

Young Researches of Serbia

Voluntary Service of Serbia

WORKCAMPS 2016

About YRS – VSS

Young Researches of Serbia (YRS) is a non-profit, non-political NGO officially established in 1976 as a network of organizations, societies, clubs and sections with research programmes, gathered around the coordinative office on the national level in Belgrade. Through its history the number of members changed, but there were over 50 different organizations taking part. In the 90's YRS leaves the *organizational form of vertical* relationships following the current direction of civil sector development. Today YRS represents the organization on the national level and it unites three thematically different but interconnected sectors – Environmental Protection and Conservation Sector, Youth Sector and Voluntary Service of Serbia.

Young Researches of Serbia involves mostly young people aged 15-30, putting special focus on the preparation and follow up of youth with physical or intellectual disabilities, or difficult social backgrounds.

THINK BIG - do little: start an avalanche! is our motto.

Our vision is to be the driving force for all those whose aim is to make our planet a more peaceful, just and healthy place.

Driven by science and education, our mission is to contribute:

- to environmental protection and nature conservation,
- to development of voluntarism and its values,
- to scientific creativity and active participation of the youth.

Our main aims are environmental protection, environmental education, youth exchange and work with young people, as well as the promotion of sustainable development, scientific creativity and volunteerism. We have organized hundreds of research projects and educative programmes for young people in various areas of natural and social sciences.

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

We usually send approx. 400-500 volunteers from Serbia abroad and host about 300-400 foreign volunteers to 25-35 workcamps each year.

MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

YRS is a member of: Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organizations, CCIVS – Coordinative Committee of International Voluntary Service, YEE – Youth and Environment Europe, ANPED – Northern Alliance for Sustainability, CEEWEB – Central and East European Working Group for the Enhancement of Biodiversity, and a partner of the network SCI in Serbia. YRS is one of the founding members of SEEYN – South East European Youth Network.

IN THE ALLIANCE

We are full members of the Alliance since 2005 and in the IVS movement since 1980's.

Our main contribution to the network has been in delegating representatives to the Executive Committee (Jelena Ristic Beronja, Vicepresident of the Alliance since 2010, senior trainer in the Pool of Trainers since 2014) and Management Committees (Bojan Beronja as SDWG coordinator 2012-2014) and hosting EC meetings, the first Joint Meeting in 2012 and an Alliance Capacity Building Training in 2014. We will be hosting the Alliance General Assembly in 2016.

10 contact points for outgoing volunteers in Serbia:

Since 2010 we have entered into partnerships with voluntary organisations or local youth offices all over Serbia in order to give more support for volunteers who want to go to workcamps abroad, but also to have local partners that act as regional centres, following up the volunteers on their way back to the country, organising regional promotional campaigns of international voluntary service and local youth activism and to organise regional workcamps. We invite you to recognize their involvement: Youth Offices of Obrenovac, Savski venac, Novi Pazar, Raska, Environmental movement of Vojvodina, Proaktiv Nis, Society of Young Researchers Bor, Interaktiv Kragujevac, Regional Volunteer Centre Pancevo and Educative Center Krusevac.

GENERAL CONDITIONS for incoming volunteers:

In some workcamps there is an age limit, it is clearly marked for each workcamp. There are TEEN workcamps as well (15-17) with 120€ fee to be paid on arrival to camp leaders. For workcamps where we accept the volunteers who are 18 and older, volunteers who are 17 but have participated in a workcamp before, can apply and we will try to place them in our workcamps, upon the host's approval. Don't hesitate to ask us!

The language of the camps is English.

All our workcamps follow guidelines of the Environmental Sustainability to the extent the local conditions allow.

Since 2015 we receive support from the government for the organisation of the most workcamps in Serbia, so the participation fee on some workcamps is used as an addition to the workcamp budget and used exclusively for the workcamp in question (for food, material or excursion). Minimal fee is 15€ and maximal is 30€. The fee is to be paid to camp leaders upon volunteers' arrival. **IMPORTANT:** It may be possible that we receive some additional funding this year for workcamps, which we will know by the 1st of May. In this case, there will not be any participation fee and we will inform all our partners to erase it from their presentations of our workcamps.

Technical details (Alliance website use, Friday list and infosheet...)

For all exchanges we are using Easy-placement system – we will provide our partners with our program (PEF) and volunteer exchange forms (VEF) following suggestions of the last GA and adopted document – ADIH. Therefore our partners can expect our VEF both in xml and pdf format.

***At the moment not all the camps are confirmed or have fixed dates. We are expecting some more camps in March and April to be announced.**

