

Host Organisations

Host Organisation **Yerevan Child Support Centre ZATIK**

Duration of the Service: **12 months**

Main Theme: **Children**

Location: **Yerevan, Armenia**

The idea to establish Zatik was presented to the Ministry of Social Care and other governmental groups who provided a building, which needed general renovation. Zatik was established on 1 September 1993 with 16 to 25 children in Yerevan, the capital of Armenia.

However, the children found a home filled with love and care; although many doors were knocked upon for food. Today, Zatik still faces many problems. Besides the daily physical needs, main concern is for the future of these children. One of the major goals to enable them to find an identity and a position in the changing Armenian society. Zatik has 100 children aged from 3-17.

The organization will ensure that volunteers receive proper support and will encourage all the ideas and endeavours the volunteers will have during their service.

Objectives and motivation

The main aim of the project is the work with children-orphans, to provide educational activities and to prepare them for an independent life.

Involving international volunteers will be a great opportunity for this project as the children will learn about the culture and traditions of foreign countries. The presence of an international volunteer will enrich the program offered to the orphans. The discussions with the children on different subjects will be more interesting in getting to know other beliefs and points of view.

Orphans, more than other children, need care, help and education, to become good members of society in future. The volunteer together with the educators will be involved in the organization of different cultural programs, where children will learn to paint, sculpture, sing and dance; they will also learn some basic abilities in theatre, art and pantomime.

Volunteer tasks

The volunteer will work mainly with children aged 5 to 15 years. He/she will assist in offering workshops and leisure time activities to the children, where they can draw, sculpture, learn different national and foreign songs, games, disco dancing, etc.

In addition, the volunteer is encouraged to propose activities according to his/her own interests and skills. The volunteer will support the children and they will support him/her which will give them the sense of being needed.

The volunteer will participate in and organize meetings and educational games, using his/her own experience and ways of working in his/her country.

Application:

Send your CV and a short motivation letter to go-europe@melange.at and huj.coord@gmail.com 😊