

Host Organisation: National Gallery of Armenia
Preferred Duration: 12 months
Main Theme: Art gallery
Location: Yerevan, Armenia

The National Gallery of Armenia was founded in 1921, is the country's major art gallery. Nowadays National Gallery of Armenia has about 40 000 pieces of art, but only 10% of its treasures is exhibited in gallery's halls. Its collection is displayed in 56 halls, which allow the Gallery to tell the story of national visual arts, decorative-applied arts as well as world culture from ancient times to our days. In the galleries of European, Russian, Armenian and Oriental art the visitors are introduced to the art of Aivazovsky, Sarian, Kandinsky, Donatello and other distinguished artists.

The Gallery not only promotes Armenian and world famous art in the country, but also one of the main purposes of this organization is to protect and conserve art masterpieces. Art is a national treasure and heritage, which we must protect for upcoming generations. According to this goal Gallery also makes and publishes scientific works, guidelines, organizes permanent and temporary exhibitions, organizes and hosts science conferences.

Starting from 2016 National Gallery of Armenia is also a unique education centre. The National Gallery of Armenia invites all children aged 6-14 to participate in summer school programs. The programs are aimed at discovering the NGA collection as well as the masterpieces by the renowned artists exhibited in the leading world museums. They give them an opportunity to create themselves, to get an aesthetic education in specific museum atmosphere and to spend eventful time. Thematic- interactive and educational programs are organized for children including film and cartoon viewing, workshops and visits to some branches of the Gallery.

Objectives and motivation

National Gallery of Armenia has an experience of working with local volunteers, as students from different Armenian universities take part in different events to help the staff to organize meetings, museum holidays and special programs. The project's objectives are to improve the volunteer's active participation in the society and leadership skills: by enabling the volunteer to reflect on tasks he/she implements and the results he/she achieves inside the project. The volunteer will be given independence in implementing the projects and activities, which will enable her/him to develop sense of responsibility and the competitive advantage in the labour market. The project will improve the volunteer's command of foreign languages and contribute to the notion of learning as a whole. By learning a new language the volunteer will be able to acquire tools, improve the ability to provide information. The project will raise awareness of different cultures and nations, on European values and common concepts: the volunteer will live and work in a completely different environment with somehow different social protocols. The emerging in a culture different from her/his own and understanding this process will enable the volunteer to reflect on the notion of culture and to be more open to the challenges and differences it has to it. The volunteer will also be able to reflect on the values that the countries share and be able to use the common grounds to better integrate in the local community.

The objectives of the project are therefore in line with those of the Erasmus+ Programme and aim to have a valuable input in the further development of the volunteer and concerned organizations.

Volunteer tasks

The volunteer will be involved in all programs and will be encouraged to propose his/her own ideas and suggestions.

The volunteer will work approximately 35 hours per week. The working hours will be 11:00-17:30/18:30 in The National Gallery, including 1 hour for lunch. Twice a week the volunteer will attend Armenian language lessons in a Language Centre designed for the foreigners learning Armenian.

The volunteer will assist in the different departments of the National Gallery of Armenia. In these departments the volunteer will work on solving multiple tasks. The main tasks of volunteer include:

1. The volunteer will assist the excursion department of NGA. The work will be not only entertaining, but also educational. The volunteer will discover Armenian painters, treasures of NGA, to learn the history of the art and the science of museology in general. Moreover, the guides of NGA will help the volunteer to organize guided tours. The volunteer will be given a chance to organize a presentation comparing Armenian and his native painters works.
2. Starting from 2016 National Gallery of Armenia is also a unique education center. The National Gallery of Armenia invites all children aged 6-14 to participate in summer school programs. Thematic- interactive and educational programs are organized for children including film and cartoon viewing, workshops. The volunteer will help the workers of this department in the preparing step, as well as later he/she will be involved in the department's work with children by supporting the NGA team during interactive programs.
3. The volunteer will be involved in promotional and info-events of the organization. Also as a member of the marketing department, the volunteer will attend different meetings, staff brain-storming and will be given a chance to come up with his/her own ideas.
4. The volunteer will work in the department Public Relations helping to prepare materials and articles for web-site and social pages. The volunteer also will be given a task to moderate social media pages; will help to department's workers by refreshing the database.
5. The volunteer will be involved in gallery's different events, such as International Museum day, Museum's Night, different educational programs, etc.

Practical Arrangements for the Volunteers

Holidays

Holiday period will to be agreed in advance with the hosting organization and HUJ. There is a set of public, religious holidays and days of memory to be respected and considered as non-working days. As a rule of thumb, the volunteer gets 2 holiday days for each month of their Service.

Food

The volunteer will receive a certain amount of money for food on monthly basis. The volunteers will be able to decide themselves what, when and where to eat. There are a lot of shops, food stands, cafes and restaurants available all over the city.

Accommodation

HUJ will provide accommodation in dormitory with other volunteers. There is a set of rules applicable during volunteer's stay in the dormitory.

Monthly allowance

At the beginning of every month the volunteers will receive monthly allowance consisting of:

- pocket money (a.k.a. Volunteer's allowance);
- money for food;
- money to pay local transport.

Training and Language lessons

Training related to the volunteer's activities will be given during the first weeks of the project upon the volunteers' arrival at hosting organization. Additional support and education is given to the volunteer when needed throughout the project by the EVS coordinator and staff.

During their service, volunteer is obliged to have an On-Arrival Training and a Mid-Term Evaluation, both organized by SALTO.

The Volunteer will learn Armenian language by attending Armenian language courses. The lessons will be provided by an English speaking teacher 2 times per week during the entire project.

Waiting for your CV and Motivation letters!!!

Welcome to Yerevan, the city of SUN!

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