CAMPLIST*

Camp code	Name	Type	Dates	No. of vols	Age limit
VSS 01	KAMENICKI VIS I, Nis	ENVI	25/06 – 09/07	12	18+
VSS 02	SICEVACKO OKO, Niska Banja	ENVI	26/06 – 07/07	10	18+
VSS 03	DIFFERENT COLORS, Donja Toponica	TEEN/ART	01/07 – 15/07	15	15 – 17
VSS 04	REFRESH, Backi Petrovac	ENVI/RENO	02/07 – 14/07	10	18+
VSS 05	VILLAGE GAMES WITHOUT BORDERS, Bikovo	ENVI/FEST	06/07 – 20/07	10	18+
VSS 06	THINK GLOBALLY, ACT LOCALLY, Jazak	RENO/ENVI	08/07 – 20/07	12	18+
VSS 07	KUSADAK I, Kusadak	ENVI/CONS	10/07 – 22/07	13	18+
VSS 08	SUNFLOWER, Omoljica	CULT	15/07 - 25/07	10	18+
VSS 09	KAMENICKI VIS II, Nis	ENVI	16/07 – 30/07	12	18+
VSS 10	SUMMER IN TOPONICA, Donja Toponica	MANU/ENVI RT	18/07 – 31/07	12	18+
VSS 11	KRALJEVAC I, Deliblato	RENO/ENVI	23/07 – 05/08	12	18+
VSS 12	WETLANDS CONSERVATION, Sremski Karlovci	ENVI/MANU	23/07 – 07/08	10	18+
VSS 13	KUSADAK II, Kusadak	ENVI/CONS	24/07 – 06/08	13	18+
VSS 14	DIVCIBARE, Valjevo	ENVI/FEST	27/07 – 08/08	12	18+
VSS 15	ART CAMP KOSJERIC I, Kosjeric	ART	30/07 – 13/08	7	18+
VSS 16	ART CAMP KOSJERIC II, Kosjeric	ART	30/07 – 13/08	7	18+
VSS 17	ART CAMP KOSJERIC III, Kosjeric	ART	30/07 – 13/08	7	18+
VSS 18	KRAGUJEVAC, Kragujevac	CULT/RENO	31/07 – 14/08	12	18+
VSS 19	OBRENOVAC, Obrenovac	RENO/ENVI	01/08 – 15/08	15	18+
VSS 20	INTERCULTURAL SUMMER, Stara Pazova	SOCI	05/08 – 16/08	10	18+
VSS 21	PHOENIX, Jazak	TEEN/RENO	08/08 – 22/08	12	15 – 17
VSS 22	MORIEK, Bor	ENVI/ARCH	08/08 – 22/08	10	18+
VSS 23	BRUS, Brus	RENO/ART	10/08 – 21/08	10	18+
VSS 24	JASTREBAC, Krusevac	ENVI	12/08 – 22/08	12	18+
VSS 25	REcycle, Pancevo	RENO/ENVI	12/08 – 25/08	12	18+

VSS 26	TITELSKI BREG, Titel	ENVI	17/08 – 01/09	10	18+
VSS 27	OBEDSKA BARA, Pecinci	ENVI	21/08 – 03/09	12	18+
VSS 28	Meadows of Great Bustard, Mokrin	ENVI	03/09 – 18/09	10	18+
VSS 29	KRALJEVAC II, Deliblato	CONS/ENVI	17/09 – 30/09	12	18+
VSS 30	ANCIENT ROME FEST, Sremski Karlovci	FEST	13 days in mid Sept	10	18+
VSS 31	LUDAS LAKE I, Hajdukovo	ENVI	01/07 – 16/07	13	18+
VSS 32	LUDAS LAKE II, Hajdukovo	ENVI	03/09 – 17/09	13	18+
VSS 33	BEZANIJSKA KOSA, Belgrade	ELDE	04/07 – 22/07	10	18+

VSS01 KAMENICKI VIS I, Nis

ENVI

Dates: 25/06 – 09/07

Number of volunteers: 12

Age limit: 18+

Partner: In 2015 the Association "Kamenica" claimed a devastated camp settlement along the favourite picnic site for the inhabitants of the third biggest town of Serbia, Nis, called "Kamenicki vis", which was not operational for the last 10 years. Their goal is to renovate the camp and to open an educational and recreational youth camp, which will be fully integrated with the natural, economic and social environment, so we can offer free programs for children and youth. In 2015 Association "Kamenica" have successfully realized their first international workcamp.

Work: Volunteers will clean excessing vegetation from the camp area and two more picnic sites nearby. They will paint wooden houses, clean the trails and surrounding roads. Also they will help building a new road which will connect the camp cite with the forest, the cave and the surrounding springs. Local volunteers join the work of the international group. The volunteers will be also involved in promotional activities. They will promote the new hiking path to local inhabitants, town officials, partner organizations and media during the workcamp Open day.

Accommodation and food: In the camp site in fully equipped wooden houses. Volunteers will prepare meals by themselves, food will be provided by the organizers.

Location and leisure: The campsite "Kamenicki vis" is located in the mountains, at the altitude of 800 meters, only 13 km from the center of Nis. It offers a clear view of the entire city and its surroundings. It is surrounded by natural beauty, rich flora and fauna, historical monuments and archaeological sites. During free time volunteers can use basketball and football courts or hike. It is also planned to have a guided tour around the area to get to know the local cultural and historical heritage as well as to visit Nis.

Language: English

Airport: Nis, Belgrade

Train/Bus station: Nis

VSS02 SICEVACKO OKO, Niska Banja

ENVI

Dates: 26/06 – 03/07

Number of volunteers: 7

Age limit: 18+

Partner: The workcamp is a common initiative of several local partner associations (Association of young people from Sicevo "Klisura", Municipality of Niska Banja, Mycological Society of Nis, Permaculture

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association of Serbia, MN association). Our goal is to educate people on using natural materials, importance of preserving nature and advantages of eco-friendly lifestyles.

Work: The work will be focused on building a resting area in order to enable opportunities for local people to have free time in a natural ambient. Volunteers will work on cleaning the woods from garbage and clearing the vegetation. They will make benches, tables, info boards and trash bins using old wood pallets. Together, we will mark the hiking path which is connecting Sicevo with the peak of Kusaca (771m above sea level) and build a small fountain using stones. Local volunteers will help in construction works. Participation of the local volunteers will be an essential part of the workcamp.

Accommodation and food: In a local school, 500 m from the workplace, with toilets and showers. No sleeping bags needed. Volunteers will prepare meals by themselves from ingredients provided by hosts.

Location and leisure: Sicevo is small village located in the Sicevo gorge, situated close to the town of Nis in the south-eastern part of Serbia. A one-day excursion to important cultural and historical points will be organized, together with visits to museums. Volunteers will have opportunity to learn basic principles of permaculture.

Participation fee: 15 EUR. It is used as an addition to the workcamp budget, for material for work.

