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Workcamps in der Ukraine

Partner: Alternative-V (Kiev) und Union Forum (Lviv)

“Ukrainian Association F. Youth Cooperation Alternative-V“ ist unser größerer Partner in Kiev. Die Projekte selbst finden aber in der ganzen Ukraine statt.

“Union Forum“ in Lviv (früher Lemberg) bietet Workcamps hauptsächlich in der West-Ukraine an.

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“Alternative-V“

Ukrainian Association for youth Co-operation “Alternative-V“ - is a non-political, non-profit non-governmental youth organisation, founded in 1992. Alternative-V was created to facilitate co-operation between youth organisations, to involve Ukrainian young people into programmes on the national and international level in the fields of education, culture, ecology, historical heredity protection and helping disadvantaged people. Alternative-V wants to contribute to development of more peaceful society, to the decrease of social injustice. The Association obtained all-Ukrainian status in 1999.

The **main activities** of the organisation include short-term voluntary projects – international youth voluntary workcamps in different regions of Ukraine (around 20 each year), long-term voluntary projects, seminars, conferences and trainings on both national and international level, youth exchanges and educational programmes.

Age limit: We accept volunteers from 18 till As a rule there is no upper age limit in Ukrainian volunteer camps.

Language: project language is always English, but if you have any knowledge of Slavic languages it will help you to orientate in our country.

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The type of work of the projects is shown by abbreviations as follows:

Educational project	EDU
Renovation/construction	RENO
Cultural	CULT
Environment	ENVI
Festival	FEST
Work with kids	KIDS

**Alt-08 Voluntarism Promotion Campaign Sumy/Chernigiv and Cherkassy regions
31.07.10-29.08.10 EDU 7 vols (18-30)**

Project Partner: Project of the United Nations Development Programme in Ukraine 'Youth Social Inclusion for Civic Engagement in Ukraine'

Project: The project is aimed at promoting active participation in the social life among young people, participation in the development of the local community and at promoting youth leadership in social, economic and political spheres.

Work: The core group will consist of 7 international volunteers and 2 camp leaders. At different stages of the project group will be joined by the Ukrainian young people from the following categories: National United Nations volunteers, youth leaders and young people from different regions of Ukraine who are active in their local communities – all of them are involved in the realization of the abovementioned UNDP project. Total amount of people at the project will be around 40. Please note that Ukrainian participants will be changing throughout the project. The age of the Ukrainian participants will vary from 14 to 30.

This project will consist of the following stages:

Stage I (3 days – Introductory phase)

During first 3 days international volunteers will have an introductory seminar together with Ukrainian participants. During this time the participants will both learn from the volunteer management specialists and will share their experience and ideas. The task is to create a module (= set of activities) promoting volunteerism in local communities and active participation among youth. By the end of this phase the group will have developed a module which will be realized in two locations where volunteers will travel to.

Stage II (8 days)

After this introductory phase, the group will travel to a village in the Chernigiv or Sumy region where they will live and work with youth from several local Youth Centers and volunteer organizations. During 8-day period the international group together with local youth will be involved in performing community development tasks, which might include environmental, construction, renovation, social, cultural and archaeological work. This work will be integrated with trainings and activities run by both international and Ukrainian participants on teambuilding, leadership, project management and volunteering. All these activities have the following objective: by the end of this phase youth from the local community should create realistic plans for post-camp volunteer projects which will be realized later on with the support of local peer mentors.

Stage III (2 days)

Mid-term evaluation of the project, short break before travel to the second location.

Stage IV (8 days)

After a break and evaluation, the program as described in Stage II will be repeated in the central part of the country in Cherkassy Region.

Stage V (2 days)

Evaluation of the project and departures.

International volunteers should be prepared to present their national volunteering traditions and info on similar projects realized in their countries; to discuss and share information about volunteering issues, prepare and run workshops on teambuilding, leadership, project management, volunteering, intercultural aspects – language, art, dance etc.

Accommodation and food: Indoor. Food will be prepared partly by volunteers, partly organized.

Location: Chernigiv/Sumy region and Cherkassy region.

Terminal: Kyiv.

Nearest airport: Kyiv Boryspil Airport (KBP).

Leisure: excursion in one or two of the following cities depending on the available resources - Kyiv, Chernigiv, Sumy or Cherkassy; picnics, swimming in river, learning history, culture and life of the local regions. You will be able to explore several cities, visit museums and many other interesting places!

