

Activity dates: 2018.02.01 – 2018.06.29

Skuodo Pranciškaus Zadeikio gimnazija (Vytauto g. 14)

<http://www.zadeikis.lt/>

**Organization:**

Skuodo Pr. Žadeikio gimnazija is one of the oldest educational institutions in the town of Skuodas. It was established by the initiative of the priest and writer, Pranciškus Žadeikis, on November 19th, 1918. The High School of Pranciškus Zadeikis is an educational institution providing high-quality general and secondary education. Community members are united by duty, responsibility and shared leadership. The High School teaches citizenship, based on Christian values, a unique High School culture is being created, and comprehensive personalities are being developed.

We have been taking part in "Erasmus + Comenius KA2" project. The project number is No 2015 - 1 - HU01 - KA219-013496. The title of the project "Reading in English for Amusement and Dialogue in Europe". Five countries are involved in this project: Lithuania, Hungary, Spain, Italy and Turkey. Teachers share their expertise in effective reading techniques which can really help students improve their reading skills, they also run open lessons and share their teaching experience. What is more, teachers' meetings in different countries are organized twice a year. They organize various activities, involve students in their reading teaching activities and deepen cultural knowledge and friendship.

**Project context:**

Skuodas is almost the remotest town from the capital city of Vilnius (about 7 hours by bus). The town is also very far from other industrial towns of the country. The economical and social situation is getting worse in the town, thus, resulting in massive unemployment rates and the massive de-influx of labour force from the town to richer neighbouring countries. Evidently, due to the economic and demographic situation in the region and the town, the social status of our students is getting worse. There are more students from families that live on benefits. Also, because of the bad financial situation. Nevertheless, the cultural life is active in Skuodas. In Skuodas Cultural center there are some art collectives (theatre, choir). Sports center organizes many competitions for students and the whole community of Skuodas district (basketball, table tennis, wrestling and etc.). The Public library of Skuodas, organizes many events: book presentations, meetings with authors and etc. Information Center of Skuodas organizes lectures of various topics for the whole community. So, there is so much to do in Skuodas according to one's needs.

**Activities for volunteer:**

The volunteer will help the Student Council to organize various events, campaigns and provide ideas for new projects. By implementing these ideas, he will have to cooperate with the deputy who is responsible for informal education at school. The volunteer will also cooperate with social pedagogues and will take part in socialization, prevention, mentoring activities with pupils who have social needs. He or she will collaborate with class tutors, non-formal education teachers by organizing traditional school events. The volunteer will be able to form a student's club where one will be able to teach his native language, introduce his country's traditions, culture and education system.

### **Profile of the volunteer:**

We need a volunteer with an active life position. The volunteer should be open-minded and interested in the life environment of young people. The volunteer should be able to motivate young people, to organize volunteering projects. The volunteer should be eager to bring his/her own ideas and abilities and to learn new abilities. The volunteer will be included into the hosting organization. We expect a volunteer over 25 years old because it might be difficult to work with the students of the same age. The selection process will consist of three parts: 1. Before launching the project, there will be an open search and all candidates will be able to apply. 2. All the candidates will be reviewed thoroughly. People who match the requirements will be given an additional questionnaire with the questions about the project and they will be invited to a Skype conversation. The volunteers will be questioned by the project team of Lithuania and they will decide whether their candidacy is acceptable. 3. Having selected the candidate and with consent of both sides, the coordinating organization will contact the organization of sending volunteer and will agree on all the details of preparation and arrival.

### **Accommodation:**

1. Volunteering 30-35 h/week at your chosen receiving organization. There will be one person responsible for planning the schedule with you, advising on everyday tasks.
2. We provide local transport tickets for public transport in Kaunas.
3. You will be part of the group of volunteers at coordinating organization A.C.Patria.
4. Volunteers pay their phone and internet connection fee which may reach ~5.8 EUR/month.
5. One volunteer gets private room in shared apartment (3-5 people)
6. Language courses at least 36 academic hours in a group of volunteers.
7. LT Language classes included.

**Trainings:**

1. On arrival training;
2. Midterm training;
3. Monthly meetings with all volunteers in Kaunas;
4. Regular meetings with your mentor;

**How to apply**

Please send CV and short motivational letter to [evspatria@gmail.com](mailto:evspatria@gmail.com), till 1 st of April, 2017 and add contact details of your sending organization. Please indicate why exactly this project interests you, what you can offer in terms of service and what you could learn in the project.