Language: English

Airport: Nis, Belgrade

Train/Bus station: Nis

VSSo3 DIFFERENT COLORS, Donja Toponica

TEEN/ART

Dates: 01/07 – 15/07

Number of volunteers: 15

Age limit: 15 – 17

Partner: The local partner organisation “Grupa Kobra” has put a lot of effort in the past years in developing and improving life conditions of its small community concerning its environmental protection and encouraging youth activism in this rural area. It is a group of 11 young people that got active since 2007, when they realized that if they do not do something for their village and for themselves, no one will. Although young, they received twice an award for their activities from the Ministry for Youth. It has been four years that they are organizing international workcamps with the aim to familiarize the local young people with their peers from other countries as they do not have opportunities to travel. In the past workcamps they turned an illegal dump into a children’s park, they created a small resort with a beach volleyball terrain, reconstructed and repaired an abandoned cultural centre. Gatherings and activities together with the local youth are essential to this workcamp, the hosts would use the opportunity to present their local community, tradition and customs and, together with the participants of the camp, to encourage rural development, youth mobility and intercultural understanding. This will be 7th international work camp in Donja Toponica.

Work: Having an international group in the village will attract people to interact, make friends, so it is more likely that the impact to the local community. Volunteers will design different art workshops on the subject of intercultural understanding, equality and differences. Using their creativity through drawing posters, making photos and videos they will cover issues related to the No hate speech campaign and concerning the need to promote the same chances for everyone without discrimination. We want to point out the respect and understanding between participants in the camp and between participants and local youth. After the camp they will be our ambassadors to disseminate the importance of this idea that we are faced with lately. There is going to be the final exhibition of their work in Nis with the local partner NGO Proactive. There is also going to be a party under masks to show their attitude and to promote the value of diversity.

Accommodation and food: Participants will be accommodated in a local public building that has been renovated by the hosting organization and turned into a local cultural centre. They will sleep on mattresses and in sleeping bags (no need to bring). Food will be prepared by the host. In the Cultural Centre there are

kitchen, three toilets, a shower and one hall for leisure time. It is located in the centre of the village of Donja Toponica, next to the bus station.

Location and leisure: Donja Toponica (15 km from Nis) is a village of merely 350 inhabitants, situated very close to Nis, one of the biggest cities of Serbia. There will be organized a visit to the historical sites in the city of Nis (the birth place of the Constantine the Great) and an excursion to the countryside to our local partner Zoo Planet to visit animals and they will have a chance to ride a horse if they want. It will be possible to spend one day for sport activities with local youth according to preferences of the participants. www.discoversoutheastserbia.com

Requirements: It is expected from participants to be creative and team players and to bring their smart mobile phones or photo cameras for the part of making photos and videos. It is possible to have vegetarian meals. They should be nature and village lovers.

Participation fee: 120 EUR used for obtaining qualified coordinators for teen groups.

Language: English

Airport: Belgrade, Nis

Train/Bus station: Nis

VSSo4 REFRESH, Backi Petrovac

ENVI/RENO

Dates: 02/07 – 14/07

Number of volunteers: 10

Age limit: 18+

Partner: YMCA Serbia is a non-profit/non-governmental Christian organization focused on working with children and youth (aged mainly between 8 – 30 years). Our aim is to support the personal development of children and young people by organizing leisure time activities that contribute to their physical, mental and spiritual growth.

Work: This workcamp will be an attractive option for young people to engage themselves in creative way. Work includes gathering trash, cleaning and arranging green surfaces (parks, ponds, gardens), painting, repairing and making furniture from used materials, renovating rooms of a youth centre.

Accommodation and food: The volunteers will be accommodated in premises of a local soccer team, under the stadium, 30 meters from the youth centre where most of the work and activities will take place. Food, toilettes and showers are provided on the spot.

Location and leisure: Backi Petrovac is a small town in Vojvodina, located 25 km from Novi Sad. It is a typical agricultural town of Vojvodina, over 260 years old, known for its Slovak traditions. There will be excursions to nearby villages and to Novi Sad and lectures about global warming, healthy lifestyles and tradition of the region.

Language: English

Airport: Belgrade

Train/Bus station: Backi Petrovac

VSSo5 VILLAGE GAMES WITHOUT BORDERS, Bikovo

ENVI, FEST

Dates: 06/07 – 20/07

Number of volunteers: 10

Age limit: 18+

Partner: "Daj mi ruku" is non-profit association founded in 2009 that organizes social and cultural projects in order to improve the quality of life for young people. Having an international group is a good way to demonstrate a positive example and to show how the life in the local community can be improved in a creative way and in short time. Workcamp will be organised in partnership with local association "Bikovo" and supported by the local community.

Work: Volunteers will help organize the two country events: “Village games without borders” and “Kids’ games”, which are carried out on the same day. “Village games without borders” in Bikovo will be organized for the 8th time and involvement of volunteers is going to give international dimension to the games. Activities of volunteers will focus on supporting events: 1) in the technical sense (in collaboration with the project team for the renovation of existing structures of both events, building new structures for the “Adrenaline park for children” that will remain in the village after the events; and 2) in the program sense (participation and support to the competition). Also, volunteers will help renovate a playground in the local school and to contribute to activities of raising environmental awareness among the local population: mowing grass, clearing weeds, to install trash cans where needed.

Accommodation and food: on a “salas” (an old farm estate) located on the edge of village Bikovo, 500m from the village centre. Salas is the authentic old farm house, genuine monument of Vojvodina's culture with a large yard, garden and additional units (summer houses, workshops, etc). Volunteers should be prepared for a very basic living conditions, outdoor toilet and solar shower. They will be preparing breakfast and dinner while lunch will be prepared with the support of the local population and in a manner which is customary for this village. Vegetarian and vegan food will be provided on request.