What to bring: sleeping bag, strong shoes, musical instruments, national games, info about your country, working clothes, gloves, swimming suit, good mood and motivation, key facts and figures and interesting information about national volunteering traditions in your country, especially about trends/successful examples on youth volunteering for the local community. Information, Power Point Presentations on the flash drive (memory stick) for the workshops.

Language: English.

Meeting point: Kyiv. Exact date and place to be specified in the infosheet.

!!! MOTIVATION LETTER IS NEEDED!!!

Alt-10 Pereyaslav-Khmelnyskyi I Kyiv Region 01.08.10-14.08.10 RENO 12 vols (18+)

Project partner: Pereyaslav-Khmelnyskyy Social Services Centre for Youth.

Project: The camp is situated in the suburban part of Pereyaslav-Khmelnyskyy. This town has rich history and a lot of places to see. It is situated on the banks of one of the most beautiful rivers in Ukraine - the Dnieper, 100 km to the south-east of Kyiv – the capital of Ukraine. Pereyaslav-Khmelnyskyy is one of the most important places in Ukrainian history. Pereyaslav-Khmelnyskyy has existed since the 10th century. It was a border stronghold of the Kievan Rus state but was overrun by **Tatars** in 1239. The town began to recover in the 16th century and emerged as a site of Ukrainian **Cossack** culture. In 1654, Bohdan Khmelnytsky and his Cossacks met at Pereyaslav to agree that Ukraine, for protection against Poland, becomes a protectorate of Russia – breakdown in the Ukrainian history.

There are 17 museums and 7 magnificent parks in the city, so volunteers will enjoy this place.

Well-known in Ukraine - Open-air Museum of Folk Architecture is situated in Pereyaslav. Here you can see, among other things, authentic peasant huts of the times of old, smithies and several windmills of the eighteenth century. In fact, a village of the 17th–19th centuries is recreated, complete with gardens and flowers around the houses with whitewashed walls and thatch roofs. In the houses you find icons and decorative towels — exactly the way it looked in the times of old. On the territory of the open-air museum, you can find other museums, one of which exhibits stone idols of the Scythian times of centuries before Christ.

Work: Open-air Museum of Folk Architecture is integral part of national Ukrainian heritage and is protected by special law. We continue the 14 year project, repairing the historical objects and cultural monuments, participating in the work on the territory of the historic and cultural recreation area in Pereyaslav-Khmelnyskyy. Volunteers will help the workers of the Museum of Ukrainian Folk Architecture through different activities to restore the museum exhibits and to clean the territory of the museum.

Accommodation: will be specified in later. We have two options: accommodation will be provided in dormitory of the local vocational school or in a local boarding school.

Food: will be provided 3 times per day.

Location: Pereyaslav-Khmelnyskyy, 100 km to the south-east of Kyiv.

Terminal: Pereyaslav-Khmelnyskyy bus station.

Nearest Airport: Kyiv Boryspil Airport (KBP).

Leisure time: As it was mentioned above there are a lot of museums in Pereyaslav-Khmelnyskyy, so volunteers can explore the history and culture of the Central Ukraine. Bus trip to Kyiv can be organized. Sunbathing and swimming in the Dnieper River and the lake are possible.

What to bring: Working clothes, sleeping bag, swimming suit, a mat, pocket flashlight, shoes, sportswear, mosquito protection liquid, tapes, musical instruments and everything you need...

Language: English.

Alt-11 Warm the future by your own hands Rivne region 02.08.10-15.08.10 RENO 12 vols (18+)

Project partner: NGO "Ecoclub", Rivne.

Project: for many years NGO "Ecoclub" and Alternative-V have been implementing the project to renovate windows by installing heat insulation in schools and orphanages. Current conditions in the orphanages and schools are very poor. Because of the old windows with inappropriate insulation during long and frosty Ukrainian winters classrooms are very cold. Sometimes temperature becomes so low that children sit in coats during the lessons.

With this project we aim to create better social and energy efficient conditions in the school. Since 2003 Ecoclub is running renovation workcamps in orphanages in the western part of Ukraine (renovating windows by installing heat insulation). During this project in summer 2010 workcamp will be held in Mlyniv's school in the Rivne Region of Ukraine. There are 400 pupils in this school you can help!

The motto of our project - Real help to real people!

Work: Ukrainian and international volunteers will do windows renovation together. On the first day a short training about energy efficiency and insulation technology will be run for volunteers. All stages of window insulation will be demonstrated to volunteers.

Sometimes work can be hard, 6 hours/day.

