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## European Voluntary Service in IFM-SEI member organisations February-December 2015

Would you like to get new experiences and volunteer in a like-minded child and youth organisation in another country? With the European Voluntary Service project of the International Falcon Movement-Socialist Educational International this is possible!

### The Key Facts

Doing a 'European Voluntary Service' (EVS) with IFM-SEI means:

- Living for 11 months in another country (February to December 2015)
- Preparing the EVS and a common project together during a seminar in December 2014
- Working in another member organisation of IFM-SEI
- Discovering another country and learning another language
- Being part of the global 'Partnerships for Participation' project: setting up a local child participation project, sharing experiences and getting training together with other volunteers

### The Theme: Partnerships for Participation

The theme of the EVS project will be '**Partnerships for Participation.**' Working specifically with young people **aged 13-18**, we aim to challenge the misperception that children are only capable of participating in matters directly affecting them individually by involving them in the decision-making of schools and local authorities. We plan to thoroughly research and assess current participation practices, persuade decision-makers of the benefits of youth participation to all parties, train local decision-makers in genuine and meaningful participation and produce a toolkit to support sustainable participation.

As EVS volunteers, you will be important actors of this project. You will work directly with a group of teenagers, coordinate the project locally and support the organisation in setting up partnerships. You will have time to support the research and stay in contact with the international volunteer network to update each other about progress in the different communities.



You will also spend time supporting the work of your host organisation. This will be different in each organisation, but can include:

- Helping in the office (planning activities, running seminars, helping with design and publications etc.)
- Working in a youth centre
- Teaching your language to local children
- Supporting local volunteers to set up new groups

Detailed information about each organisation is at the end of this document.

## Financial support

The EVS programme is financed by the European Commission. The grant covers:

- Accommodation in a single room in a shared flat
- Allowance for food and local transport
- A language course
- Pocket money
- Health insurance
- Travel costs to and from the host country
- Visa and vaccination costs up to a maximum amount
- Seminars to work on a child participation project together and meet other volunteers

Your sending organisation (your home falcon organisation) will support you with the preparation of your stay. They and the IFM-SEI secretariat will also stay in contact with you during your year abroad.

## How to apply?

Send your letter of motivation and CV to [contact@ifm-sei.org](mailto:contact@ifm-sei.org) by **Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> March**.

Please indicate in your letter of motivation:

- Your general motivation to take part in the European Voluntary Service
- Your **two** priorities for host organisations (**Non-European applicants: it is only possible for you to volunteer in European organisations. European applicants: it is only possible for you to volunteer outside Europe**) and why you would like to go to these organisations.

### Conditions:

- Aged between 18 and 30
- Able to communicate in English or in the language of the host country; In the Spanish speaking host organisations a basic level of Spanish is strongly recommended)
- Able to commit 11 months volunteering in another country
- Computer literate
- We are particularly open to young people with fewer opportunities
- Basic knowledge of non-formal education
- Open-minded

**PLEASE NOTE: The grant is not guaranteed. We will apply in April 2014 for the European Voluntary Service and will know if we were successful in AUGUST 2014.**

## Placements offered

### 1. Esplac, Barcelona - Spain



**Esplais Catalans**, Esplac, is an association of 98 secular (committed to the promotion of critical thinking and freedom of conscience) and progressive youth centres working from voluntary youth work to achieve Social Transformation by using Children Rights Education as a tool. The empowerment of our voluntary-based youth centres is our reason to exist. The six following values guide our actions: education, secularity, volunteering, internationalism and friendship.

Esplac is composed of 6500 children and teenagers and 1600 voluntary youth leaders. Esplac is member of IFM-SEI and FIEEA international federations.

[www.esplac.cat](http://www.esplac.cat)

#### **Work areas of the Volunteers:**

- Run activities with children as educator of an esplai (youth centre): these activities take place on Saturday afternoon and usually, once a month, there is an excursion to the nature.
- Support Esplac officers in project work (helping with design and layout, organising youth exchanges, child rights activities, video projects, general assembly of Esplac)
- Participate in Commissions (for example International Commission, Gender Commission or Pedagogical Commission). Their meetings take place once a month.

### 2. Nuoret Kotkat, Helsinki - Finland



Nuoret Kotkat is a children and youth organization working with and for children. Nuoret Kotkat has about 13 000 members all over Finland.

They organize club evenings, camps, excursions, many kind of events and seminars. An important aspect of their work are children's rights. Nuoret Kotkat is organised in districts and local groups. The central office in Helsinki organises national and international activities for all members of Nuoret Kotkat, such as national camps, leader training courses, peer education projects and much more.

[www.nuoretkotkat.fi](http://www.nuoretkotkat.fi)

#### **Work areas of the Volunteers:**

- Help to organise central events with the team of the central office
- Produce marketing material for Nuoret Kotkat (all skills are very welcome, for example photography, writing English texts, doing layout...)