Location and leisure: Bikovo is a village in Serbia, in the municipality of Subotica in the North administrative district (near the border with Hungary). It hosts 1,487 inhabitants, mostly Croats, Serbs, Hungarians and Bunjevci (an ethnical minority). The population is mainly engaged in agriculture or employed and working in the near town of Subotica. During leisure time the volunteers will participate in the everyday life with the locals. Visit to Subotica and the international Palic Film Festival will be organised.

Language: English

Airport: Belgrade, Budapest

Train/Bus station: Subotica

VSSo6 THINK GLOBALLY, ACT LOCALLY, Jazak

RENO/ENVI

Dates: 08/07 – 20/07

Number of volunteers: 12

Age limit: 18+

Partner: Environment Engineering Group organises this workcamp for the third time in the Jazak village on the Fruska Gora Mountain with the goal to support the development of a local NGO named “Centre for rural development and applied learning” in Jazak, as well as to help promote the village Jazak through innovative ideas of the international volunteers. We believe international workcamp volunteers could motivate the local community, especially young people, to get involved in the social life of the village, giving their contribution to its development.

Work: Volunteers will be clearing the vegetation, constructing and renovating the Centre and creating various types of activities (depending on the volunteers’ interest and ideas) for creative animation of the local inhabitants within the Centre.

Accommodation and food: In the Centre there are 2 rooms with bathrooms, and there is one bungalow with bathroom as well. There is also common room for free time activities and Wi-Fi. Volunteers will prepare meals on their own, with material provided, and with help of a local lady.

Location and leisure: Jazak is a small village in northern part of Serbia, on slopes of the Fruska Gora Mountain, a national park of extraordinary beauty, home to sixteen beautiful monasteries. Jazak is situated at 80 km from Belgrade, 25 km from Novi Sad, and 12 km from the closest town of Ruma. Together we will visit a nearby monastery “Jazak”, a swimming pool, and one day we will visit the city of Novi Sad.

Participation fee: 15 EUR. It is used as an addition to the workcamp budget, for material for work.

Language: English

Airport: Belgrade

Train/Bus station: Ruma

VSSo7 KUSADAK I, Kusadak

ENVI/CONS

Dates: 10/07 – 22/07

Number of volunteers: 13

Age limit: 18+

Partner: NGO "Nada" creates and implements ecological, cultural, educational as well as sporting activities with the aim to create encouraging environment that will prevent young people from leaving rural areas.

Work: The aim of this workcamp is the arrangement of a picnic space in the forest and at the coast of the Kusadacko lake, based on the principles of ecology and sustainability of modern architecture. The volunteers will arrange green areas and participate in the development of a conceptual design picnic area around the lake in cooperation with experts from the "Association of Landscape Architects of Serbia". They will also make and renovate furniture in accordance with ecological principles.

Accommodation and food: The volunteers will be accommodated in premises of a local school (classrooms, dining room, toilets). Meals will be provided on the spot. The volunteers will use a bathrooms of the local football club, 150m away.

Location and leisure: Eco – educational camp Kusadak I will be held in the monastery complex "Pinosava". Kusadak is the village, situated in an oak forest near the small artificial lake (Kusadacko lake) and Smederevska Palanka. The volunteers will be using a pool, as well as football, basketball and volleyball courts in Kusadak. There is also going to be an opportunity to get acquainted with the cultural and historical values of the area, to attend gatherings organized with volunteers and local host population as well as to attend cultural and artistic programs where they can learn about the Serbian customs, traditions, food and culture. The volunteers will, throughout workshops and practical work, learn the basics of landscaping, recycling and making items of environmentally friendly materials.

Language: English

Airport: Belgrade

Train/Bus station: Smederevska Palanka, Kusadak

VSSo8 SUNFLOWER, Omoljica

CULT

Dates: 15/07 - 25/07

Number of volunteers: 10

Age limit: 18+

Partner: "Sunflower" is a youth organization founded in 2013 with the aim of promoting youth activism and volunteerism in fields of culture, art, sport and education. In 2013 the association organized its first international workcamp "Sunflower" in Omoljica followed by one in 2014.

Work: Due to the lack of cultural and educational events in Omoljica, local volunteers together with group of international volunteers will organize a number of cultural and artistic activities for the local community of Omoljica. During the day, volunteers will have the workshops where they will prepare activities for evening cultural events in Omoljica. There will be dance, music and art workshops so the volunteers will have the opportunity to express their creativity and artistic talents. The camp will be energetic and dynamic so the volunteers are expected to be ready for activism, creativity and art.

Accommodation and food: The volunteers will be accommodated in a youth center which is located in the center of Omoljica. The volunteers should bring a sleeping bag. Inside the center, there will be a kitchen with the necessary equipment, showers and toilets. Volunteers will prepare the meals by themselves with the material provided by the hosts. However, the accommodation is still not confirmed. There is a slight possibility of sleeping in tents.

Location and leisure: Omoljica is a village of 6309 people, located in North Serbia, about 16km from Pancevo and 30km from the capital of Serbia, Belgrade. An excursion will be organized by the hosts.

Requirements: It is preferable that the volunteers have some artistic skills, like playing a music and dancing.

Participation fee: 20 EUR, for extra trips and some materials that organizer can't provide, such as refreshment for breaks during work.

Language: English

Airport: Belgrade

Train/Bus Station: Omoljica

VSS09 KAMENICKI VIS II, Nis

ENVI

Dates: 16/07 – 30/07

Number of volunteers: 12

Age limit: 18+

Partner: In 2015 the Association "Kamenica" claimed a devastated camp settlement along the favorite picnic site for the inhabitants of the third biggest town of Serbia, Nis, called "Kamenicki vis", which was not operational for the last 10 years. Their goal is to renovate the camp and to open an educational and recreational youth camp, which will be fully integrated with the natural, economic and social environment, so we can offer free programs for children and youth. In 2015 Association "Kamenica" have successfully realized their first international workcamp. This is going to be the third voluntary workcamp at the campsite and second in 2016.

