



12 MONTH EVS OPPORTUNITY IN ARMENIA



Dear EVS potential volunteer,

We are glad to announce that there is EVS position in YEREVAN, ARMENIA!!!

Dates of the project: November/December 2015 – November/December 2016

Place: Yerevan, Armenia

Hosting organization: Yerevan BRUSOV State University of Languages and Social Sciences

Sending Organization: Outward Bound Croatia – contact person: ana.novosel@outwardbound.hr

ABOUT THE COUNTRY:

Armenia, situated along the route of the Great Silk Road, is a landlocked country of rugged mountains and extinct volcanoes, located in the southern Caucasus, between the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea.

It is the smallest of the former Soviet republics, bounded by Georgia on the north, Azerbaijan on the east, Iran on the south, and Turkey on the west.

History

Armenia was a regional empire with a rich culture in the years leading up to the 1st Century CE, at one period controlling all the land between the Black and Caspian Seas. In 301, Armenia was the first state to formally adopt Christianity as its official state religion, twelve years before Rome. It also changed between various dynasties. But after Parthian (Iranian), Roman,



Arab, Mongol and Persian occupation, Armenia had been substantially weakened. In 1454, the Ottoman Empire and Safavid Persia divided Armenia among themselves. (Source: Wikipedia)

Tourist Destination Armenia

Numerous monuments and masterpieces of the Ancient era and Middle Ages can be found throughout the country. Tourism in Armenia is rooted in the country's historical landmarks and natural attractions such as the water resorts of Lake Sevan, the hot springs of Arzni and Jermuk, the forests of Dilijan, Aghveran, Tsaghkadzor, Bjurakan and Gugark, and the mountainous natural caves and cliffs of the Southeast region. The 5165 meter Mount Ararat, geographically located in Turkey, is a national symbol of Armenia and is visible from much of the Southwest region.

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION:

Yerevan Brusov State University of Languages and Social Sciences has been established in 1935, and is considered to be one of the oldest higher education institutions in Armenia with over 3000 students. YSULSS has 3 faculties which offer BA, MA and PhD programs in linguistics, teaching foreign languages, international relations, European studies, political science, education management and planning, translation studies. 22 foreign languages are taught at the University (English, German, French, Russian, Italian, Polish, Chinese, Korean, Romanian, Japanese, Arabic, Hindi, Greek, Turkish, Dutch, Bulgarian, Portuguese, Ukrainian, Spanish, Persian, Georgian and Jewish). 12 Language and Culture centers have been founded to promote the development of intercultural communication between the students and professorship of various countries of the world. Multi-profiled education is implemented at all University departments: each major is paralleled with a minor alongside with at least three foreign languages.

BRUSOV YSULS has signed cooperation agreements (Memorandum of Understanding) with 51 partners all around the world. Since 2011 BRUSOV YSULS has been actively involved in TEMPUS project ALIGN as a coordinator and in 5 TEMPUS projects (SuToMa, SSRULLI, GOVERN, ARMENQA, VERITAS), Erasmus Mundus EFFORT, IANUS II, Jean Monnet projects and International Visegrad Fund projects as a partner. YSULSS is the only state university in the Caucasus and East Region that implements European Voluntary Service projects, thus combining formal and non-formal education, and giving the students and graduates the possibility to get new skills and experience, be competitive in the labor market.

EVS Experience:

Yerevan Brusov State University of Languages and Social Sciences is the only higher education institution in the Caucasus and East Region that combines formal and non-formal education by the implementation of European Voluntary Service (EVS) project. For more than 3 years the University hosts international youth from various European countries for the cultural exchange and some learning activities. Within these three years the University has hosted six volunteers from Poland, two volunteers from Italy, one volunteer from Austria and two volunteers from France. Currently

there are three volunteers from France, Slovakia and Germany. It is also worth mentioning that BRUSOV YSULS together with the partner organizations implemented "EVS Event in Armenia" in 2012.



EVS Experience:

Non-formal language lessons, assisting HO staff in their current duties, assisting local students to promoting development of their social and professional level, participating in cultural events of University, initiating new interesting ideas and projects involving local youth: these are the main activities of the volunteer at the University.

Role and tasks of volunteers:

- Fully integration in the works and projects of BRUSOV YSULS,
- Participation and assisting in educational process,
- Film screening, interactive discussions, debate club, etc.
- Assisting local students in their educational process,
- Intercultural activities (national days), music, dances and songs, workshops on Croatian cuisine and handcraft,
- Organizing presentations on Croatian country and culture,
- Dealing with foreign students and guests,
- Organizing different events with foreign students,
- Assisting Career Centre and Graduates Association work,
- Promote cooperation with local and international partners,
- Assist in the preparation of materials and papers for different events.

The working hours are 30 hours per week, 5 days a week, plus the Armenian language lessons (2 times per week, each 1.5 hours).

They are also provided with 2 days off/month. The weekends and public holidays are free of work. The volunteers are given food money to prepare food themselves. The provided accommodation is the Dormitory of BRUSOV YSULS which is located in 15 minutes by bus from the working place. The volunteer will share a room with another EVS volunteer of the same gender. The University is located in the very city center of Yerevan, They are provided with local transportation money, local phone card.

VISAS AND PRACTICAL INFO:

There is no visa needed for Europeans. Later on the volunteer will get Residence Permit.

Food and personal needs money amount: 100 EUR/month

Pocket money amount: 55 EUR/month

If you are interested please send your CV and motivational letter to :

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See you soon in Armenia!!!