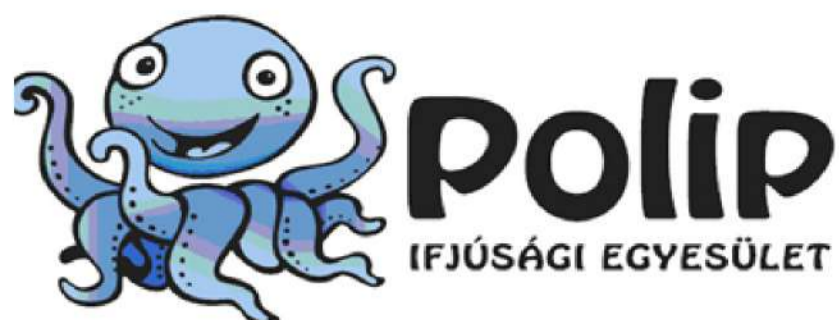


VOLUNTEERING IN SZEKSZÁRD, HUNGARY

INFOPACK- EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS



- **Are you interested in solidarity, interculturality and volunteering?**
- **Do you enjoy working with children and the local community?**
- **Have you always wanted to experience the Hungarian culture and lifestyle?**



Welcome to Polip Ifjúsági Egyesület



Dear Partners,

We are looking forward to having you as a volunteer in Szekszárd for 11 months, starting in September 2022. We host around 8 volunteers a year.

In this document, you will find all the information that you need.

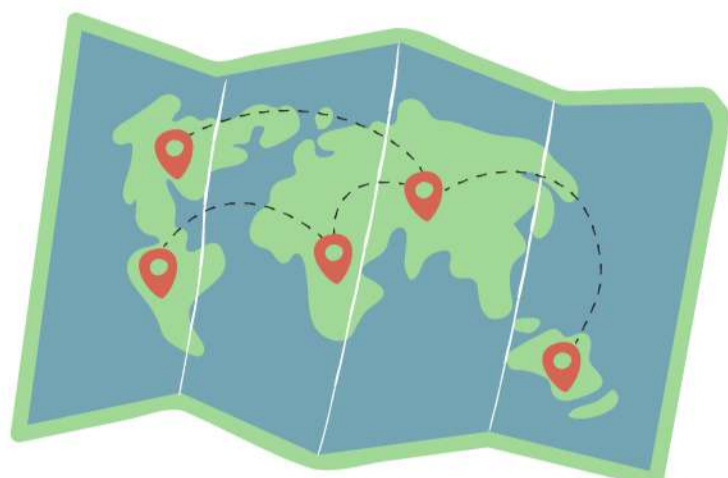
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ABOUT SZEKSZÁRD



Szekszárd is a small city in southern Hungary and the capital of Tolna County. By population, Szekszárd is the smallest county capital in Hungary; by area, it is the second-smallest (after Tatabánya).

Main sights

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- Old county hall (neo-Classical style)
 - Augusz manor (Franz Liszt was a guest here)
 - Deutsche Bühne Ungarn
 - Birthplace of Mihály Babits, Museums
 - Birthplace of Valéria Dienes
 - Ruins of Benedictine monastery
 - János Garay Square and statue



In Szekszárd, the summers are warm, the winters are very cold and snowy, and it is partly cloudy year round.

RELEVANT INFO



Type of project

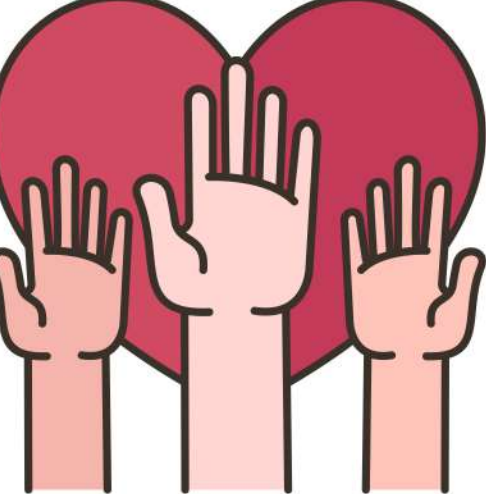
European Solidarity Corps –
Volunteering in Szekszárd



Hosting Organization

Polip Ifjúsági Egyesület

Volunteering

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- The project will be realized in Szekszárd and Tolna, Hungary.
 - Project places can be in Tolna-Mözs (very close to Szekszárd), Tolna and Szekszárd.