Work: Volunteers will clean excessing vegetation from the camp area and two more picnic sites nearby. They will paint wooden houses, clean the trails and surrounding roads. Also they will help build a new road which will connect the camp cite with the sports courts. Local volunteers join the work of the international group. The volunteers will be also involved in promotional activities. They will promote the new hiking path to local inhabitants, town officials, partner organizations and media during the workcamp Open day.

Accommodation and food: In the camp site in fully equipped wooden houses. Volunteers will prepare meals by themselves, food will be provided by the organizers.

Location and leisure: The campsite "Kamenicki vis" is located in the mountains, at the altitude of 800 meters, only 13 km from the centre of Nis. It offers a clear view of the entire city and its surroundings. It is surrounded by natural beauty, rich flora and fauna, historical monuments and archaeological sites. During free time volunteers can use basketball and football courts or hike. It is also planned to have a guided tour around the area to get to know the local cultural and historical heritage as well as to visit Nis.

Language: English

Airport: Nis, Belgrade

Train/Bus station: Nis

VSS10 SUMMER IN TOPONICA, Donja Toponica

MANU/ENVI/ART

Dates: 18/07 – 31/07

Number of volunteers: 12

Age limit: 18+

Partner: The local partner organisation "Grupa Kobra" has put a lot of effort in the past years in developing and improving life conditions of its small community concerning its environmental protection and encouraging youth activism in this rural area. It is a group of 11 young people that got active since 2007, when they realized that if they do not do something for their village and for themselves, no one will. Although young, they received twice an award for their activities from the Ministry for Youth. It has been four years that they are organizing international workcamps with the aim to familiarize the local young people with their peers from other countries as they do not have opportunities to travel. In the past workcamps they turned an illegal dump into a children's park, they created a small resort with a beach volleyball terrain, reconstructed and repaired an abandoned cultural centre. Gatherings and activities together with the local youth are essential to this workcamp, the hosts would use the opportunity to present their local community, tradition and customs and, together with the participants of the camp, to

encourage rural development, youth mobility and intercultural understanding. This will be 8th international work camp in Donja Toponica.

Work: Project is divided in three main parts according to the work that has to be done. Most of the time they will be working on environmental issues. There will be also art part of the camp to help us with their ideas and creativity to present our local community in the future by photos that will be used as promo in our future work for the local community. The work will be consisted of three parts:

MANU part: Volunteers will be constructing a wooden bridge and painting it. The bridge will be put in front of Cultural centre in Donja Toponica (the place where volunteers will sleep). The bridge will be made of recycled wooden pallets. They will have to make a small pool for water under that bridge.

ENVI part: Volunteers will be planting trees and other herbs in our local community. Also they will be maintaining the green surfaces in the village that already exist.

ART part: Volunteers will be making photos of our local community in order to make promo photos for our village and this part of Serbia. They will be also helping to organize and attending the ceremony dedicated to volunteerism that we organize every year and they will have the opportunity to attend the cycling promo run from Nis to Donja Toponica (around 20 km) up to their preferences.

Accommodation and food: Participants will be accommodated in a local public building that has been renovated by the hosting organization and turned into a local cultural centre. They will sleep on mattresses and in sleeping bags (no need to bring). Food will be prepared by the participants with material provided. In the Cultural Centre there are kitchen, three toilets, a shower and one hall for leisure time. It is located in the centre of the village of Donja Toponica, next to the bus station.

Location and leisure: Donja Toponica (15 km from Nis) is a village of merely 350 inhabitants, situated very close to Nis, one of the biggest cities of Serbia. There will be organized a visit to the historical sites in the city of Nis (the birth place of the Constantine the Great) and an excursion to the countryside to our local partner Zoo Planet to visit animals and they will have a chance to ride a horse if they want. It will be possible to spend one day for sport activities with local youth according to preferences of the participants.
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Requirements: It is expected from participants to be creative and team players and to bring their mobile phones and photo cameras.

Participation fee: 30 EUR It is used as an addition to the workcamp budget, for material for work.

Language: English

Airport: Belgrade, Nis

Train/Bus station: Nis

VSS11 KRALJEVAC I, Deliblato

RENO/ENVI

Dates: 23/07 – 05/08

Number of volunteers: 12

Age limit: 18+

Partner: The Sport Fishing Association "Deliblatsko Jezero", a local NGO from Deliblato, is a legal custodian of the Special Nature Reserve Kraljevac. The Reserve was declared "the first category protected area of greatest national importance" in 2009. The Sport Fishing Association "Deliblatsko Jezero" protects biodiversity, maintains order in the Reserve and organizes the Park Ranger Service.

Work: This workcamp contributes to sustainable tourism in the Special Nature Reserve Kraljevac, in particular by reconstructing picnic areas and constructing the Eco trail, as well as habitat restoration and biodiversity conservation. The volunteers will make and paint picnic benches, as well as paint picnic tables, umbrellas, rubbish bins and toilets, make and install tourist information boards, and paint walls of the Visitor centre. The volunteers will also collect and remove rubbish from the Reserve, eradicate invasive plant species, and present results of the eco camp at the Reserve Open Day.

Accommodation and food: in twin rooms and 6 bed dorm with shared facilities (toilets, showers and kitchen) in the Visitor center. Sheets provided. Food will be prepared by a professional cook with the help of volunteers.

