

Information about EVS vacancy 2018/2019 in Lipka, facilities Rozmarýnek and Jezírko

Receiving organisation:

Lipka - school facility for environmental education
Accreditation: 2015-1-CZ01-KA110-022610
Website in English: <http://www.lipka.cz/lipka-en>

Coordinating organization:

Luzanky – Centre of Leisure Time (SVC Luzanky)
PIC: 943921163
Accreditation: 2015-1-CZ01-KA110-022611
Website in English: <http://evs.luzanky.cz/evs-in-luzanky-en/>

Duration of activity: **12 months**

Beginning of activity: 01/10/2018
End of activity: 30/09/2019

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The project is already approved.

Selection process:

Please **send us your CV, motivation letter and completed questions** (see below), describe why you have chosen this particular EVS placement and what your expectations are. **In the subject of the e-mail please write name of the EVS placement** you are applying for (**Lipka**).

Please send us the documents till 15 February, 2018, at evs.assistant@luzanky.cz
If you are chosen to the **second round of selection, be ready for a Skype interview** in the second half of February. **The results will be known in March 2018.** Kindly note only the volunteers selected for the second round will be informed about the results. Thank you for understanding!

Description of the workplace

Combination of facilities Jezírko –Rozmarýnek

Training facility Rozmarýnek

Rozmarýnek is the second oldest training facility of Lipka. It designs and implements natural science and environmental education programmes for primary and secondary schools, mostly outside, afternoon courses and camps, especially for kids. A lot of their activities are connected with animals. Rozmarýnek has a unique garden with permaculture elements, which is open to all visitors. They can see special garden structures and unusual structures to manage water, promote distribution of wild animals on cultivated land etc. The unique garden enables Rozmarýnek to run courses on permaculture for professional public, pedagogues and enthusiasts from afar.

The volunteer will have two main activities. One will be participation on children clubs –both preparation of activities and tools and actual implementation of the activities. Second is maintaining our precious garden and taking care for animals. Jobs in the garden include renovation of garden buildings and elements (such as pool or root zone wastewater treatment plant), planting (herbs, shrubs, trees, green roof) etc.

Previous experience with permaculture gardens and teaching would be an advantage (ability to bring new ideas, views, and methods) but is not a condition.

The volunteer can also take part in taking photoshoots and in publicity of facility (administration of Facebook, etc.). According to his/her language skills and wishes, he/she can take part in environmental education (preparation of tools, leading an activity or role playing). The volunteer can participate on process of modification of educational programmes (create new tools, design new activity, etc.) as well.

Training facility Jezírko

This facility is situated in forests in the vicinity of Soběšice, a part of Brno. Its primary focus are one day and residential educational programmes for primary and secondary schools. A major part of the training takes place in the forests surrounding the facility, giving the children a hands-on approach to learning. Indoor educational programmes are designed to utilize special training and play elements in the facility's building.

Jezírko is also a meeting place for children attending afternoon courses and camps on holidays. The courses focus primarily on natural sciences, tourism and processing of natural materials. Families with children visit the facility to attend various public events.

The facility's employees participate in supervising bachelor and master's theses of students of Mendel University and provide internships and observations in educational programmes for students and pedagogues.

The major task for the volunteer will be to take part in preparation and implementation of educational programmes for children, clubs and camps. He/she will learn a lot about forests and experiential and outdoor learning. The volunteer can use his/her knowledge to contribute to designing of a new educational programme and/or new educational tools. According to his/her language skills and wishes, he/she can take part in environmental education (either photo shooting, preparation of tools, leading an activity or role playing). **The volunteer will take part in organization and realization**

of public events (app. 5 smaller events per year) as well, where he/she can learn about organization process behind such event and can add his/her ideas how to create an excellent event.

The volunteer will also take part in taking photoshoots and in publicity of facility (administration of Facebook, etc.) and minor part of his responsibilities will be help in the garden and orchard.

The volunteer will work partly in facility Rozmarýnek and partly in facility Jezírko

The time schedule of the volunteer:

35 hours weekly

- 15 hours weekly (both in the morning and in the afternoon) –preparation and leading of environmental education programmes and clubs
- 6 hours weekly –manual work in natural garden (maintaining, planting, care for animals)
- 4 hours weekly –other activities (preparation and organisation of public events, camps, longer projects, etc.)
- 3 hours of Czech language course
- 2 hours of preparation and meeting with coordinator and other volunteers
- 5 hours for volunteers common/personal project

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER:

1. Why are you interested in environmental education or natural sciences?
2. Please describe your experiences, if you have any, with pedagogical work (age of the children, form of activities, length of your experience).
3. Are you interested or experienced in working in the garden/forest/orchard manually (take care about animals, do seasonal work in orchard –picking up apples, gardening)?
4. What would you like to gain from your EVS?
5. In what area are you good and you would like to share your knowledge and experience with others?

General description of EVS coordinated by Luzanky

There are 12 EVS volunteers working at different places on individual projects, meeting every week on common meetings with the coordinator and from time to time with all the colleagues to evaluate and plan the project. Luzanky hosts and coordinates EVS volunteers in other organizations (focused on environmental education, Roma minority, French culture etc.). So, all hosted and coordinated volunteers will meet during the project and can visit workplaces and events of each other.

The volunteers have 3 months Czech language course (60 minutes 2 times a week plus homework). At the beginning of the activity, they are working 5 hours a week together with the coordinator on tasks connected with EVS promotion and presentation of their presence in our organization. Later, usually after 2-3 months, these 5 hours a week can be used by volunteer for his/her own projects and ideas.

Volunteers can visit some of the courses and events organized by Luzanky for free (circus trainings for adults, ceramics, etc.).

The organization will host only volunteers older than 18 years old.

Days off and holidays: volunteers have 2 days a week free + 2 days per month of vacation. While working occasionally on weekends they have extra days off during the week.

Allowances:

Volunteers get their pocket money and food allowance monthly (in the beginning of each month), they are provided with card for Brno public transport.

Accommodation:

Volunteers live in rented flats in single rooms.