The project will place in:

1. Waldorf Kindergarten- Szekszárd/English 2
2. Greengarden Kindergarten - Tolna-Mözs/German 2
3. Catholic High School of Tolna English/German 1
4. Polip Youth Association - Szekszárd/English 2
5. Wunderland Kinderfarten- Szekszárd/German 1
6. Nemesnádudvari German Nationality Kindergarten - Nemesnádudvar/ German 2

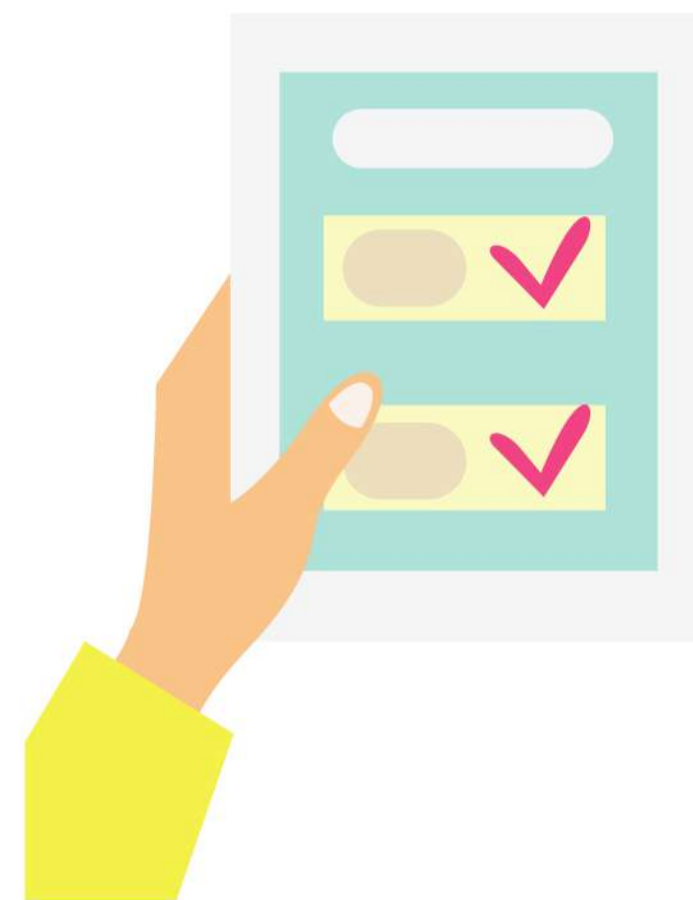
Besides working in a kindergarten/secondary school volunteer will contribute to Polip Youth Association's everyday life, programmes and events (occasionally).

VOLUNTEER'S PROFILE

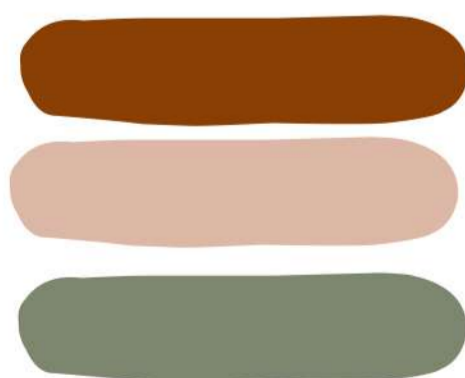


- Youngsters between 18 and 30 years old
- B1-B2 level in English or who could speak German
- Want to work with children, the peer group and the community
- Motivated to participate in volunteer actions and activities that enable the development of skills key, experiences and learning
- Aware of their role and to be able to participate in all phases of the volunteer activity in which they will be involved

YOU WILL NEED...



- To be registered in the Portal of the European Solidarity Corps;
- To present your CV and motivation letter
- To sign the Voluntary Agreement before starting the mobility
- To have CIGNA insurance (we will take care of it!)
- To provide all the documentation we will request afterwards



YOU WILL HAVE...