Location and leisure: On the edge of Deliblatska Pescara, in the midst of the Vojvodina plains, in the picturesque village of Deliblato, lies an oasis of peace and tranquillity, the Special Nature Reserve Kraljevac. Lake Kraljevac with its floating and permanently anchored islands, surrounding reed beds, woodlands, meadows, and pastures supports a rich diversity of plant and animal life. <http://srpkraljevac.rs/en/2015/10/18/snr-kraljevac/>

Volunteers in the Reserve can enjoy sport fishing and other leisure activities, such as rowing and swimming in the clean and peaceful waters of Lake Kraljevac, hiking, birdwatching, nature photography and painting. During the Eco camp two field trips will be organised, to the recently declared protected area of meandering rivers Karas Nera situated at the border with Romania and to the Special Nature Reserve Deliblatska Pescara, the largest sand-steppe area in Europe. Also, during the Eco camp a series of workshops will be organised covering a variety of environmental issues, nature conservation and basic carpentry techniques.

Requirements: Volunteers should be prepared to work outdoors in all weather conditions (dust, high summer temperatures, no shade). Volunteers with painting skills are welcome.

Language: English

Airport: Belgrade

Train/Bus station: Kovin

VSS12 WETLANDS CONSERVATION, Sremski Karlovci

ENVI/MANU

Dates: 23/07 – 07/08

Number of volunteers: 10

Age limit: 18+

Partner: Vojvodina Environmental Movement (VEM) is one of contact points of YRS-VSS involved in sending and hosting volunteers for more than 7 years now. VEM is a non-governmental organization that aims at creation of sustainable communities, by working on development of environmental protection, ecotourism, youth & volunteer programmes.

Work: The aim of the workcamp is to enhance the ecotourism offer of Sremski Karlovci, by developing the infrastructure for realization of ecotourism programmes and increasing the visibility of areas within special nature reserve "Kovilj-Petrovatadin Wetlands". The activities on the workcamp contribute to raising awareness of the citizens on the importance of conservation of special reservations. This is second year VEM is organizing "Wetlands Conservation" workcamp.

The volunteers will work on two sites within "Kovilj-Petrovaradin Wetlands" – "Old Danube" location, removing the invasive plants, creating walking paths and cleaning the area, and Kurjacka greda location, painting the wooden infrastructure, setting up educational materials.

Accommodation and food: The first part of the workcamp, the volunteers will be accommodated in a youth center "Eco Center Radulovacki" (ekoloskicentar.org), with beds (sheets and pillows), shared bathrooms, working spaces and Wi-Fi included. Lunch will be served in a restaurant, while breakfast and dinner will be prepared by volunteers in the center. The second part of the workcamp, participants will be accommodated in the wetlands, near the town. Tents, sleeping bags and mats will be provided. There is a wooden cottage for storing food and other necessary things that should be kept under key. There will be also equipment for preparing food (breakfast and dinner will be prepared by volunteers, while lunch will be brought by the organizer).

Location and leisure: Sremski Karlovci is situated on the slopes of the Fruska Gora mountain, just by the river Danube, in the region of Vojvodina, north Serbia. It is a small, picturesque town with rich past and represents the centre of the Serbian culture and history. It is the place of the oldest Serbian high school and

the oldest Serbian theological school, together with the Chappell of Peace (place of peace treaty between the Ottoman Empire and the Holy alliance, famous for the first usage of the "round table" in history). During the leisure time we can offer guided tours around the town, hikes to the Fruska Gora mountain and a visit to Novi Sad, the second largest city in Serbia.

Requirements: Bring clothes suitable for work in nature, including boots and a raincoat, in case of light rain.

Participation fee: 15 EUR (for extra material cost and organization of leisure time trips)

Languages: English

Airport: Belgrade, Budapest

Train/Bus station: Sremski Karlovci

VSS13 KUSADAK II, Kusadak

ENVI/CONS

Dates: 24/07 – 06/08

Number of volunteers: 13

Age limit: 18+

Partner: NGO "Nada" creates and implements ecological, cultural, educational as well as sporting activities with the aim to create encouraging environment that will prevent young people from leaving rural areas.

Work: The aim of this workcamp is the arrangement of a picnic space in the forest and at the coast of the Kusadacko lake, based on the principles of ecology and sustainability of modern architecture. The volunteers will arrange green areas and participate in the development of a conceptual design picnic area around the lake in cooperation with experts from the "Association of Landscape Architects of Serbia". They will also make and renovate furniture in accordance with ecological principles.

Accommodation and food: The volunteers will be accommodated in premises of a local school (classrooms, dining room, toilets). Meals will be provided on the spot. The volunteers will use bathrooms of the local football club, 150m away.

Location and leisure: Eco – educational camp Kusadak I will be held in the monastery complex "Pinosava". Kusadak is the village, situated in an oak forest near the small artificial lake (Kusadacko lake) and Smederevska Palanka. The volunteers will be using a pool, as well as football, basketball and volleyball courts in Kusadak. There is also going to be an opportunity to get acquainted with the cultural and historical values of the area, to attend gatherings organized with volunteers and local host population as well as to attend cultural and artistic programs where they can learn about the Serbian customs, traditions, food and culture. The volunteers will, throughout workshops and practical work, learn the basics of landscaping, recycling and making items of environmentally friendly materials.

Language: English

Airport: Belgrade

Train/Bus station: Kusadak

VSS14 DIVCIBARE, Valjevo

ENVI/FEST

Dates: 27/07 – 08/08

Number of volunteers: 12

Age limit: 18+

Partner: "Divcibare" association gathers young people who love Divcibare and who are willing to volunteer and contribute in development of rural tourism of this region. This is a young NGO, but its members have a very rich experience in organizing and participating in workcamps. They want to give better recognition and boost tourism of Divcibare, the place of extraordinary beauty but not nearly known and visited by tourists. Last year, there was the workcamp "Divcibare through foreigner's lens" organized with the aim to promote touristic potentials of Divcibare and Maljen mountains.

