

A group of people are shown from behind, holding hands in a circle. They are silhouetted against a bright sunset or sunrise over a body of water. The scene is warm and celebratory.

# EVS project *Beyond Borders*

**September 2018 -12 months**  
info pack for applicants  
Rietavas, Lithuania



## ABOUT US

Rietavas Open Youth Center a non-political, non-profit youth cultural association established in 2011 and based in Rietave, Lithuania. It is specialized in youth work and operates in fields of non-formal education intercultural learning, it is a place where young people always find space for their ideas, dreams, free time activities.

The ultimate goal is to help young people integrate into society in all its spheres to achieve their permanent socio-economic independence. Center is working on the following activities: developing and implementing non-formal education of young people, organizing workshops, lectures, events, camps, indoor and outdoor activities, provide information and advisory service to help young people in important choices.



Our team: 3 youth workers. Target group we generally work with – all young people (in age of 14 -29) also young families.

Rietavas Open Youth Center has been active in the field of sending, coordinating and hosting EVS for over 6 years. Experience gained through EVS is priceless in our community and helps our center and team to grow.



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## ABOUT THE PROJECT

EVS project “ BEyond Borders “ involves 2 volunteers from 2 different countries: Macedonia, and Czech Republic on long term volunteering from 01.09.2018. till 31.08.2019., for 12 months in a small town Rietavas, Lithuania. The ideas of European Voluntary Service project "BEyond Borders" was inspired by multifaceted benefits, positive changes that were brought by experience gained by various organizations in international volunteering field. Volunteering facilitates the use of non-formal education ideas in practical activities and encourages its self-education. Project "BEyond Borders" invites everyone to take an enthusiastic step towards professional and human experience for making a better future and to discover their potential of creating a better worldview for a young person. " Tell me who your friends are, and I will tell you who you are" Young people are very influenced by the people who surrounds them, how they impact them. New people in organization always brings innovative ideas, knowledge, experience for a youth in a small town as Rietavas helps to discover the variety of different beliefs and attitudes and interest in active life.

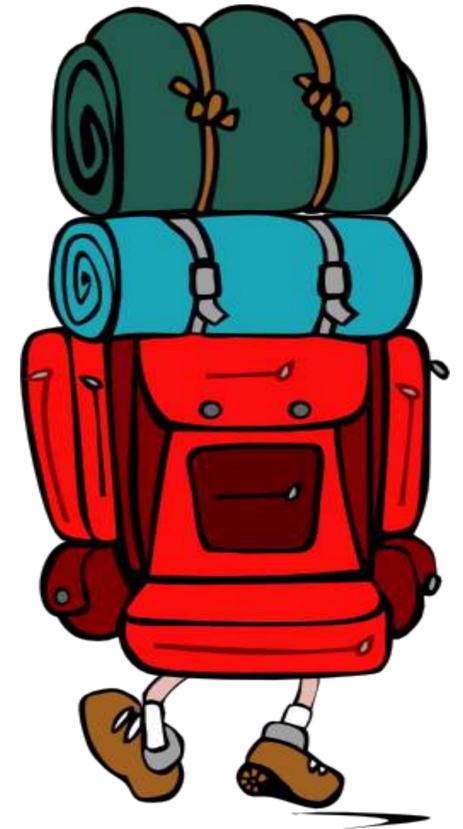
The main objective of this project is to welcome two motivated volunteers from Czech Republic and Macedonia who would help to raise awareness among young people and who would be interested to build, discover together an innovative ways, methods of youth work and implement these ways into work with young people in Rietavas community that would increase theirs integration into the social environment, an interest in their rights and opportunities in the local and international level. A secure and creative environment will be created to reach this goal and volunteers will be able to implement themselves by helping the host organization to achieve its objectives.

## ABOUT YOU

The volunteer is not required have special experience and skills in working with young people, but he or she should believe in and enjoy working with and for young people because this is the major type of person they will be working for and with.

Our basic requests to volunteer are:

- \* aged 18 – 30
- \* have a strong decision and motyvation to participate in EVS project
- \*interested and motivated in working with young people;
- \* interested in youth issues;
- \* willing to get involved in communicating with young people;
- \* patient, responsible, open-minded.
- \* willing to participate in the social and community life
- \* would like to help creating and implementing his/her initiatives, activities for youth
- \* interested in different cultures and in intercultural learning
- \* willing to share his/her experience and culture.
- \* willing to learn and actively participate in the service



## WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Youth leisure time, youth policy, youth self-expression, healthy lifestyle, active ageing, creativity, culture, communication with/informing the youngsters is the main topics of the project. So activities for volunteers will be organized according to these topics. The main activities for volunteers will be:

- \* to help other youth workers organize/carry out activities (tournaments, events, celebrations and etc.), using their abilities and personal characteristics;
- \* to run his/her ideas and initiatives (there will be opportunities, created for self-realization e.g. teaching their native language, organizing arts/sports events for local youngsters).
- \* to help the youth center with the promotion of Erasmus+ program, local and international volunteering through workshops, presentations in high schools, other youth centers
- \* Organize and support the promotion of youth center activities (newsletters, blog, leaflets and other kind of advertisement);
- \* Write blog articles by telling his/her own stories, activities
- \* dissemination of project's activities by uploading videos/stories on youth center website, facebook page  
organisation's website, Facebook group.

However the daily activities will be organized together with volunteers at the time of arrival





# CONDITIONS



## Travel

Trip fro your country and come back is covered by the program, maximum budgeds depends on the distance between your country and Lithuania.



## Health insurance

You will be covered with a private EVS insurance (but volunteers, need anyway to bring with them the Europe Insurance card).



## Local transport

Given the fact that Rietavas is a small town and there's no public means of transport, the movement to the place where the activities take place will be on foot or by bicycle. (Bicycle is possible to take from youth center) It takes only 10 minutes' walk to get to the place.



## Accomodation and board

\*The volunteers will live together in a local College residence. Each volunteer will have his/her own room and there will be common areas: bathroom, kitchen, living room. The rooms are provided with heating, hot water, internet Wi-Fi, dishes

\*140€ for food.

\*80€ pocket money.

In order to receive the amount the volunteers together with hosting organization have to open an account in the same country in which the association do the transfer. To do that they need a passport.





### Expected working hours

EVS volunteers will work 6,5 hours per day, 5 days a week from monday to saturday two consecutive days off per week. **Holidays:** two days off per month. National Holidays are also free days.



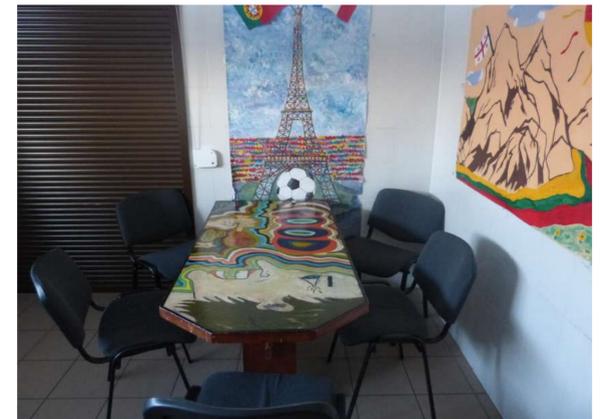
### Mobile phone

Once you're in Lithuania, you could purchase a local SIM card to use in your phone (be sure your phone is unlocked), or a data SIM for your tablet. There are several mobile phone networks in Lithuania: Tele2, Telia, Bite



