



THE POWER OF GOOD WILL

**ESC Volunteering
Opportunity**

Karviná & Český Těšín
CZECH REPUBLIC



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Project at a Glance



Duration: 12 months



Fully funded (EU ESC)



Accommodation included



International environment



Learn and create your own projects

This project is for young people who want more than a routine volunteering placement. It is a chance to become part of a creative, community-based environment where you can support meaningful local activities, meet people from different backgrounds, and shape your learning journey along the way.

You will be based in Karviná and Český Těšín in the Czech Republic, in a region where cultures, languages, and communities naturally meet. The experience is practical, flexible, and human. You will not be expected to fit into one rigid role. Instead, we want to discover your strengths together and help you use them in a way that benefits both you and the local community.



About US

“We support young people in realizing their ideas.”

Petrklíč help supports young people by giving them space to turn ideas into action. We create opportunities for learning, community involvement, creativity, youth participation, and personal growth. Our work connects people, local initiatives, and educational activities in ways that are both meaningful and practical.

We believe that young people grow best when they are trusted, encouraged, and given space to try things in real life. That is why our projects are built not only around tasks, but also around initiative, responsibility, and shared experience.



"You don't need to be perfect. You just need to be willing."



Age: 18–30



English



proactive, curious, open

Who Might Feel at Home in This Project?

We are looking for volunteers aged 18–30 who are open, curious, and willing to take part in different types of activities. You do not need to arrive with perfect skills or professional experience. What matters most to us is your attitude.

Our working language is mainly English. At the same time, your stay can also be a chance to learn some basic Czech and get closer to the local environment.

This project may suit you well if you are:

- proactive and willing to take initiative
- open to new people and new situations
- ready to learn by doing
- interested in community, culture, youth work, or creative projects
- flexible enough to work in a dynamic environment

**We welcome applicants from all programme countries.*

What Could Your Volunteering Look Like?

This project includes several activity areas, and your volunteering experience may combine more than one of them. Depending on the season, current events, project needs, and your own interests, your role can be diverse and flexible. This means your year with us can develop over time rather than stay fixed from the beginning.

You may take part in community events, cultural activities, educational workshops, youth-oriented programmes, or project-based tasks. We want your volunteering to be meaningful, but also personal enough for you to discover what you enjoy and where you can contribute best.



Community & Youth Work
workshops, events, youth activities



Projects & Entrepreneurship
Business Gate, project management, own initiatives



Culture & Creativity
tea festival, cultural events, art



Learning & Education
work with children, library, non-formal education





Activity Area

One part of the volunteering opportunity is connected to **tea-inspired and eco-oriented activities**.

These can include ecological education, tea tastings, upcycling and recycling workshops, support with the multicultural tea festival Svátek čaje.

This area is especially suitable for volunteers who enjoy calm but creative spaces, intercultural exchange, hands-on workshops, and activities that bring people together in an informal way.

*Another important part of the project is **youth and community work**. This may include helping with workshops, meetings, local events, festivals, youth participation initiatives, and activities that connect different groups in the community.*

*You may become involved in events such as film festivals, educational gatherings, youth parliaments, or smaller local meetings. In **Karviná**, especially, community work also has a deeper meaning. The city has gone through social and economic change, and there is real value in creating spaces where people feel included, active, and connected.*

This part of the project can involve cooperation with different groups such as youth, seniors, people from minority backgrounds, international communities, and others living in the region.

*The project can also include work in **educational and cultural environments**. Depending on the period and needs, volunteers may engage in activities linked to children, youth libraries, workshops, non-formal education, or cultural spaces.*

You may be part of:

- *activities with children in alternative educational settings*
- *youth-oriented library programmes*
- *cultural events, screenings, discussions, and workshops*
- *creative community initiatives*
- *spaces that support local participation and international exchange*

This makes the project especially suitable for people who like working with ideas, people, learning environments, and creative formats.