Work: Volunteers will take part in various activities aimed at improving the environment of Divcibare as well as developing new tourist facilities: marking of hiking trails and preparing camping grounds for the participants of the music festival which is going to be held in the last days of the workcamp. During the festival, volunteers will do waste sorting.

Accommodation and food: Volunteers will sleep in tents, at the foot of the ski slope. Sleeping bag is required. Water, electricity, toilets and showers will be available as well as a place for keeping valuable things and preparing food. Volunteers will cook meals by themselves, with possibility to prepare typical, national meals from their countries.

Location and leisure: Divcibare is a settlement and a famous touristic destination near the town of Valjevo in Western Serbia, on the Maljen mountain. It is located 38km south of Valjevo and 107km from Belgrade. Divcibare is at 980m of altitude. Excursions will be organized when volunteers will get a chance to meet Western Serbia from a point of view of the locals. Volunteers can spend their free time hiking and cycling. They will participate in the daily life of the local community and be introduced to an authentic way of life of generations of people who live on the mountain slopes of Maljen.

Language: English

Airport: Belgrade

Train/Bus station: Valjevo

VSS15 ART CAMP KOSJERIC I – SOUNDING

ART

Dates: 30/07 – 13/08

Number of volunteers: 7

Age limit: 18+

Partner: The idea of the Kosjeric Art Camp originated from The Club of Friendship based at The Centre for Anti-War Action in Belgrade. The camp was deliberately set outside the city of Belgrade in order to make a smaller local community benefit from international inputs, but also to give a chance to international participants to explore the capacities of a Serbian inner city and its surrounding natural beauties. This will be 14th art camp in Kosjeric. <http://artcamp.ktowngroup.org.rs>

Work: The main concept of the Art Camp is to enable young people to meet across the borders and share their interests and skills.

The idea for the music workshop is based on picture and sound interaction and wider communication as well as possible collaboration with other workshops that take place in Kosjeric camps (mural and graffiti and theatre workshop).

The work process will be separated into three phases:

- a. Sound and spaces – participants would carry out music for the video material that will be recorder in various localities.
- b. Sound and movement – participants will make several improvisations together with the theatre workshop that will take in hand stage movement.
- c. Sound and colour – in cooperation with mural workshop, participants will produce several compositions connected with mural and graffiti that will be produced during the camp.

Accommodation and food: Accommodation is provided at private houses of local families with the meals in some of the local restaurants.

Location and leisure: Kosjeric is a small town in the western part of Serbia (120 km south from Belgrade), well known for its beautiful nature. One excursion will be organized. There will be a mini lecture on synthesis and interaction among different kinds of art expressions.

Requirements: It is necessary to be able to play at least one instrument. Please explain well in your motivation letter you should send together with the application form.

Participation fee: 30 EUR It is used as an addition to the workcamp budget, for material for work.

Language: English

Airport: Belgrade

Train/Bus station: Kosjeric

VSS16 ART CAMP KOSJERIC II – MURAL AND ART OF MAKING GRAFFITI

ART

Dates: 30/07 – 13/08

Number of volunteers: 7

Age limit: 18+

Partner: The idea of the Kosjeric Art Camp originated from The Club of Friendship based at The Centre for Anti-War Action in Belgrade. The camp was deliberately set outside the city of Belgrade in order to make a smaller local community benefit from international inputs, but also to give a chance to international participants to explore the capacities of a Serbian inner city and its surrounding natural beauties. This will be 14th art camp in Kosjeric. <http://artcamp.ktowngroup.org.rs>

Work: The main concept of the Art Camp is to enable young people to meet across the borders and share their interests and skills. The workshop will consist of two groups, organized around the idea of "street galleries". First group's task will be painting murals and introducing innovations to the technical procedure of the wall painting itself. The basic medium shall be acrylic façade paint; however, interventions and experimenting with the third dimension are also sought after. The primary goal, on which the work of the second group will be based, is introducing new forms of expression, graffiti art and spreading popular culture through interaction with young people. An art that's been marginalized throughout decades and classified as subculture gets its own legitimate place and recognition, through a phenomenon of a "street gallery". Possible synthesis and collaboration between these two groups is possible depending on ideas and agreement among members. The participants will, according to their own affinities, decide between 2 groups, where they will express their creativity to the full extent. First days in camp will pass in getting acquainted with basics of mural painting and graffiti, as well as in exchanging ideas among participants themselves. Apart from the masterpiece, there is also a possibility of creating stencils, tags.

Accommodation and food: Accommodation is provided at private houses of local families with the meals in some of the local restaurants.

Location and leisure: Kosjeric is a small town in the western part of Serbia (120km south from Belgrade), well known for its beautiful nature. One excursion will be organized.

There will be a mini lecture on synthesis and interaction among different kinds of art expressions.

Requirements: Participants are expected to have basic art skills. Please explain well in your motivation letter you should send together with the application form.

Participation fee: 30 EUR It is used as an addition to the workcamp budget, for material for work.

Language: English

Airport: Belgrade

Train/Bus station: Kosjeric

VSS17 ART CAMP KOSJERIC III – PHYSICAL THEATRE

ART

Dates: 30/07 – 13/08

Number of volunteers: 7

Age limit: 18+

Partner: The idea of the Kosjeric Art Camp originated from The Club of Friendship based at The Centre for Anti-War Action in Belgrade. The camp was deliberately set outside the city of Belgrade in order to make a smaller local community benefit from international inputs, but also to give a chance to international participants to explore the capacities of a Serbian inner city and its surrounding natural beauties. This will be 14th art camp in Kosjeric. <http://artcamp.ktowngroup.org.rs>

Work: The main concept of the Art Camp is to enable young people to meet across the borders and share their interests and skills.