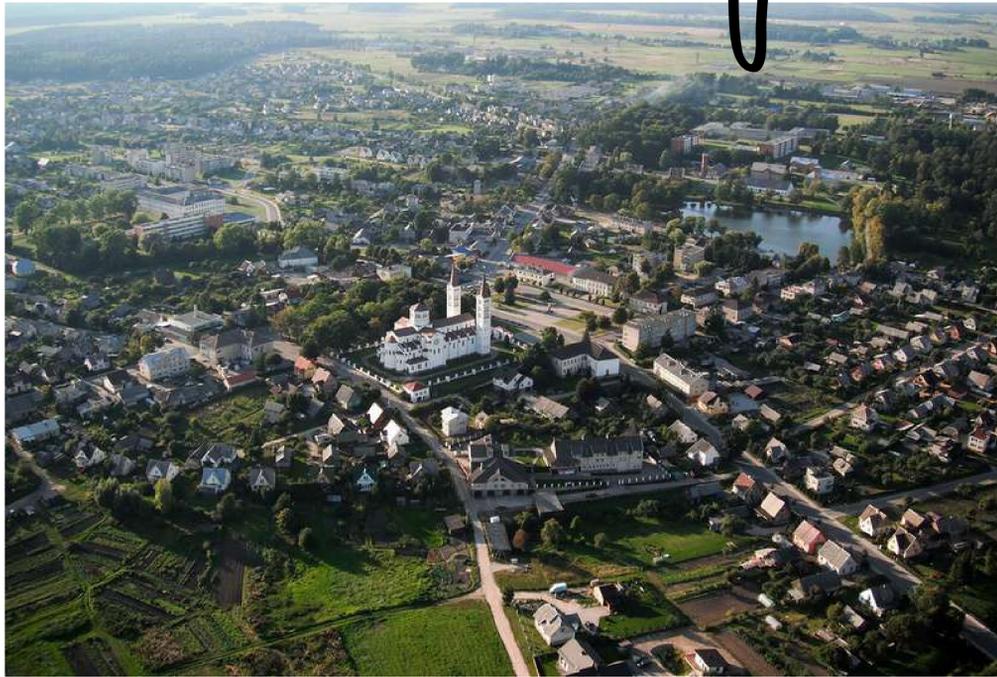
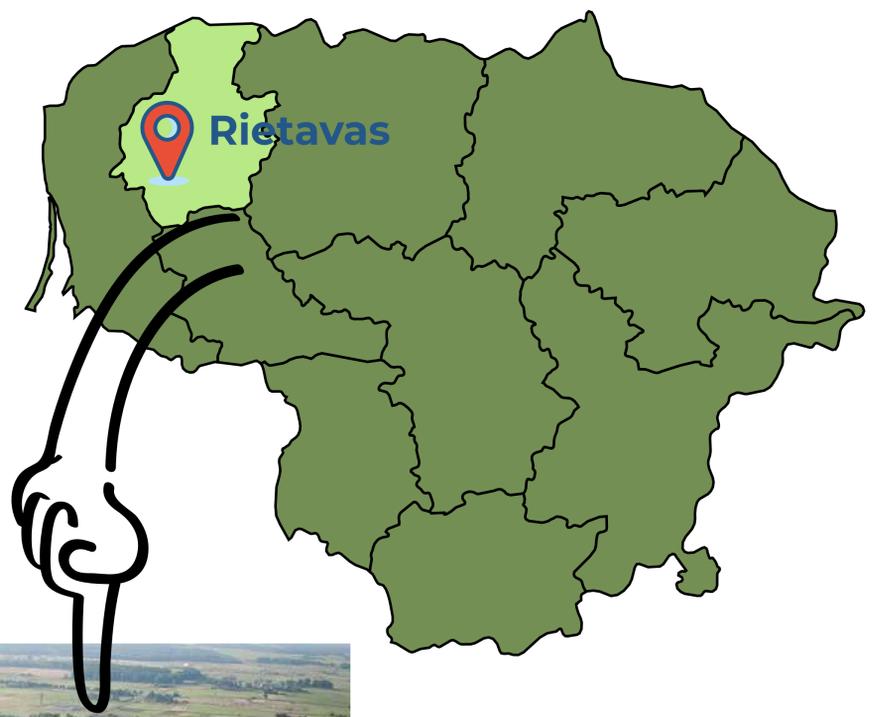
### Working place

Project activities mainly will take place in the Open youth center of Rietavas.



## INFORMATION ABOUT RIETAVAS

The project is realized in the city of Rietavas, in the west of Lithuania. Rietavas is conveniently accessible by land, air, and water! The territory of the municipality is crossed by the highway Vilnius-Klaipėda. Only 50 km to Klaipėda Seaport! 60 km – to Palanga Airport! 22 km – to Plungė Railway Station! The well-developed road infrastructure provides easy access to the cities of Lithuania and Europe.



Rietavas, as well as the whole Lithuania, has the best communication technologies in the world. The fastest EU fibre-optic Internet is available to both residents, and businesses. By the way, it is distinguished by one of the lowest process in the EU. Almost all residents of the municipality speak at least one foreign language! Young people speak English, German, and French fluently. Rietavas is an excellent opportunity to provide both national and international companies with well-educated professionals trained by Klaipėda University, colleges, vocational training centres. The positive attitude of residents of Rietavas towards changes has been shaped by the tradition of innovativeness.



At the end of 19th century Rietavas became the leader in the introduction of advanced technology. In 1882, the first phone call in Lithuania rang here – which is just 6 years after the invention of the phone! In 1892, the first power plant in Lithuania was launched in Rietavas. Also, the first bulb was lit here. Only 10 years after the launch of the first power plant in world and only 12 years after the invention of the light bulb! In 1872, Rietavas already had the first professional music school in Lithuania. Rietavas is a town of Samogitians, City of Kings, as called by the writer Eduard Cinz, who was born and educated in Rietavas. Rietavas is a great place for business development and living. Specialists of the municipality and the Tourism and Business Information Centre will benevolently and promptly help to manage the documents, plans and projects necessary for business development. Rietavas has a Youth, Social Services, Cultural Centres, swimming pool, sports complex, horse riding school, museum, art school, and a beautiful park protecting the times of the Oginski family. The little ones are guaranteed a place in the kindergarten.