- Planning and organising national youth trainings with the educational team
- Work in a youth house run by the Helsinki Nuoret Kotkat district
- Go to summer camps and help run the programme

### 3. SJD Die Falken - Germany



Sozialistische Jugend  
Deutschlands –  
**Die Falken**

The Socialist Youth of Germany – The Falcons are a child and youth-led organisation. Their aims are to empower young people, to give them a voice in society, to educate children and youth as critically-thinking citizens. Their work has a strong international focus. They work in groups for children and youth that meet every week in their district, go for seminars on weekends and organise camps during school holidays.

Die Falken run youth centres, work together with schools and organise lots of activities. The organisation employs only a few people, most of the work is done by volunteers. The group leaders are aged from 15-25 years.

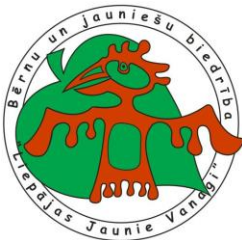
SJD Die Falken has a strong political approach to the idea how to live a good, democratic and social life. They have lots of methods to deal with our ideas and are perfectly able to develop new ideas and to put them into reality. [www.wir-falke.de](http://www.wir-falke.de)

#### **Work areas of the Volunteers:**

the volunteers will be working in different areas of our youth movement:

- Running activities in youth clubs
- Guiding children groups from 6 to 12 years
- Guiding youth groups from 13 to 17 years
- Organising seminars and trips
- Helping out in the office
- Developing pedagogical concepts
- Helping out with international delegations and visits

### 4. Liepajas Jaunie Vanagi, Liepajas - Latvia



The child and youth union "Liepajas Jaunie Vanagi" (Liepajas Young Falcons) was founded in 1993. Members are between 5 and 30 years old and are mostly young people with fewer opportunities – most of them come from low income families. Our aim is the promotion and protection of rights and interests of children and the encouragement of active and creative youth development.

Liepajas Jaunie Vanagi supports young people in taking initiative and realising their ideas. Together with the different age groups we organise international meetings, sport days, camps, educational activities etc.

We want that young people become empowered to become active in the society, to spend their leisure time as funny and productive as possible, to have an international spirit and to be aware that children have the right to take decisions. [www.liepajasjv.lv](http://www.liepajasjv.lv)

### **Work areas of the Volunteers:**

- Support volunteers in planning and organisation of local activities, youth initiatives, camps, outdoor activities and an international seminar
- Practical work with children and young people in our youth centre, after school activities for children, discussions, games, movie nights, art, music and language workshops, work with disabled children etc.
- Visiting schools to inform about the EVS
- Meeting with other NGOs based in Liepajas, Working in the municipality, in children houses or hospitals to better understand how a Latvian community is functioning.

### **5. IFM-SEI Secretariat, Brussels**



The International Falcon Movement – Socialist Educational International is an international educational movement working to empower children and young people to take an active role in society and fight for their rights. We are an umbrella organisation for child and youth-led movements all over the world, educating on the basis of our values of equality, democracy, peace, co-operation and friendship. Through our member organisations and our international activities, we aim to ensure that children and young people are well informed about their rights and are empowered to ensure they are respected. To reach this goal, we organise a variety of activities including seminars, training courses, international camps and conferences. In our secretariat in Brussels, we are three people who organise meetings, communicate with members and develop educational activities.

[www.ifm-sei.org](http://www.ifm-sei.org)

### **Work areas of the Volunteers:**

- Supporting the organisation of seminars and training courses
- Supporting the coordination of the global group of volunteers
- Communication with and information of members: taking care of the newsletter and the facebook page, taking photos and videos of activities
- Developing educational resources on different topics
- Supporting our Belgian member organisations in running activities on IFM-SEI topics

### **6. OGCEYOD, Limbe – Cameroon**



OGCEYOD (Organisation for Gender, Civic Engagement and Youth Development) Cameroon focuses on Education and Research with its target groups; Youth and Women. It has as its main aim: to invest directly in young people's education, health and social protection by creating incentives for young people to become educated, productive and healthy and to take part in poverty reduction strategies.

Other objectives include the promotion of education through eliminating school fees, providing incentives to retain children and young people in school, monitoring access and retention of children and young people to basic education and promoting quality education. We develop relevant, context-specific and gender-sensitive educational programmes, including vocational training for out-of-school young people, health awareness programmes and sustainable development education. We promote the full participation of young people in local, national and international decision-making processes and involve them in the development of policies and

programmes.