Accommodation: participants of the work camp will be placed in the school in two separate rooms for boys and girls. There is a toilet. Shower - every other day.

Food: will be provided. But it is supposed that volunteers will prepare light breakfast for themselves. During the workcamp volunteers will have chance to taste traditional Ukrainian food.

Location: Mlyniv, Rivne region

Terminal: Rivne.

Nearest airport: Kyiv Boryspil Airport (KBP), L'viv.

Leisure time: swimming, walking, familiarizing with local traditions, fire games, Ukrainian songs learning, games, entertainment, dancing. By the end of work volunteers and the members of Ecoclub will have a picnic outdoors.

What to bring: working clothes, gloves, sleeping-bag, comfortable footwear, bathing/swimming suit, musical instruments, traditions of your native country.

Language: English

Alt-12 Ancient City of Lviv: crossroads of the trade routes and culture (Stryiski Park) L'viv
02.08.10-15.08.10 CULT/RENO 12 vols (18+)

Additional note: this project has been nominated for being labeled "Patrimoni" project.

Project: project will take place in L'viv - a major industrial and cultural center in the Western region of Ukraine. L'viv is a very beautiful and cozy European city with unique architecture and lots of nice restaurants and cafés. It is famous for its ancient cathedrals, churches, museums, art galleries, theatres. L'viv was founded in the mid-13th century. The city was located on the crossroads of trade routes that made it the center of trade and commerce and led to its rapid economic development. The medieval urban topography has been preserved virtually intact (in particular, there is evidence of the different ethnic communities who lived there), along with many fine Baroque and later buildings. The territory of central part of L'viv – 120 ha of the property at its centre now listed as a part of the World Heritage, was designated as a National Historical and Architectural Reserve. In the centre of the city is situated Stryiski Park. It was founded in 1879 – in summer 2009 it celebrated its 130th Birthday. This giant territory (54 ha) was a favorite place of locals for years. Cinema, galleries, restaurants were situated here. Unfortunately, last years were not so successful for the Park – because of bad financing now it is in poor condition. During this summer some renovation works in the park are planned by local authorities.

Work: The volunteers will work on the territory of Stryiski Park. They will clean footpaths and runoff ditches on the sides of the paths, perform landscaping and other activities for improving the park grounds.

As one of the main objectives of the project is to raise awareness of the local community on the issues related to the World Heritage and to promote non-formal education methods in education about World Heritage volunteers will be actively involved in preparing and running of:

- press-conference;
- World Heritage exhibition, prepared exclusively from the materials brought by the volunteers! – open for the citizens, were posters, photos, information and other materials brought by the volunteers about World Heritage sites and other unique places in their home countries will be exhibited;
- Workshop with children about World Heritage with the use of the educational materials provided by World Heritage Centre.

Accommodation: volunteers will be accommodated in a student dormitory.

Food: will be provided 3 times per day.

Location: L'viv.

Terminal: L'viv bus or train station.

Nearest Airport: L'viv.

Leisure time: L'viv region has a lot of places of interests that is why you will not feel lack of historical places to visit: castles, monasteries, churches. L'viv itself is a beautiful city of authentic architecture, which is non-formal capital of Western Ukraine. There will an opportunity to visit many museums and other interesting places in L'viv.

What to bring: working gloves, comfortable footwear (strong shoes), working clothes, CD's, DVD's etc, musical instruments, detailed information about your country, national games, good mood and motivation.

!!! Please, bring stuff from your country to prepare an exhibition stand about World Heritage Sites or unique places in your country.

Special requirements:

About L'viv and L'viv region - <http://www.lvivbest.com/>, <http://www.lviv-life.com>

Language: English.

Alt-13 Pereyaslav-Khmelnyskyi II Kyiv Region 15.08.10-29.08.10 BILATERAL 16 vols (18+)

Additional note: project ONLY for Ukrainians (8 vols) and Japanese volunteers (8 vols) from NICE.

Project partner: Pereyaslav-Khmelnyskyi Social Services Centre for Youth.

Project. Aims of the bilateral project:

- to contribute to the local initiative to preserve valuable cultural heritage;
- strengthen friendship, understanding and partnership between Ukraine and Japan;
- to promote personal development and intercultural exchange among volunteers and local people.

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Language: English.