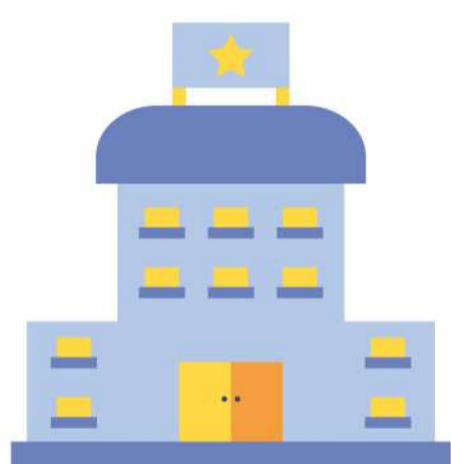
- Technical support - Meeting in the hosting organization to integrate information and share learning outcomes



- Financial support - Pocket money per day every month + Food support



- Language Course and OLS The volunteer have Hungarian Language course 2 hours/ a week. (private teacher)



- Accommodation- An individual room in an apartment with all the living conditions required by the Erasmus+ program (rent, water, electricity, gas and Wi-Fi for free).
- The volunteer will be offered accommodation in Student's Hostel. Kitchen and bathroom will be shared. The kitchen and room are furnished and can be used by the volunteer. Internet access will be provided.



- Transportation- The volunteer will receive a monthly local bus ticket and will have a bicycle

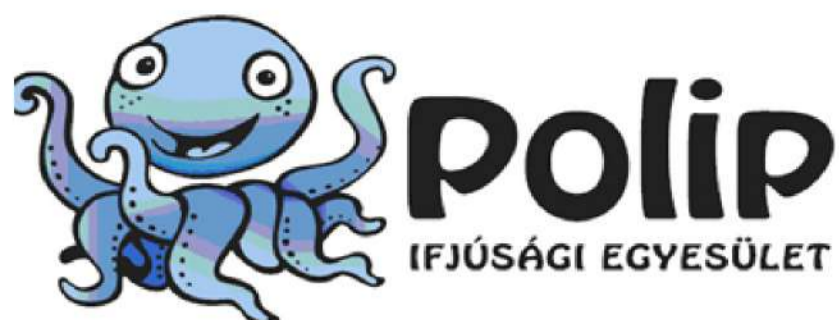
Szekszárdi Waldorf Óvoda (Waldorf Kindergarten Szekszárd)



- There is Waldorf Kindergarten founded 22 year in Szekszárd in Tolna county. In 2 groups there are 40 children, aged 3-6. Teachers would like to provide open and creative basis for the children to develop their personality.
- Teachers carry out all activities based on the Waldorf method, which offers children the possibility to choose on the one hand, and supports their independent decision-making and problem-solving skills on the other.
- Parents and volunteers are also involved in the use of this method, e.g. create games and development tools together, and have the opportunity to provide information about the method.
- The kindergarten has weekly and daily schedules, planned the development fields:
 1. Get to know the outside world– get to know the nature
 2. Healthy lifestyle- Tales, poems, drawing,handicraft
 3. “Playing with numbers” –Figures
 4. Traditions: songs, habits,dance
 5. Moving: – Gymnastics.

Volunteers

- The aim of introducing volunteers in kindergartens is to involve small children into intercultural activities, as the early age makes the acquisition of tolerance and acceptance easier than in a latter age.
- Getting to know a new culture (e.g.: its festivals, habits etc.) is a good opportunity for the volunteer, too, just like it is to try herself in a different working situation.
- Volunteers prepare and implement thematic, development sessions as well as taking part in informal games.
- Creativity of the volunteers are counted on so their willingness in teaching rhymes, games, songs and dances, and their initiating skills in new programmes.
- All volunteers will work with a colleague, who helps them in their duties, but they will be free to realize new projects.
Volunteers will take part in organizing family programmes (festivals, trips etc.), too.



Tolnai Zöldkert Óvoda (Greengarden Kindergarten in Tolna- Mözs)



- There are 5 Kindergartens in our small town, one of them is the place of our EVS project: Zöldkert Kindergarten (Green Garden) in Tolna-Mözs. In 2 groups there are 50 children, aged 3-7. Teachers aim to broaden and enrich the European and international atmosphere of the kindergarten. Teachers would like to provide open and creative basis for the children to develop their personality.
- “Zöldkert” Kindergarten beyond the general Kindergarten education has a special education field, it is the German ethnic traditions and language teaching on a playful way.
- The Kindergarten has weekly and daily schedules, planned the development fields:
 1. Get to know the outside world – get to know the nature
 2. Healthy lifestyle
 3. Tales, poems, drawing, handicraft
 4. “Playing with numbers” – Figures
 5. Traditions: songs, habits, dance
 6. Moving: – Gymnastics.

