

European Solidarity Corps – Individual Volunteering Project

YOU(TH) AND ME

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SHORT-TERM INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEERING FOR 2 MONTHS

Youth centre | Mladinski center | **Kotlovnica, Kamnik, Slovenia**



ABOUT KOTLOVNICA

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Youth centre Kotlovnica (MCK) is a place where young people have been dictating its program orientation since 2007. We accept the initiatives and wishes of all young people throughout the year – that is why our main focus right now is on culture and entertainment. We include youth in the process of creating and implementing activities so that they become active attendees.

Among the regular activities are cultural events such as improvisational theatre, cabaret in variety shows, poetry evenings ... – all events are organised by youth themselves – and concerts, designed especially for emerging bands. We organise computer and board game evenings, exhibitions, clothing exchange, creative workshops and workshops for the training of technicians – especially sound and light.

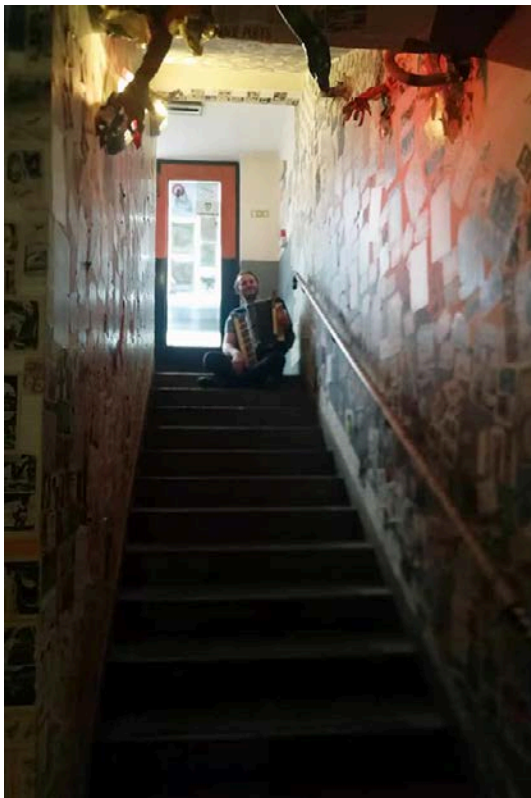
Our organisation is the producer of youth festival Pozdrav iz Kotla, event Ognjena Veronika (festival of fire and lights) and Festival of free video production. We co-

produce festival Kamfest (festival of open culture) and youth festival Mesto mladih (City of youth).

MCK has other spaces for activities – production rooms. They include a photo studio, an art room with an oven for making clay sculptures, a multimedia room, and a practice room for young musicians. The main room with a stage can accommodate up to 150 people.

We offer our facilities to autonomous groups of young artists and we are always hosting a few volunteers through the European Solidarity Corps.

We are involved with local organisations and institutions – primary and high schools, Intermunicipal Museum Kamnik, Municipality Kamnik, cultural NGOs, Business and Student club, Youth council, House of Culture, street theatre organisation KD Priden Možic ... We help youth set up their own organisations and give advice to the existing ones on how to manage them better.



Top left:
**Kotlovnica's
staircase**

Top right:
**(Almost) whole team
at Kamfest 2018**

Bottom left:
**Improvisational
theatre by ESC
volunteers**

Bottom right:
**Volunteers performing
at Kamfest 2019**

PROJECT YOU(TH) AND ME

Two main activities of this project are:

- to create a documentary film/s about youth and youth sector,
- to help with festival Kamfest.

A SET OF DOCUMENTARY FILMS

You will create few shorter documentary films. By focusing on youth and youth sector you will analyze the current and past state of youth centres in Slovenia.

You will create an archive of video and audio content and of documents on the topic of the youth sector.

You will make a research of the past, the present, and the future of youth centres in Slovenia. You will do it with the help of youth sector – mainly youth centres but also youth institutions, individuals and young users (between 15 and 29 years of age).

Documentary films have been made since December 2019, so many of them should

already be finished by the time you join our project. But there will be time to gain knowledge of filming, photography, editing, directing, production, preparation of materials, scenarios, advertising, opening events ... directly from the mentor and other volunteers. There will also be time to create at least one documentary (festival Kamfest will offer many opportunities).

FESTIVAL KAMFEST

This 9-day festival is happening for the 17th time in August 2020. It's main focus is music, but there are also many other events – events for children, improvisation theatre, different instalations/performances, fair ... There are more than 60 events in total and most of them are for free.

You will participate and help with preparations before, during, and after the festival.

WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

Nationality – One participant from any EU country.

Age – Between 18 and 30 years of age.

Skills – You don't need any specific knowledge, but we need you to be interested in cultural and artistic activities and be motivated for learning new skills.

Previous ERASMUS+ or ESC activities – We are looking for someone who has never participated in a short term European Voluntary Service or European Solidarity Corps activity. It's ok if you participated in a long term activity that lasted up 12 months.