Your Daily Life



You will not be doing one repetitive task every day. Our volunteers usually move across different community-based activities depending on the season, ongoing projects, and their own interests. This means your experience can include cultural events, workshops, youth activities, tea-inspired educational events, and even space for your own initiative.



~6 hours/day volunteering



flexible tasks



travel & personal growth

Where You Will Live

"Live in a truly cross-border culture"

This volunteering opportunity is based mainly in Karviná and Český Těšín in the Czech Republic. What makes it special is the location itself. The region sits close to Poland and Slovakia, and in everyday life these borders feel less like barriers and more like points of connection.

In Český Těšín and neighbouring Cieszyn, the border is part of the city's identity. In Karviná, the atmosphere is different: more post-industrial, more socially complex, but also full of space for meaningful community work and new energy.

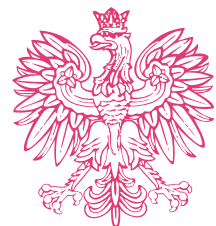
This is not a typical big-city volunteering placement. It offers something else: closeness, depth, local character, and the chance to understand a region from the inside.



Czech Republic



Near Slovakia mountains



5 min walk to Poland

Why This Location is Special



1 Český Těšín and Cieszyn - One city, two countries

Mixed cultures & languages

Rich history + modern youth life

For a volunteer, this means daily life can naturally include more than one cultural perspective. Cafés, public spaces, events, and informal encounters all reflect this mixed atmosphere. It is a place where borders are visible, but everyday life often moves beyond them.

2 Karviná - post-industrial city

Green spaces

Student presence

For volunteers, Karviná can be a place of real social meaning. It is a place where small initiatives can have visible impact, where relationships matter, and where your contribution can feel tangible.

At the same time, Karviná is not only about its past. It also offers green spaces, parks, lakes, access to nature, and a student presence through the School of Business Administration of Silesian University.

What Do You Get?



Accommodation



Food allowance + pocket money



Travel covered



Insurance



Support system

Meet our Team

Behind the project is a team of coordinators with different personalities, strengths, and fields of experience. Some are deeply rooted in youth work, some in education, some in community events, some in project strategy and coordination. Together, they create an environment that is both structured and human.

What matters most is that volunteers are not left alone. You will be guided by people who know the local context, understand international volunteering, and genuinely care about helping young people grow through experience.

Petr Kantor

Vice Chair

Strategic thinker and network builder with deep experience in youth and project work. He helps connect ideas, people, and opportunities.



Kateřina Drongova

Project Manager

A warm and reflective educator with a deep passion for youth development. She supports volunteers in learning and personal growth.



Zuzana Palová

Project & Strategy Coordinator

Driven, organised, and focused on making things work efficiently. She oversees strategic planning and project structure and ensures everything stays on track.



Veronika Skorokhod

Volunteer Coordinator

The first point of contact for volunteers, always ready to support, guide, and listen. She helps ensure that your experience runs smoothly.



Why This Experience Matters

More than volunteering

This project is not only about helping in activities. It is about becoming part of a place, learning how communities work, discovering your own capacities, and growing through real responsibility.

You may arrive with curiosity, uncertainty, or only a rough idea of what you want. That is okay. What matters is that you are ready to engage, learn, and bring something of yourself into the experience.

If you choose this project, we want you to feel that you are not simply filling a role. You are joining a shared story.

Life outside volunteering also matters

During your stay, you will not only work. You will also live here, explore the area, meet people, and create your own rhythm.

The region offers:

- *local cafés and restaurants*
- *cultural events and community spaces*
- *parks, nature, and weekend hiking options*
- *easy transport connections to nearby cities*
- *access to both Czech and Polish sides of the border*

This creates a volunteering experience that is not only about tasks but also about lifestyle, discovery, and belonging.





Ready to Apply?




*We would love to hear from you
If this opportunity speaks to you, we invite you to apply.*

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