- Teachers teach and grow up the children playfully and flexible way.
- There are mixed aged groups, by this system the younger children can see models and the learning process is easier.
- The days in the kindergarten are structured in: free-play time, specific offers and actions with the group.
- Important part at the kindergarten are also activities with and for the parents and cooperation with other local associations to organise common events. We are active participants in the cultural programs of the town.

Volunteers

- Volunteers should know German or speak German language. (A1-B2)
- Volunteers are motivated to participate confident, resolved attitude
- Volunteers knowledge of English is an Advantage
- Volunteers experience with small children
- Willing to participate activities and help to the teachers



Tolnai Szent István Katolikus Gimnázium (Catholic High School of Tolna)

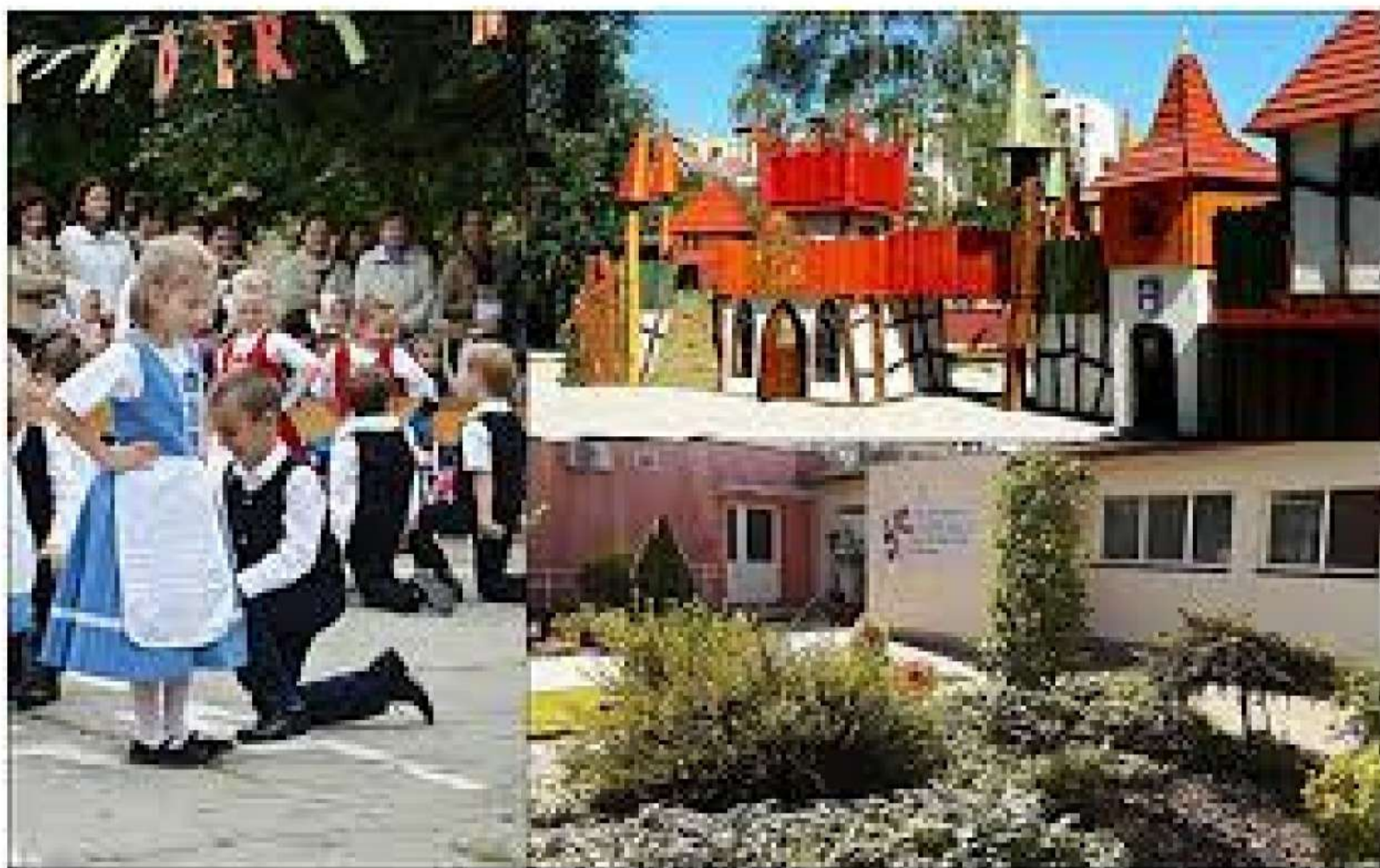


- The students are between the age of twelve and eighteen (grades 7th to 12th). They are highly motivated in learning foreign languages. Some of the students are more advanced in English or German than others.
- Teachers organize students into groups of about fifteen according to their levels of language ranging from beginners to advanced. At the end of their high school studies it is obligatory to take language exams on different levels (ordinary (B1) or advanced (B2)) as their further studies require.
- Working with teenagers and young adults can be mutually beneficial. Teenagers and young adults are very open-minded and they are grateful for the possibilities that are given to them.
- Volunteers could get to know Hungarian culture, cuisine and life in general, and they would have the chance to visit some famous Hungarian places.

Volunteers

- Volunteers would be welcome and would be appreciated to take part in any activities organised at our high school.
- Volunteers, working together with teachers, would help teachers plan the foreign language lessons and participate in activities that are in connection with foreign language education.