<http://www.ogceyodcameroon.webs.com>

### **Work areas of the Volunteer:**

#### **OGCEYOD Falcons**

Providing alternative after-school activities for a regular weekly group for children aged 8-12 in the region of Limbe. The activities can include:

- Cooperative games and activities
- Workshops on human rights, women's rights and children's rights
- Craft activities
- Environmental issues
- HIV/ AIDS education
- Singing, story-telling, dancing and theatre
- Gender and sexuality education
- Relationships and respect

#### **In Between Project**

A youth journalism project to offer information and activities for young people which are attractive to them. The 'In Between' magazine is written by students for their peers. It serves as a platform of exchange by bringing together many individual contributions. The volunteers can:

- Meet regularly with the young journalists, plan the magazine, offer training and support
- Recruit and motivate new journalists
- Support the team in distributing the magazine

## **7. CHAP 23 de Mayo, Lima – Peru**



CHAP was founded 52 years ago and works since then for the rights of children and teenagers by organising activities for children and youth in areas of extreme poverty. The workshops cover many different themes, such as youth participation at local and national level, solidarity and human rights. The volunteers of CHAP organise in particular cultural and leisure time activities for

children and young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods. The organizational structure is formed by young adults and leaders who entered as children and grew up within the organisation.

### **Working areas of the volunteers**

- Preparing and running activities with children groups in disadvantaged areas of Lima
  - Craft activities
  - Workshops on children's rights
  - Cultural activities
  - Cooperative games
- Preparing workshops on children's rights for leaders

## 8. ACACIA, Bogota - Colombia



**Acacia, Colombia** is a national children's and youth organisation, promoting children's rights. They work in both non-formal and formal education settings, having established partnerships with schools to ensure the effective spread of information about children's rights. They introduce non-formal and peer education approaches to the rights of the child in the classroom, empowering young people as important actors on this topic. In addition, Acacia organises after-school activities led by young people in disadvantaged areas. An example of a project recently carried out is the creation of a community library and youth centre by young people in the neighbourhood of Santa Cecilia in Bogota.

Young people were motivated to offer an alternative in the community to fight back against crime and the gang culture and were supported by Acacia to ensure this became reality. They also run non-formal education activities on youth leadership, empowering young people to take an active role as citizens in their communities.

### **Work areas of the Volunteers:**

- Youth participation activities at 'Casa de Atencion Integral' (organising workshops on different topics according to the interests of the volunteer and the young people, supporting networks etc.)
- Organising a camp in co-operation with local volunteers
- Giving language classes to children and young people with fewer opportunities in the Library Santa Cecilia

## 9. KKSP, Medan – Indonesia



**KKSP** was established in 1987 focussing on the protection, fulfilment and promotion of human rights through running an education and information centre for children's rights. The main goals of KKSP are to support young people with their basic needs: survival, development, protection and participation. KKSP aims to provide protection for children from exploitation, violence and violations of their rights.

Their main activities include providing alternative education for street children using both street and centre based approaches, peer education to prevent children from being trafficked and the promotion of child rights through advocacy and capacity building. KKSP has developed programmes on conflict resolution for peers and street children and child participation in child rights issues. Additionally, KKSP works with children in armed conflicts, supporting them in their transition to non-conflict situations.

<http://www.kksp.or.id/en/>

### **Work areas of the Volunteers:**

- Supporting KKSP staff and volunteers in field work with street children
- Supporting KKSP staff and volunteers in field work on child trafficking or child labour
- Field work for creative education in villages
- Learning about child labour in Indonesia and the situation of children and young people

- Activities with children on South-East Asian issues regarding children's rights
- Learning about Indonesian culture and language
- Teaching English to local children

## **10. Nueva Generacion, Bolivia**

Nueva Generacion Bolivia is a children's and youth organisation in Bolivia. They work with children to empower and educate them, supporting their development at every stage. Nueva Generacion works in two children and youth centres: The Alegria Children's Centre that offers care for children from 6 months to 3 years and the day care centre where older children go for leisure time activities and workshops. Furthermore Nueva Generacion organises camps, hiking trips and workshops on cultural and social/ political topics for young leaders.

### **Work areas of the Volunteers:**

- In Alegria Children's Centre: (Children from 6 months to 3 years):
  - Support of children's nutritional and health needs (basic hygiene, healthy eating etc)
  - Personal and social development
  - Stimulation of autonomy, identity, music and sports development (for this we offer training before and during the service)
- In the Day Care Centres (Work with children of school age) twice a week in the morning:
  - Recreation: Outdoor Games, Songs, Board games
  - Children's rights: Multi-active workshops, puppets, theatre
- The Joy Vacation Club (boys and girls of school age)
  - Recreation: Outdoor games, songs, Hiking, Camping
  - Children's rights: Interactive workshops, puppets, theatre, crafts, music, sports
- Working with young members of Nueva Generacion on:
  - Millennium Development Goals
  - Leadership
  - Preparing and running a Camp
  - Excursions
  - Recreation techniques, dynamics, music, dance, sports