ESC – You need to be registered in the European Solidarity Corps (ESC) before we select you. You will need The European Commission's main authentication service (ECAS) profile in order to register in ESC. To learn more about the whole process click here:

https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity_en.

WHAT IS COVERED?

Insurance – Each participant must have basic health insurance in their country of residence and have a valid European Health Insurance Card. With this, you gain the right to additional insurance by Cigna Health Benefits – you will be insured for the duration of the project and for two additional months.

Traveling to Slovenia and back – We will reimburse your travel expenses up to 180 / 275 / 360 EUR. It depends on the distance from your residence to our organisation.

Individual support – You will receive 122 EUR of individual support per month. This will be transferred to your bank account.

Food money – You will receive 178 EUR of food money each month. This will be transferred to your bank account.

Accommodation – There is a recently renovated apartment (2019) in the same building as our youth centre. It can host 3 volunteers and consists of kitchen-dining-living area, one shower, one toilet with sink, and three single rooms with bed, table, and wardrobe.

Training – You will attend on-arrival training that is organised by Slovenian National agency Movit.

Certificates – You will receive ESC and Youthpass certificates at the end of the activity. You will have a chance to further develop your Youthpass certificate during the activity.

Working hours – You will work for six hours per day, five times per week. This means you'll have two days off each week. You also get additional two days off each month. During Kamfest, working hours are longer but you will have more free time after the festival.

Local transportation – When you travel across Slovenia as part of a project, costs of travel are covered by the project.

Kamnik lies about 20 kilometres north from Slovenia's capital city Ljubljana. There are good bus and train connections between these two places.

Municipality of Kamnik built a network of electric bicycles recently so you'll be able to use them to travel around Kamnik.

Supporting organisation – You will need a supporting organisation from your country who will prepare you for the activity. You can search for organisations here:

https://europa.eu/youth/volunteering/organisations_en

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR APPLYING

Send an E-mail to info@kotlovnica.si with the subject »You(th) and me application«.

E-mail should include your **CV** and **motivational letter**.

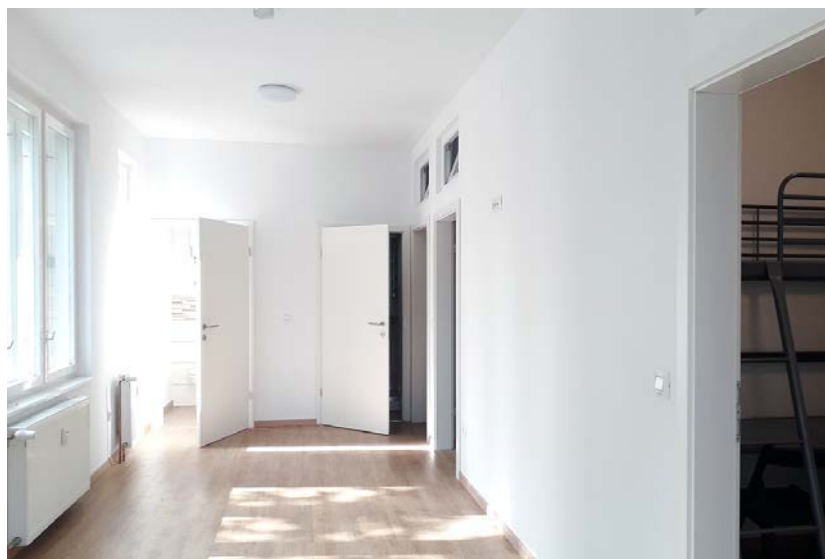
We don't have an exact application deadline. We would like you to arrive to Kamnik in the second half of June.

Write to us also if you have any further questions.



Top photo:
Youth centre Kotlovnica and ESC apartment are both situated in the building of Kamnik's House of Culture (Dom kulture Kamnik).

Bottom photo:
Recently renovated apartment that can host up to three volunteers.



ABOUT KAMNIK

Kamnik, a town embraced by the Kamnik-Savinja Alps, is considered one of the most beautiful medieval towns in Slovenia. It was once a flourishing trading town, where the counts of Andechs from Bavaria had their seat. At that time, Kamnik was the capital of Carniola.

The first written sources about Kamnik go back to 1229. The two castles of Kamnik, Mali grad and Stari grad, were mentioned even earlier.

Mali grad Hill – Today, only two-storey Romanesque chapel with a crypt has been preserved, which is also one of the main symbols of the city. The hill provides a magnificent view of the town and the Kamnik-Savinja Alps.

Stari grad Hill – The spot is popular among hikers and families.

Description from:

<https://www.visitkamnik.com/en/top-attractions/kamnik>.

Learn more about Kamnik by visiting:
<https://www.slovenia.info/en/places-to-go/regions/ljubljana-central-slovenia/kamnik>.

Photo below:
**View over northern part
of Kamnik from Mali grad Hill.**