- Besides taking part in the lessons, volunteers would be welcome to organise or take part in any activities that help students improve their language skills. They could participate in class excursions, they could organise English clubs or „English/German table” (a „table” in the school canteen where students would be welcome to speak in English/German), they could participate and help in sport programs, they are welcome to organise or to participate in out of school activities: movie nights, music clubs, sport clubs etc.
- Volunteers would work under the guidance of foreign language teachers, supported by a mentor.

WUNDERLAND KINDERGARTEN

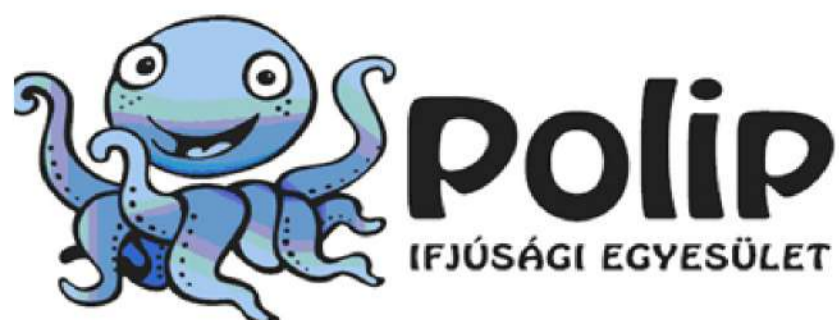


- The kindergarten is located in the central part of the city of Szekszárd, surrounded by family houses and housing estates.
- Bilingual education of the German nationality is a priority task of the kindergarten.
- The kindergarten place great emphasis on German and Hungarian traditional programs and on establishing and maintaining a good relationship with parents. Every year, with the active participation and cooperation of parents and grandparents, we organize high-quality, experience-rich programs based on Hungarian and German folk traditions.
- In the context of education for a healthy lifestyle, we take advantage of the opportunity to discover the beauties of nature and protect its values, and in the process get to know our environment, hand in hand with parents on excursions, forest walks, and hikes. In addition to getting to know each other and an aesthetic experience, shared games, exercise and sports create an excellent opportunity to spend your free time meaningfully and usefully.

Volunteers

- The volunteers will support the work of the Kindergarten teachers and contribute in the daily routine tasks.
- Together with the staff members they will look after the children, taking care of and playing with the children, singing, painting, handicrafts, acting and others.
- The young volunteers will be involved in the preparation and realization of special events, like seasonal parties, open days, etc. There will be possibility for the volunteers to realise own initiatives.
- The coordinating organisation provides a basis to organise common programs, for ex. Multicultural events, sport, games..





