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BE THE SUN - ESC VOLUNTEERING TEAM IN ROMANIA



Join Lumea lui Pinocchio Association for a volunteering team project in Panciu!

Be the sun works as a place and a time to show solidarity with the Roma community through our Summer Festival based in Panciu, a small city in Romania.



Project period: 6th of July - 28th of August 2026
Two travel days included



Panciu, Romania



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WHO ARE WE

Lumea lui Pinocchio Association has been active in Panciu, Vrancea County since 2001 and aims to promote the social inclusion of disadvantaged children and young people from the local population, especially from the Roma minority, through the development of Pinocchio Day Center activities and through a systemic dialogue between NGOs, the local community and local institutions.



ABOUT THE EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS

The European Solidarity Corps is an European Commission program aimed to help young people taking part in projects that benefit communities, either abroad or in their own country. These projects offer an inspiring and empowering experience, as well as the chance to bring change while developing your skills and competences.

BE THE SUN

Be the sun is a two months volunteering team project that encompasses the following activities:

- ☀ Developing the fifth edition of a children's multicultural festival: Be the Sun;
- ☀ Conducting non-formal education activities at the Pinocchio Daily Center;
- ☀ Taking care of shared spaces of the Center;
- ☀ Capturing photos and videos of the Pinocchio Center's activities.



MAIN ACTIVITIES

Be the sun Festival

This activity consists in designing, organizing (the setting, activities, logistics and decorations) and implementing the fifth edition of the community summer festival "Be the sun!" in the public park of the city of Panciu.

The festival is a special moment for Lumea lui Pinocchio Association in order to offer a playful and completely free event to the community (kids, families and youngsters) in a place where the cultural offer is very low.

During the festival the volunteers can organize several artistic workshops (ex. facepainting, mandala painting, soap bubbles, bracelets, music, dance, etc.), entertainment with prize games and performances (theatral, musical, clownery, etc.).

All the aspects will be designed together within the group, defining people in charge for the different tasks, developing creativity, cooperation and teamwork.

The kids of the Pinocchio center will be involved as well in some aspect of the preparation.





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Workshops for children

One of the main objectives of our association is to make sure children have a safe place they can attend daily, with professionals who create non-formal educational activities based on their needs. During the two volunteering months, one of the activities will consist in supporting the organization of the daily activities' at the center (handcraft, sports, art and music, cultural topics and other educational activities.

In addition, interested volunteers may help our cook prepare the children's lunch.



Taking care of our space

The Pinocchio Center is like a second home for many children - a place where they can feel safe, play, and learn every day. To keep this space welcoming, clean and ready for all the activities, volunteers will help with simple but important tasks that make a real difference.

This can mean:

- Helping with cleaning the classrooms, play spaces, kitchen or yard
- Supporting small repairs, like fixing walls, painting, or making sure furniture is safe
- Rearranging spaces and making sure everything is ready for the next activities

It may not be the most visible part of volunteering, but it's one of the ways we care for the children, by keeping their space nice, clean, and safe.



WHO CAN APPLY

This project is designed for youth workers, educators, animators, young artists (of all types!) and creative, motivated people of all experience levels, interested to live a common experience with other international volunteers, who:

- Are aged between 18-30 years old;
- Have a good English language proficiency;
- Are registered on the ESC platform.



WHY THIS PROJECT

- ☀ Showing solidarity to disadvantaged groups;
- ☀ Practicing teamwork;
- ☀ Enhancing creativity and artistry;
- ☀ Developing activities based on your own ideas;
- ☀ Learning new non-formal education methods;
- ☀ Experience community living and cooking together.



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WHAT DO WE OFFER

- Covered travel costs;
- Food and accommodation;
- Pocket money (4 eur/day);
- Youthpass certificate.



WHAT DO YOU NEED TO BRING

- A few snacks from your country to be shared in the international evening;
- A hat and sunglasses (Panciu is very warm in the summer);
- Mosquito spray;
- Clothes that you don't mind getting dirty;
- Comfortable shoes;
- Raincoat.



The city

Panciu is a city situated between the hills cultivated with vines of Vrancea county, in the central eastern area of Romania.



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED

Please send your CV and a short motivational letter at voluntariat@lumealui-pinocchio.org.

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