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UF-01 READY STEADY GO LVIV region 11.07-27.07 SPORT/FEST 8 vol (18-30)

PROJECT/WORK: Our partner, Lviv NGO "Razom" ("Together") have organised social sport club for youngsters (12-17 years old) from hard economical and social background, so call "street children". During the year through variety of sport activities they try to fill the missing parent's attention and motivate this youth for self development, help them in social adaptation, take them out of streets and attract them to healthy and useful life style. These children during the summer have no means to go somewhere for holidays. Being free from school they do not have where to apply their energy. That is why we together with "Razom" wish to make the summer sport camp. Volunteers are welcomed to facilitate camp organisers in running everyday activities: sport competitions, outdoor games aimed on personal growth and opening youngster's potential, non-formal English lessons, intercultural evenings, workshops about healthy life style, volunteering and ecology, trips in the forest and other outdoor activities.

During last 3 days of the camp volunteers together with youngsters will help in organising and running International Ukrainian-Polish ethno festival "FEST Mosty". Here volunteers will not only work (general maintenance, cleaning, preparation), but also can visit craft and art workshops, play games, participate in contests or simply enjoy great music and dancing.

ACCOMMODATION: in the tents. Natural facilities. Food will be cooked on bonfire. Sleeping bag required.

LOCATION: Sokalskyy region countryside, 50 km from Lviv, Western Ukraine. Lviv is an ancient city of Lions, "cultural capital" of Western Ukraine (60 km from EU-Poland boarder), one of three "worth seeing" cities in Ukraine according to world travel guides.

MEETING POINT: Lviv, volunteers will stay overnight and go to campsite all group together. Detailed information and maps will come with info sheet not later then 4 weeks before start date.

TERMINAL: Lviv, UKRAINE. International airport code LWO (direct lowcost WIZZAIR flights from Dortmund; easy to reach by train/bus from Krakow/Rzeszow/Warsaw and Kiev).

ADDITIONAL INFO: Camp language is English. Russian or Ukrainian could be helpful in communicating with youngsters and local people. Sightseeing and excursions in Lviv are planned.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Motivation letter is required. Volunteers are expected to be interested in sport and have creative ideas about educative entertainment.

UF-04 SAVE THE BUFFALOES TRANSCARPATHIAN region 31.07-14.08 RENO/ENVI 8 vols (18-30)

PROJECT: TRANSCARPATHIAN region (South West Ukraine) is famous for its virgin nature, beautiful mountains covered by primeval forests, fast river Tysa, green meadows and ...disappearing wild buffaloes.

Year ago German student visited that place and was charmed by it's beauty. Since that time he decided to take care of buffaloes and revive their population as they are very rare species and fully disappears in Europe. Together with his friends he bought a farm house and built a shed for buffaloes. Now some organisations support his idea to build a cheese factory and make those place a green tourist area. But to start fulfilling this idea he need help. We would like to support this nature saving initiative of young enthusiastic group and involve short- and long-term volunteers to preservation actions.

WORK: Work mainly will consist of repairing the farm house, painting the walls, constructing furniture: especially beds. There are also lots of work in the shed to provide animals with enough space and mobility. Cutting grass, cutting wood. Volunteers will also help in guiding other visitors. If volunteers would be interested they can be involved in activities directly dealing with the animals: milking, feeding, horse riding. As philosophy of the camp is self organisation creative ideas in sustainable development are welcomed.

ACCOMMODATION: basic, in the tents or in farm house. Facilities are simple, "village type", in the garden. Sleeping bag required.

LOCATION: village Steblivka, 15 km from Khust, West-South Ukraine, in Carpathians mountains area, 10 km to Ukrainian-Romanian border.

MEETING POINT: Volunteers will arrive in Lviv on Saturday and next day all group together will go by train to project place (train ticket to be covered by volunteer, approximately 15 Euro return ticket). Detailed information and maps will come with info sheet not later then 4 weeks before start date.

TERMINAL: Lviv, UKRAINE. International airport code LWO (direct low cost WIZZAIR flights from Dortmund; easy to reach by train/bus from Krakow/Rzeszow/Warsaw and Kiev).

ADDITIONAL INFO: Camp language is English. Russian or Ukrainian will be very helpful in communication with locals. Free time activities could be various: horse riding, going to the virgin forests for mushrooms and berries, mountain trips, swimming in the Tysa river, visiting the Swiss living

community LONGO MAI and their cheese factory. Sightseeing, excursion in Lviv is planned as a part of the camp. Internet available at the farm.