Nemesnádudvari German Nationality Kindergarten (Nemesnádudvari Német Nemzetiségi Óvoda)



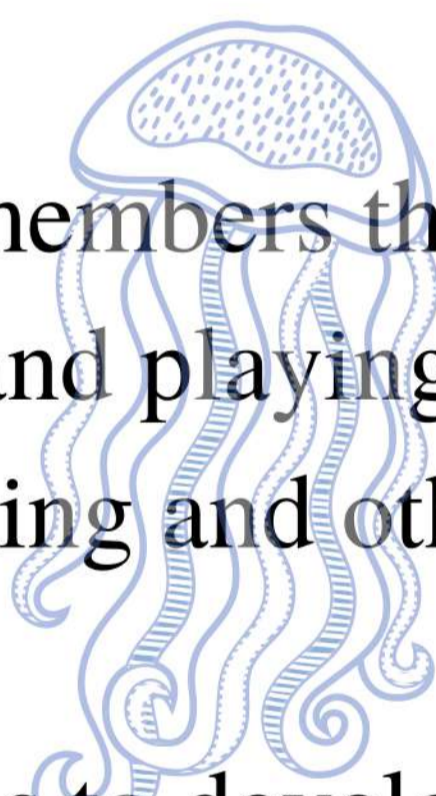
- The building of the kindergarten is located in the center of our picturesquely situated settlement. Its location enables us to reach the forest, the riverbank, and the meadow by organizing short trips, thus providing our children with a varied and diverse opportunity to make direct contact with their natural environment.
- The group rooms are spacious, bright and well equipped. Kindergarten teachers make their groups homey and individual.
- The kindergarten's main profile and strength is visual education. A rich range of tools ensures the versatile development of children. Every year the teachers organize a drawing exhibition of the student's works in the cultural center.
- The kindergarten's goal is to develop the German language in addition to the mother tongue. German nationality education also takes place in this kindergarten.

KINDERGARTEN'S EXAMPLES OF TRADITIONS RELATED TO THE CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY

DATE	EVENT	RESPONSIBLE
September	HARVEST FESTIVAL	BIG GROUP
September	FOLKLORE DAY (puppet show)	KINDERGARTEN HEAD
October	HEALTH CARE PROJECT HEALTH FAIR for three weeks	BIG GROUP
November	MARTIN'S DAY	EVERY GROUP
Nov. 30 – Dec. 18	"THE FAMILY IS THE WISDOM OF LOVE" PROJECT, for three weeks ADVENT PREPARATION/TRADITIONS	EVERY GROUP
December	Santa's VEHICLE OPENING is coming, for the ovites of the future	INTERMEDIATE

Volunteers

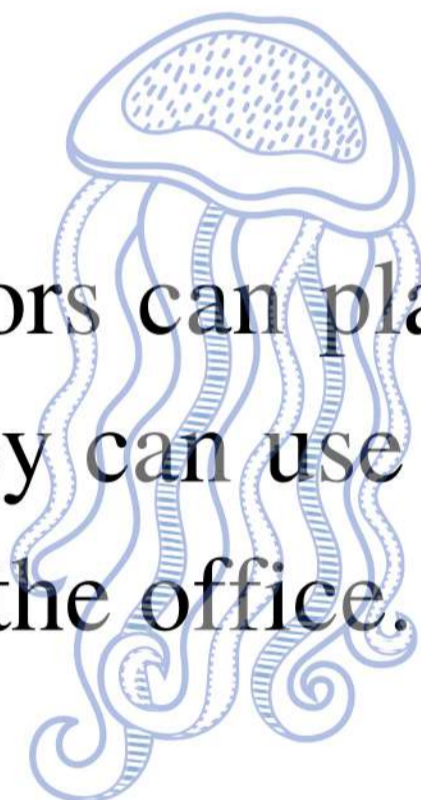
- The kindergarten has been paying more and more attention to ensuring the conditions for education for a healthy and cultured lifestyle. (salt room, well-equipped gym, spacious, beautifully landscaped yard, purified drinking water, regular fruit consumption, smoking prevention) The volunteers will support the work of the Kindergarten teachers and contribute in the daily routine tasks.
- Together with the staff members they will look after the children, taking care of and playing with the children, singing, painting, handicrafts, acting and others.
- The kindergarten's goal is to develop the German language in addition to the mother tongue so volunteers must know German language at least A2 level. (Also for communicate with the teachers and staff)



