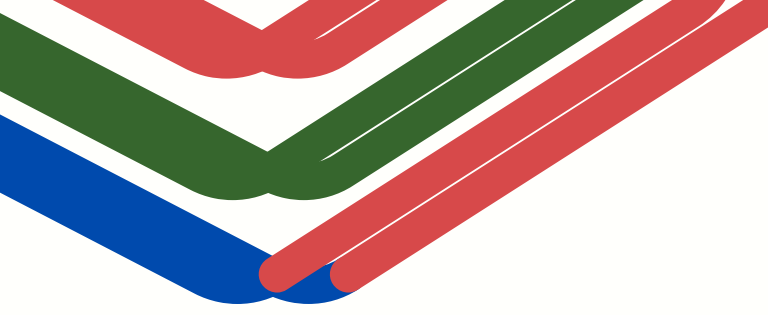




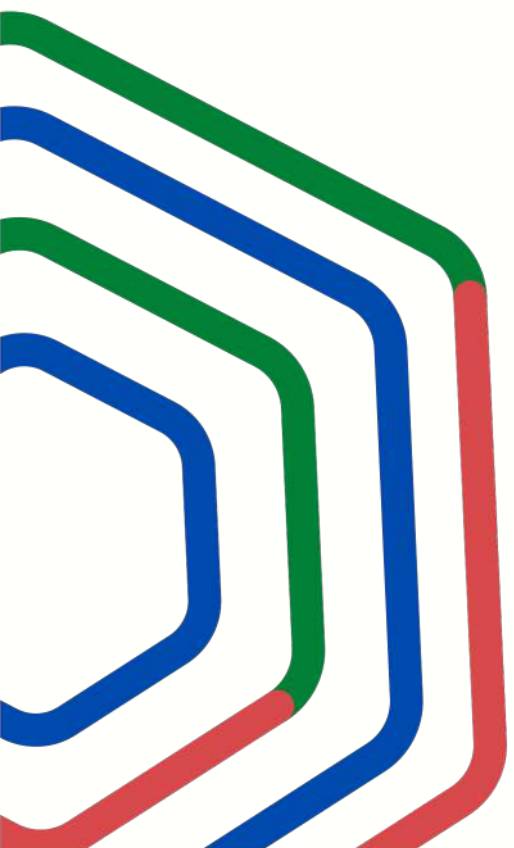
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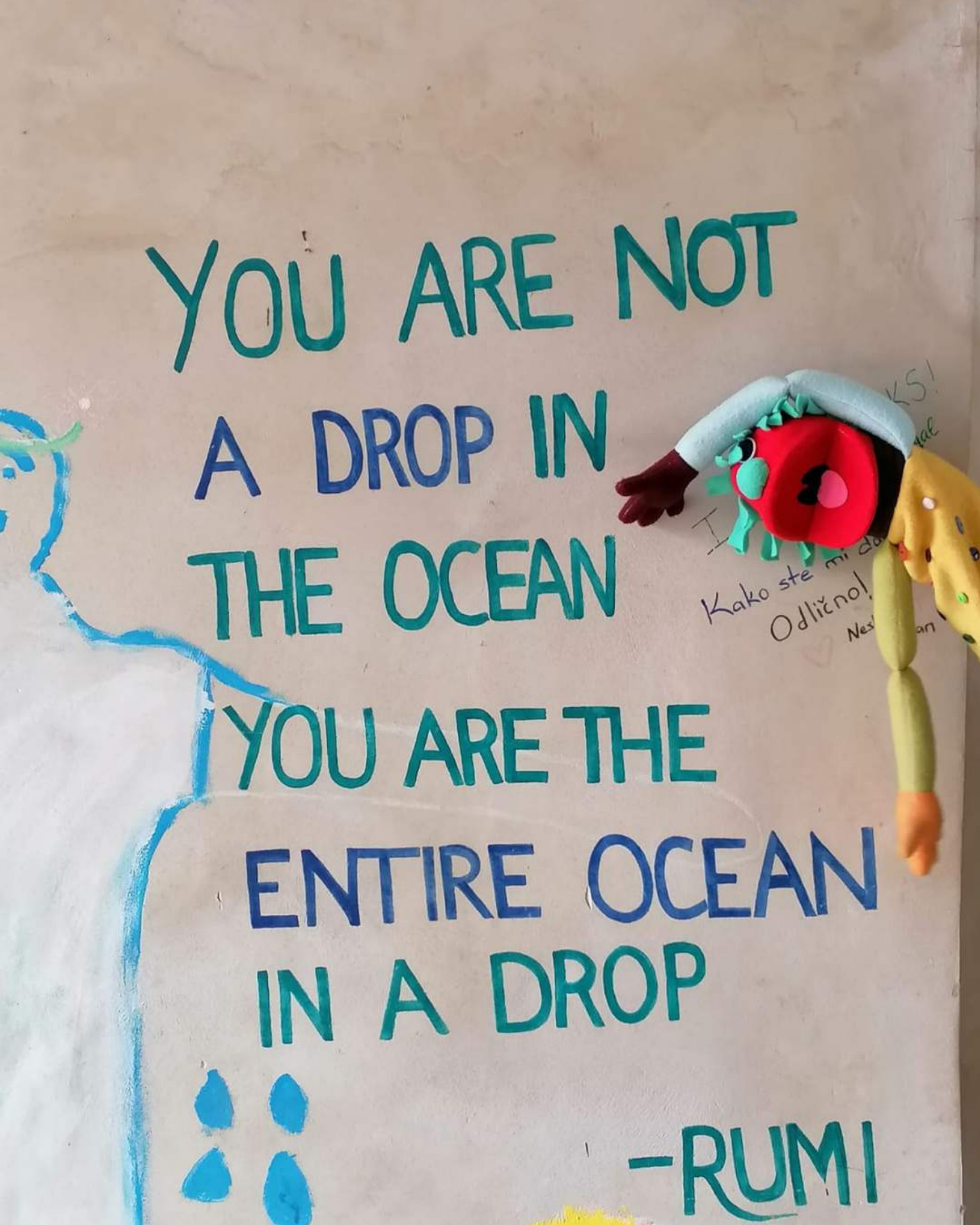
During the ESC project:

- Volunteers will work approximately 6-7 hours per day
- Saturdays and Sunday's are free unless there are specific project events or important international days on the weekend in which case they will get weekdays off
- Volunteers will have a mentor, who will provide peer support and assist the volunteer in adjusting to their new environment and help the volunteer with the Youthpass
- Volunteers have a coordinator and supervisor who will be looking after the project and supporting the volunteers' development
- Weekly reflection group meetings with coordinator and other volunteers
- Weekly task (work) related meetings where each volunteer can get individual guidance in planning and conducting their activities

Participation in an ESC project means:

- Commitment to a team experience
- Commitment to working out decisions and problems together
- Being open to learning, sharing and putting ideas into action
- Being sensitive to problems in the community
- Contributing to community development
- Having lots of self motivation and self initiative
- Developing a strong work ethic and transferable employability skills
- Learning about new cultures, new languages and discovering

And, of course, having fun! :)



**"BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE IN THE
WORLD"
-GANDHI (& UDRUGA IKS FAMILY)**