UF-05 HELPFUL HAND LVIV 1.08-14.08 RENO 10vols (18-30)

WORK: camp will run in the boarding school for orphan and half orphan children with speech and learning difficulties. Here the children live and study all the academic year. During the summer holidays when children are out of school, the volunteers will help to prepare the school building to new "life" year, to make the school, sport ground and surrounding garden nice and beautiful. And this how we can make the children who live here for 8 and more years little happier.

The work will include refurbishing of the building, windows, doors and wall painting, tidying up and improvements on sport ground, garden and territory.

ACCOMMODATION: in the boarding school. Sleeping bags not needed.

LOCATION: This camp is going to take place in Lviv (XIII c.) - the city of Lions, "cultural capital" of Western Ukraine (60 km from EU-Poland boarder), one of three «worth seeing" cities in Ukraine according to world travel guides. The central city of Lviv has been admired for its architectural beauty and in 1998, its historical centre was included in the World Heritage List of UNESCO.

TERMINAL: Lviv, UKRAINE. International airport code LWO

(direct low-cost WIZZAIR flights from Dortmund; easy to reach by train/bus from Krakow/Rzeszow/Warsaw and Kiev). Detailed information and maps will come with info sheet not later than 4 weeks before start date.

ADDITIONAL INFO: All who would like to provide a helping hand to the orphan school are very welcome. Camp language is English. Sightseeing, excursions and weekend trips and tours are planned as a part of the camp.

UF-06 COPERNICUS GARDEN LVIV 1.08- 14.08 ENVI/RENO 10vols (18-30)

WORK: Public gardens in Lviv were always traditional places for walks and rest, especially among students, children, elderly people and mothers with babies. One of such nice gardens situated in the city centre on the Copernicus street. Lack of state funds to maintain and clean such places lead to the fact that places are neglected. By restoring one of such places volunteers will breath new life into this green island of the city, make it safe and friendly, attractive for recreation. The work will include territory tidying from dry twigs, leaves and fallen trees, making paths, setting benches and tables, repairing and placing rubbish bins. We also plan to run 1-2 days public action (involving local youth and other organisation) on tidying the territory from garbage, etc. We will be happy to implement any other ideas aimed on arranging and preservation of urban green zones.

ACCOMMODATION: in the hostel/boarding school, sleeping bags not needed.

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TERMINAL: Lviv, UKRAINE. International airport code LWO

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ADDITIONAL INFO: Camp language is English. Sightseeing, excursions and trips are planned as a part of the camp.

UF-07 HERITAGE FOR FUTURE LVIV 15/08-26/08 CULT/HIST 12vols (18-30)

PREAMBLE: City of Lviv is the open air museum, it historical city centre was included in the World Heritage List of UNESCO. In consequence of decadence and ignoring of architectural heritage during many years, now we are facing the problems, which were gathered in this time period. Huge amount of remembrances located in Lviv are reflecting enormous number of problems, which need to be indicated, evaluated and generalized. Monitoring of destruction problems of architecture decoration of house front elevations will give the opportunity to prepare and realize the national-level projects, which will be dedicated the preservation of unique original architecture heritage and involve governmental and non-governmental organisations. Difficult to believe – but this work has never been done yet.

WORK: The I and II stages of this camp were successfully run in 2008-2009. During two weeks 14 volunteers made "passports" (questionnaire + pictures) for about 900 buildings which are recognized as monuments of history and architecture on national level.

This year the III stage will take place – monitoring of changes to identify problems of demolition of architectural decoration of facades to take active measures to maintain the dangerous elements and objects. Volunteers will do photo fixation (taking pictures) on the central city territory – the same as it was done in 2008, evaluation of condition, problem description, documenting (written description) of

building and its problems, so later this work could be analyzed, will be put in the database of endangered places on the facade of monuments of architecture and heritage protection work will begin on the basis of this investigation. 1-2 days of the camp will be devoted to manual work at one of historical places (concrete object to be considered later)

ACCOMMODATION: basic, in the hostel/boarding school.

LOCATION: This camp is going to take place in Lviv (XIII c.) - the city of Lions, "cultural capital" of Western Ukraine (60 km from EU-Poland border), one of three «worth seeing» cities in Ukraine according to world travel guides.

TERMINAL: Lviv, UKRAINE

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SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Motivation letter is required. Volunteers with knowledge of architecture essentials and architectural details, skills in photo fixation (making quality pictures) of the whole object and its ornamental details are especially welcomed. We would like to ask volunteers to bring their own high quality digital cameras able to fix every small detail (we would need at least 1 camera for group of 3). Camp language is English. Russian or Ukrainian could be helpful for orientation in city, where all street names written in Cyrillic only.