

18 - 30y old?

Volunteer at Cirkuskus, Slovakia

European Solidarity Corps

CirkusKus aspires to spread the art of contemporary circus in Slovakia by showcasing the art form in the variety of styles new circus has to offer, recognizing and helping new talents grow and making the benefits of practicing circus disciplines known and accessible to all the people in Slovakia.

CirKusKus's main activities are:

- Weekly circus courses for children and adults;
- teaching circus workshops in schools and at events;
- performing at events and festivals in Slovakia and abroad;
- hosting "Slovak Artists Community" meetings (open circus trainings)
- Organizing the "World Circus Day" festival/convention featuring circus performances and workshops from prominent Slovak artists, as well as starring foreign guests.



Slovak Artists Community

What?

Circus pedagogy & artistic development volunteer

During this activity CirKusKus will focus on the artistic & pedagogical development of the volunteer. The activity will begin with an initiation circus pedagogy. After, the volunteer shall be involved in both pedagogical & artistic activities, being the assistant teacher at different circus courses, and sharing the love and knowledge about new circus at different events. The volunteer has the opportunity to develop their own act, as well as join the existing shows that are currently touring. Additionally, the volunteer will perform administrative tasks that are related to the circus school.

The volunteer will carry out tasks such as*:

- Leading games and assisting and ensuring the safety with kids during weekly multi-circus lessons and the summer camps
- Explaining the basics of circus during workshops and events to the general public attending one-off events
- Giving a workshop or a show
- Performing in the CirKusKus variety show.

OR

Circus pedagogy & community building volunteer

During this activity CirKusKus will focus on organizing skill & pedagogical development of the volunteer. The activity will begin with an initiation circus pedagogy. After, the volunteer shall be involved in both pedagogical and organizational activities. The volunteer has the opportunity to organize his/hers own activities for the circus community.

The volunteer will carry out tasks as*:

- Leading opening games and assisting and ensuring the safety with kids during weekly multi-circus lessons and the summer camp
- Explaining basics of circus during workshops and events to the general public attending one-off events, Creating visual artwork/photos/videos
- Writing texts for the communication campaign in English
- Posting content on social media/setting up a boosting campaign
- Organizing the festival's workshops or volunteers or waste management
- Organizing artistic workshops during the Slovak Artist Community meetings.

*Tasks will be based on volunteer's interests and capacity.



Nina, Volunteer

When?

1 year from 04.09.2023 to 30.08.2024

Where / food / € ?

Bratislavské dobrovoľnícke centrum (BDC - as coordinating organization) will provide an adequate place to live - a single bedroom furnished with basic equipment in a shared dormitory together with other young creative people. BDC is responsible for and provides the volunteer with pocket money covering food, local transport costs and travel arrangements to and from Bratislava within a standard of living in the hosting country. CirKusKus (as host organization) will provide training and office space within Bratislava reachable by public transport.



Training oportunitites..

BDC will provide orientation training upon arrival, language classes, regular evaluation meetings and coaching sessions. CirKusKus will provide the initial circus pedagogic training, the mentoring sessions regarding the volunteer's artistic project and/or the training to improve soft skills, such as project management, promotion. We value the learning by doing approach, where the volunteers will be asked to complete tasks and the mentors will take time to reflect, gain feedback & insight. Furthermore, the volunteer is obliged to attend On-arrival and Mid-term training organized by the National Agency and at the end of the project gains the Youthpass certificate.

*Helena S.
Artist mentor*



*Suzanne V.
Project manager*



Who are we looking for:

We're looking for a volunteer with a clear interest in contemporary circus who enjoys working with kids. This role within the organization relies on the ability of the participant to work independently. The participant should be engaged and creative, bring new ideas for activities and acts, enjoy movement, be communicative, and be comfortable with flexible working hours and days as life in the nonprofit sector can be unpredictable. Prior knowledge of circus is a plus as are skills in graphic design, social media, or project management. A volunteer will also participate in BDC's events.



Multi-circus kids

Apply here!

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