



Erasmus+ volunteering with Open Doors in Hungary – 2021/22

Open Doors (working group of Útilapu) is a diverse and proactive community open for locals, foreigners, refugees, volunteers and activists or anyone who is willing to work for a more inclusive society by opening spaces (physical or metaphorical) for intercultural dialogue.

The project starts in **August 2021** and lasts 12 months. It is part of the Erasmus+ program “European Voluntary Service (EVS)”. More info about the EVS program you find [here](#).

What is the aim of the project? The aim of the project is to provide a platform to people from different cultural backgrounds, to create a community where they can exchange their knowledge and social sensitization of the Hungarian youth. We are aiming to involve in the activities of the project the special target group of Útilapu: young people with fewer opportunities. The members and visitors of the community space experience solidarity through these programs and use this experience on their working places, schools or at their homes. They achieve common goals, and overcome intercultural barriers.

What will your task be? You will be involved in the general activities of Utilapu as well but mostly in the activities of the "Community builders Vol.2" project. You will participate in “support the social inclusion and community building by creativity and art process”: motivating our target group (youth from state care) to get involved in the activities of Open Doors and keep on building an international and multicultural community in the running community place of Open Doors (MiraDoor, Budapest). Although we will discuss the activities with you, we still have preferences according to the outcomes from previous EVS projects:

- *Organizing and leading activities for the intercultural community (teaching, creative workshops, intercultural discussions) and managing public events for a bigger audience (40%):* As Utilapu has volunteers from different countries, organizing public events is a great way to support intercultural exchange between minorities and majorities. This activity is also going to lead you to experience the work of an international organization.
- *Motivating young people with fewer opportunities to be involved in the activities (20%):* Thanks to the young people with fewer opportunities, you will get to know people with different cultural backgrounds inside and outside the organization. And you will receive the possibility to get involved in international projects (for example Youth Exchanges, trainings) as well.
- *Coordinating other volunteers (20%):* Thanks to this activity, you will support the effectivity of Open Doors Working Group. Main task will be to help the preparation of new volunteers who are applying to Open Doors for volunteering with young people from the state care. You will support the intercultural exchange also for the new volunteers before they start to work with minors.
- *Project writing and project managing (20%):* Thanks to this activity you will learn how a project is implemented: from the writing, through the managing, till the closing and financial report. This activity will make you understand the importance and the responsibility to sustain an international project.

You will have a chance to take part in other activities of Utilapu as well - such as different cultural and public events, workshops and international voluntary camps. You will take place in Hungarian language sessions organized by the Hungarian volunteers of the organization.

What is included?

- Travel grant
- Food and Accommodation
- Pocket Money
- Local transport
- Insurance
- Visa, stay permit

The practical and logistic matters will be handled by Utilapu. SCI Switzerland will be responsible for all administrative matters like insurance and visa.

Utilapu will rent you a room in a shared flat in the center of Budapest. You will have your own room, with a window, a bed, a wardrobe and a table. The budget that you will receive should cover all your costs.

Please write to Francesca Albanello at evs@scich.org if you are interested in becoming an EVS volunteer. Please note that you can only apply if you are between 18-30 years old and if you have not volunteered through the Erasmus+ before.

Send your application via email to evs@scich.org with the subject **Application EVS OPEN DOORS**, and include all the following documents in English:

- CV, Curriculum Vitae
- Specific motivation letter for the project

Deadline for the application **as fast as possible**.