Polip Ifjúsági Egyesület (Polip Youth Association)



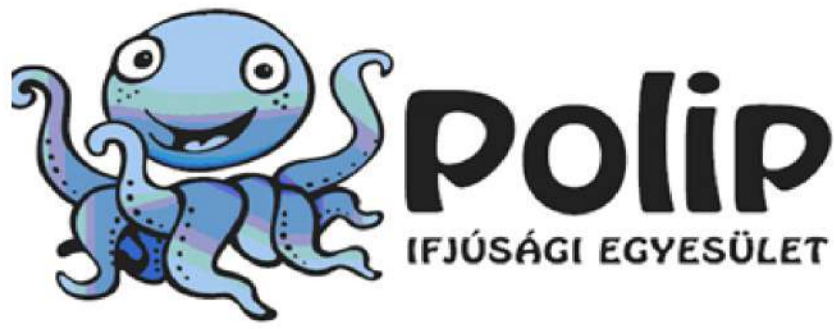
- Activities in the office of Polip (volunteer will help or participant in some of the following programmes): organizing different programmes with youngsters who visit Polip (e.g.: with the help of local volunteers' club: sport events, exhibitions, concerts, ...).
- At our organization visitors can play board games, table soccer in the afternoons, and they can use the internet. Volunteers help them during their stay in the office.
- Volunteers join the program called “Tanoda” in which volunteers can introduce their home countries, culture. An important task of our association is the exploratory youth work, in which the volunteer promotes the Solidarity Corps program and presents the volunteering of his/her own project and gives a taste of his/her culture.



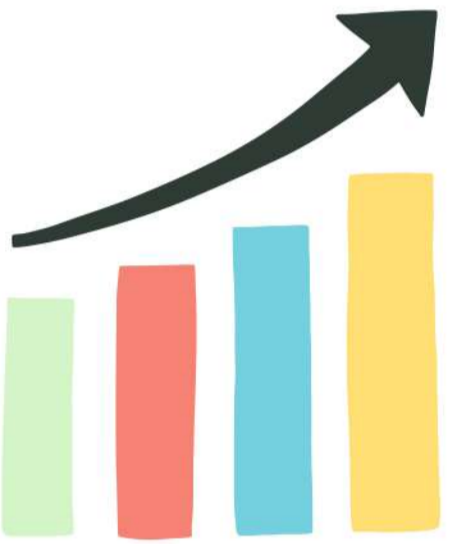
- The main aim of the activity is to provide intercultural experiences for local young people, diversify activities, involve new ideas and, last but not least, volunteer development.
- The involvement and training of volunteers is the responsibility of a youth worker working for the association, led by the president of the association.
- The headquarters of the association is a meeting place for other EVS volunteers and local young people to organize a further joint program, extending the learning opportunities of volunteers, shaping local youth programs. (e.g. Multicultural Days).

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION

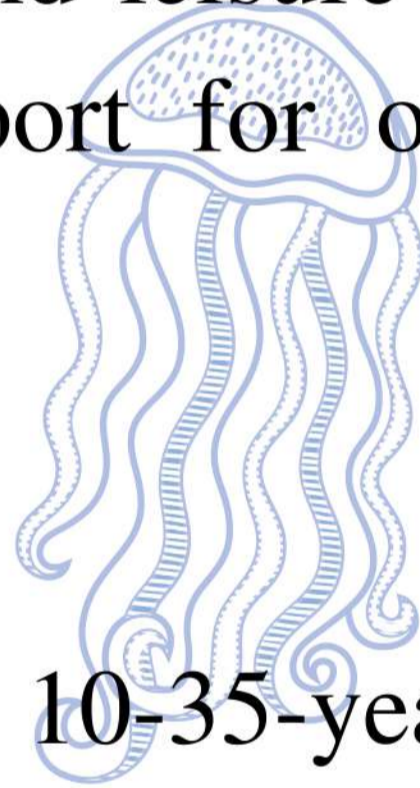




Polip Youth Association was founded in 2004 by experienced youth workers. It is also a non-governmental youth association.



