

Call for EVS Volunteers for Brave Kids 2018



About Brave Kids Project

Brave Kids is a unique cultural-educational project dedicated to uniting children from all over the world in an atmosphere of friendship and respect for each other's cultures. We do so by joining children together for 3.5 weeks each summer in artistic experiences aimed to inspire them to imagine a better future for themselves and their communities and providing them with the tools to help realize their aspirations.

The Brave Kids creative process provides young participants with the opportunity to express themselves and their culture. Participants are supported to discover their own unique potential and value, which raises their confidence and aspirations. Under the guidance of professional artistic instructors who serve as facilitators, young participants teach and lead each other, encouraging them to exchange ideas, skills, and approaches. By collaborating with other young people from diverse backgrounds on a common creative project, participants develop their ability to communicate and learn to understand difference and celebrate common experience. This valuable and exciting artistic process nurtures the emotional and social development of its young participants, helping them to make steps towards positive transformation in their own lives and in their communities in the long-term.

Brave Kids promotes cross-cultural understanding amongst the next generation by connecting young people from different countries and backgrounds in a shared creative endeavor. By providing a platform for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds and the teachers, mentors and activists who champion their rights, Brave Kids hopes to stimulate debate and positive change to help address the inequalities facing children around the world.

How Does the Project Work?

Brave Kids Project Infographic



Groups are separated into Brave Kids Cities where they stay for the first two weeks.

First Stage: Artistic Groups arrive in Poland and Slovakia



Children and their group leaders stay with local host families in Brave Kids Cities.

Kids participate in artistic workshops, teaching one another their songs, dances, and other arts and collaborating on a common performance.



After two weeks of hard work and play, groups in each Brave Kids City present their City Final Show.



Second Stage: All groups convene in Oborniki Śląskie, a beautiful green town 30km from Wrocław.



For one week, all kids work together to create one common performance.

The kids travel together with their leaders and artistic instructors to Wrocław to present the Brave Kids Grand Finale Show.



BRAVE KIDS GRAND FINALE!



We are seeking:

- ***Two long-term EVS volunteers (one from Portugal and one from Hungary) from 1 February to 31 October 2018***
- ***Two short-term EVS volunteers (one from Italy and one from Georgia) from 20 May to 17 July 2018***

Volunteer Tasks

Long-term volunteers:

Long-term volunteers will assist through all stages of preparation, implementation, and evaluation of the Brave Kids 2018.

During preparation they will:

- Maintain contact with specific artistic groups -- managing expectations, collecting necessary paperwork, helping to arrange logistical details
- Coordinate centralized information management (e.g. arrival and departure Google spreadsheets)
- Create and update documents for project (e.g. invitations, cooperation agreements, etc.)
- Assist in creating schedule of events
- Participate in weekly staff meetings
- Create and lead activities for kids during meetings with host families

During the project, they will:

- Support organizers → volunteers can choose a sub-project that interests them most (for example, Leader's Program, Brave Youth, Brave Kids Artistic Workshops) and focus on supporting the project in this way
- Participate in regular operational meetings
- Contribute to blog and social media
- Present about EVS to Group Leaders

After the project, they will:

- Support evaluation efforts by:
 - Assisting with analysis of surveys
 - Contributing to project report with information about individual projects they supported
 - Compiling photos from project on central server

In addition, there is space for volunteers to develop their own projects, according to their interests.

Short-term volunteers:

Short-term volunteers will jump right into project implementation after a short period of introductory training. They will support organizers and the volunteer coordinator by supervising and assisting children during artistic workshops and performances, creating short activities and games for children during breaks, and assisting with any other activities as necessary.

By participating in the project, four young people will become acquainted with both Polish culture and many other world cultures, increase their interpersonal, intercultural and linguistic skills, learn new interesting ways of working with children and people with disabilities, and increase independence and responsibility through confrontation with another culture.

*If you are interested in applying, please send your CV and motivation letter to Program Manager
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For more information about Brave Kids, please see:

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