

Information about EVS vacancy 2018/2019 in **Rezekvítek**

Receiving organization:

Rezekvítek, s.z.

PIC: 927015227

Accreditation : 2016-1-CZ01-KA110-022908

Website in English: <http://www.rezekvitek.cz/?idm=69>

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 (**Rezekvítek**).

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

Rezekvítek has been working in nature conservation and environmental education for nearly 25 years. It looks after about 20 protected areas and nature reserves under high level of protection in Brno and its surroundings and in Moravian Karst. Rezekvítek increases environmental awareness of citizens not only of the South Moravian Region by means of administration of environmentally valuable areas, publication activity, environmental consulting, organizing educational events and service for other organizations. Our „flagship“ is the reserve called Kamenný vrch – the place where the Europe’s largest population of rare pasque flowers blooms every spring. It took us decades of hard work to get to this point, but eventually it has become widely popular spot of high ecological importance.

Volunteer’s work will be mostly physical on the areas we manage. There are two full time employees in our nature conservation section who usually work with seasonal workers and volunteers. Our job description varies during a year. We plant bushes and trees (as a restorations, to bio-corridors, parkways) in spring and autumn. We mostly cut grass and bushes in summer. Additionally, we cut trees, repair tools, make bird feeders, info boards etc. in winter. From time to time, we also design and mark nature trails, raised vegetable patches and some other special elements for natural gardens.

During these diverse activities, the volunteer will have a rare opportunity to learn how a Czech NGO works. We are happy to meet a volunteer interested in nature conservation and environmental education. We are also looking forward to get inspired by a volunteer with some experience from this area. The volunteer can, for example, teach us how to address young people, how to communicate with them and to motivate them. We would like to hear how the work we do is organized in a different country. Our volunteers and trainees are always leaving us satisfied. Because it is not just about the nature itself, it is also about the people around Rezekvítek. Most of us are old friends knowing each other for years, we are young and we do what we believe in. So, there is no boredom or annoyance in our NGO at all!

The time schedule of the volunteer:

35 hours weekly:

- 25 hours of work for Rezekvítek itself (2 days a week manual work in the protected areas and rest of the time educational programs for schools, help with planning and organizing public events etc.)
- 3 hours of Czech language course
- 2 hours of preparation and meeting with EVS coordinator from Luzanky and other volunteers hosted or coordinated by Luzanky
- 5 hours for volunteers common/personal project

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER:

1. Why would you like to help with practical nature protection in the Czech Republic?
2. Why do you like to work outdoors in nature? Describe your experiences, if you have.
3. Describe your experience with working in tougher conditions like frost, snow or heat. If you do not have any, how can you cope with such conditions?
4. What would you like to gain from your EVS?
5. What area are you good at and would you 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.