Our goal is to help young people mainly in their everyday problems, to give information, to organize trainings, sport and leisure time activities, to provide professional support for other organizations in our county.



Target group: 10-35-year-old young people, – children with less opportunities, – civil organizations within Tolna county.



- Our basic task is to provide several possibilities for young people to develop their personality.

- We would like to promote positive intercultural relations between local and foreign young people.



- The EVS/ESC volunteers help to work out our aims, bringing a different linguistic and cultural dimension to our association.

- Hosting volunteers give a non-formal learning way not only to the volunteers but to the local young people, too.



- The common work and leisure time activities offer young people a taste of the foreign cultures while they widen their horizon, and stimuli to get to know other countries and languages.

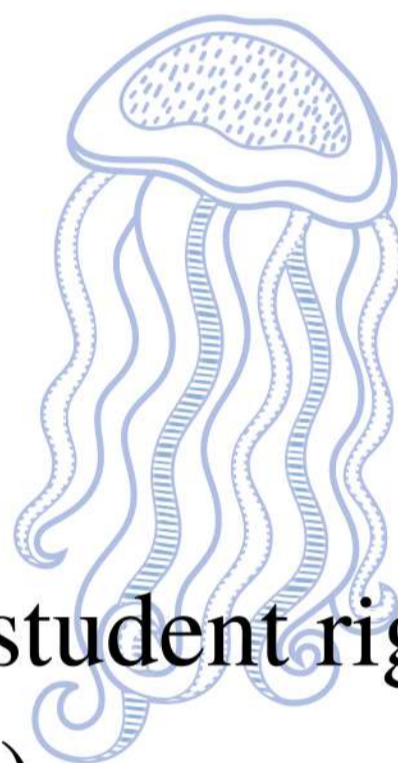
SERVICES



1. Information service
giving information (in person and online)



2. Counseling
giving advice (student rights and mental health)



3. Activities, clubs, programs

ACTIVITIES



- Youth Council (SZIFÖN) – supporting the local youth council



- ICT training, programs about digital communication, digital addiction – we are a member of Digital Welfare Program (DJP POINT) in Hungary network



- Summer opening party - local festival



- Student parliament - training for the student leaders



- Student camp for vulnerable children



- Multi-cultural events

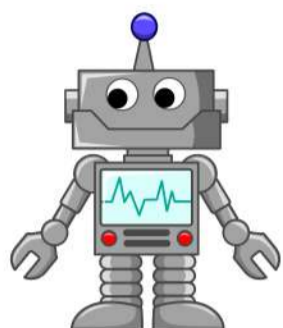
- Sports and leisure time activities



- Student leader trainings, representation of students, children's rights and interests, trainings about how to apply for a tender



CLUBS



- Robotics Club



- English Conversation Club with the ESC volunteers



- Student Club – supporting children with bad backgrounds – learning with students. Our "student-community place" is open and free for the youngsters and it provides a place for them to spend their free time in a useful way.



- Theater pedagogy groups



- IT Club – using community PCs and free internet

PROGRAMS



- Environment and nature protection program



- Voluntary programs (Erasmus EVS, ESC) – the host partners are 4 local kindergartens with the support of the EU we invite volunteers from different countries to take part in our project called 'Creative activities with small children and young People'



- Animal welfare programs (dog shelter – painting dog houses, taking dogs for a walk, taking care of dogs)



- Common projects on different topics with local, national and international civil associations



- Vocational internship program for the vulnerable students (target countries are Portugal and Germany) (Erasmus+ VET program)



INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

- 2016-1-DE02-KA204-003254EUBILD-UNAKLIM
- 2017-1-HU01-KA102-035369 Creative works with youth people
- 2017-1-HU01-KA102-035630 Internship in German and in Portugal
- 2018-1-HU01-KA102-047534 Creative works with small children
- 2019-1-DE02-KA201-006106 MOOC4ALL
- 2020-1-HU01-ESC11-077780 Volunteering in Szekszárd
- 2022-1-HU01-KA152-YOU-000068814 ACTUVISION
- 2022-1-HU01-ESC-VTJ-000067076 Volunteering in Szekszárd

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