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SVE IN GEORGIA A GORI, DA SETTEMBRE 2018 A LUGLIO 2019

HOSTING ORGANISATION

The Public Union Bridge of Friendship Kartlosi (Kartl- means Georgian and Osi-means Ossetian) was founded on May, 12, 2006 by the initiative of youth of the village Pkhvenisi. Georgians, Ossetians and representatives of mixed families and other ethnic groups living in the areas affected by Tskhinval/i conflict and then by 2008 August war are members of the organization. Interaction and cooperation of these groups is very important for the success of the organization's work as this creates the ground for trust and understanding. Since establishment the organization has carried out many events, charity actions, educational projects, cultural-athletic activities. These activities have significantly contributed to the mobilization of local communities and raise potential of civil activity on local level. The Organisation has qualified and experienced staff (8 person) and is cooperating with numerous professionals and local volunteers . Organisation has local volunteers not only from Gori, but as well from surrounding villages and IDP settlements, because part of activities are realized there and people of all ages are willing to help and participate in future activities. The mission and aim of the Public Union Bridge of Friendship Kartlosi is to support sustainable development of local communities in Shida Kartli Region and contribute to the peace process on the settlement of Tskhinval/i conflict and carry out a dialog between communities divided in the result of conflict.

To support local population and youth in civil life and give the possibility to fulfil themselves, we try to encourage development of their professional potential and raise participation of youth in local life. Conflicts – Kartlosi works on this field since the establishment of the organization. We are member of Georgian and Ossetian civil forum. This is the venue (meeting is always held in the third country: The Netherlands, Turkey) where civil representatives of both sides meet twice and three times in a year and discuss the humanitarian problems. Members of our organization always attend such kind of meetings. Besides mentioned civil forum we also participate in Georgian-Abkhazian-South Ossetian (venue Moldova, Armenia) youth dialogue in association with German Bergh of Foundation and civil organizations from Georgia, South Ossetia and Abkhazia. The topics during these meetings are conflict transformation, facilitation, mediation, effective communication. We try to engage in this process local youth such as: our interns and local volunteers who are interested in these issues and have willingness and motivation to participate in youth dialogues. Kartlosi has also conflicts and negotiation group; the head of this group is one of our staff members. In this group we have training courses about conflict resolution, communication, facilitation and mediation- for local volunteers and young people interested on these topics. We also provide simulation processes and

games of IPRM meeting (Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism) which was established after 2008 Georgian-Russian war.

Kartlosi is implementing various educational projects, to promote civil activism among local population and local youth. We have youth clubs(group supporting), debate schools, conflicts and negotiation group. We have approximately 60 Youth in youth club, some of them are from rural areas and from IDP settlements. We realize different kind of activities with our youth which covers: ecology, documentary film discussion clubs, they choose which film will be shown and why is that important, cultural events which cover poetry, literature, gives young poets to represent their abilities and talent. Young journalists club where young people study how to write articles in English and after it those articles are published in our blog and newspaper. Debate schools: Project takes place in 6 schools in Gori, Rustavi and IDP(Internally displaced people) settlements. Main activities are having 2 workshops and 2 debates in every school. During this project there is chance for youngsters to get to know debate culture, types, formulate topics which they are interested and most important actually discuss and debate about topics which are important to them. Debate schools covers 60 pupils, 12 teachers and 200 indirect beneficiaries in every school. The organisation has its own radio Voice of Kartlosi and newspaper Kartl-Osi. Radio has regional coverage in Shida Kartli region and our radio, we always try to be balanced and objective. The newspaper Kartl-Osi is bilingual (Georgian, Russian). Journalists from Tskhinval/i also work for the articles and radio program; they send us materials from Tskhinval/i. Newspaper writes about Georgian and Ossetian relations, analytical articles about conflict, youth activities and social and cultural issues in the region. We also distribute this newspaper in Tskhinval/i region/South Ossetia via our partners.

DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITIES

The purpose of the project is to develop and promote knowledge of post-conflict reconstruction and peace building. The volunteer will spend 10 months in Georgia with the NGO “Bridge of Friendship Kartlosi”. During the project implementation the volunteer will assist staff of Kartlosi, for example through teaching English, organisational and administrative work, building networks and partnerships and planning and implementing projects. This will provide the volunteer with the chance to develop skills and key competencies. Daily voluntary activities will provide extensive opportunities for informal and non-formal learning.

The volunteer's objectives, in partnership with Kartlosi, are to:

- Conduct research into conflict resolution, post-conflict reconstruction and peace building in Georgia and the town of Gori in particular, in the context of the conflict in South Ossetia;
- Produce analytical reports on these topics that will provide knowledge of the benefit to the local community, civil society and other parties such as academics and researchers, in Georgia and internationally;

- Disseminate the findings of the research in such a way that will help Kartlosi develop its local, regional and international networks and partnerships and facilitate their work in peace building and social development in the local community, and to promote and enhance the understanding of peace building and conflict resolution. Reports and articles will be published as a blog on the Kartlosi website.

Additionally, the volunteer will be involved in the following activities, as part of helping with and learning about the work of a peace building Non-Governmental Organisation:

- Running English language classes for local youth, with the aim of supporting young people to develop their skills, such as the practical use of English, writing and speaking skills. This will also include running a movie and discussion club.

- Organisational and administrative work including: networking with Georgian and international partners, and building relationships with journalists, NGOs and civil society groups;

- Helping with the implementation of current projects and planning and implementing new projects;

- Fundraising activities such as international applications and marketing activities;

- Development of Kartlosi's online presence, including an online news portal, training for web content management and online journalism (such as writing feature stories and articles for a blog).

This project links, in particular, the first objective pursued by Erasmus+ Programme; it promotes active citizenship, diversity, intercultural dialogue, common values of freedom, tolerance and respect of human rights; in fact, the aim of the project is to support sustainable development of local communities in Shida Kartli Region and contribute to the peace process on the settlement of Tskhinval/i conflict and carry out a dialog between communities divided in the result of conflict. This EVS project aims to raise volunteers' awareness and understanding of other culture and country working in a post conflict environment and learning peace - building process. Furthermore, the objective of the project is to support the acquisition of competences and skills of volunteers: they will improve their communication in English language and their knowledge of peace building process and multicultural skills.

PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENT

Working Hours: The volunteers are working 6 hours per day, 5 days per week, and they have two days-off per week.

Free time, holidays: 2 weeks holidays for Christmas and 1 week for Easter period plus 2 free days per week.

National holidays will be free and can be used for their cultural or linguistic education.

Accommodation will be provided by “Kartlosi”. The volunteer will share a flat with other EVS volunteers on placement with “Kartlosi”. The flat will have all the necessary conditions to ensure a dignified, comfortable living space for the volunteers. The volunteer will be informed about the conditions of his accommodation as well as the environment and the location of the flat. They will be informed about any rules and regulations associated with the accommodation.

Food: The young volunteers are responsible for making a cooking schedule at home. The Hosting Organization asks them to provide a list of the (regular) goods they need each time for cooking at home, so they can supply them with. The hosting place is equipped with the necessary appliances to prepare their meals.

HOW TO APPLY

You have to send you CV and motivation letter to this e-mail address:

evsassociazioneaim@gmail.com by 10th of September 2018.

LINKS:

The Public Union Bridge of Friendship Kartlosi: www.qartlosi.org e [Pagina Facebook](#)

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