Physical Theatre is based on the search for the stage expression through physical training and creative abilities, e.g. the concept of the group. Theatre workshop is meant to integrate efforts of other workshops-sounding for music and movement as well as street art workshop for scenography.

The theatre workshop will seek inspiration in the stories of Kosjeric community- local beliefs and customs, superstitions and legends.

The emphasis is based on group work, space perception and the use of space as stage material, as well as on the use of body as an instrument of expression.

Physical training consist of coordination and stretching exercises, building of stamina, working on contemporary dance techniques and choreography units

Work on the concept is dived into four steps:

1. step: imitation, improvisations, imagination
2. step: communication, remembering
3. step: organizing the production and directing
4. step: public presentation of the work

The aim of the project is interaction between workshop participants, local residents and space, as well as intergroup communication and communal production.

Accommodation and food: Accommodation is provided at private houses of local families with the meals in some of the local restaurants.

Location and leisure: Kosjeric is a small town in the western part of Serbia (120 km south from Belgrade), well known for its beautiful nature. One excursion will be organized.

There will be a mini lecture on synthesis and interaction among different kinds of art expressions.

Requirements: The workshop is open to everyone interested in the above mentioned ways of expression. Please explain well in your motivation letter you should send together with the application form.

Participation fee: 30 EUR It is used as an addition to the workcamp budget, for material for work.

Language: English

Airport: Belgrade

Train/Bus station: Kosjeric

VSS18 KRAGUJEVAC, Kragujevac

CULT/RENO

Dates: 31/07 – 14/08

Number of volunteers: 12

Age limit: 18+

Partner: The Camp is organized by NGO Interaktiv, group of youth that are focused on encouraging youth activism and volunteering in the community.

Work: "Big Park" is a favourite place for spending free time for all generations in Kragujevac. In first part of camp volunteers will mark trails of the place for education of kids and youth about traffic safety. They will work on renovation of one part of "Big Park" (cutting grass, cleaning area, painting benches and exercise equipment) as well. In second part volunteers will help in organizing children's festival (logistic help and preparation of program) on the open air stage in park. Festival will be organized on 12th August – International youth day.

Accommodation and food: Volunteers will be accommodated in fully equipped house. They will cook in teams of two volunteers with ingredients provided by hosts.

Location and leisure: Kragujevac is located in region Sumadija, in Central Serbia, situated on the banks of the Lepenica River. It is the fourth largest city in Serbia, the administrative centre of Sumadija District. During the free time, there will be organized workshops about volunteering and environmental protection. Walking tour in the city of Kragujevac and one excursion will be organized as well.

Language: English

Airport: Belgrade, Nis

Train/Bus station: Kragujevac

VSS19 OBRENOVAC, Obrenovac

RENO/ENVI

Dates: 01/08 – 15/08

Number of volunteers: 15

Age limit: 18+

Partner: Obrenovac is one of the 17 Belgrade municipalities. It is named after the royal family Obrenovic, whose summerhouse and library are still there. It is surrounded by three rivers, with a recreational area and a spa. Obrenovac is proud of its rich cultural life. In May 2014 the town was severely flooded. In some parts of the town the water remained for more than six weeks. The damages were terrifying. Three workcamps realised in 2014 and two in 2015 gave great results as the volunteers were helping families in the renovation of their homes. Dozens of homes were renovated.

Work: Obrenovac is considered to be the main battery that supplies almost half of the country with electricity since the largest Serbian thermal power plant “Nikola Tesla” is located on the periphery of the town. Living next to the power plant has its side effects. Environmental protection represents a great challenge. In accordance with those challenges volunteers will be involved in different environmental outdoor activities such as revitalization of a town picnic area Zabran, landscaping, clearing and marking walking paths, clearing them of excessive vegetation, placing resting benches and other.

Accommodation and food: Food will be prepared by the volunteers, with material provided. Volunteers’ accommodation will be organized in the Cultural centre of Obrenovac.

Location and leisure: Obrenovac is situated only 30 km from Belgrade, the capital city of Serbia. There are several excursions planned, one of them to visit Belgrade. Picnic area Zabran is an oak wood isolated from the traffic noise and one of the favourite places among the local inhabitants. Leisure time will be used for workshops related to the topic of environment, sustainable development and recycling.

Language: English

Airport: Belgrade

Train/Bus station: Obrenovac

VSS20 INTERCULTURAL SUMMER, Stara Pazova

SOCI

Dates: 05/08 – 16/08

Number of volunteers: 10

Age limit: 18+

Partner: Vojvodina Environmental Movement (VEM) is one of contact points of YRS–VSS involved in sending and hosting volunteers for more than 7 years now. VEM is non–governmental organization that aims at creation of sustainable communities, by working on development of environmental protection, ecotourism, youth & volunteer programmes.

Work: The workcamp has been organized in Stara Pazova, seven times up to now and volunteers have contributed in solution of many local community’s problems, but especially they are trying to trigger local young people to get more active and involved in social life of their town and international mobility programmes. Last 2 years the workcamp focused on activating young people and facilitating their encounter with people from other countries/cultures, by organizing the programme of a 3–day event aimed to youth, which was visited by more than 50 youngsters and involved at least 10 more in organizing it. Although the improvement is visible, there is still a lot of space to improve the situation of youth in the town. This time we want to include a programme for children as well, since a lot of them were coming to participate.

Volunteers will organize leisure time and educational/information activities for and with local youth, aged 15–30 (your creativity, initiative and experience is highly welcomed). This means that volunteers will help in planning and implementing various workshops/games for and with youth and children of Stara Pazova, during the 5–day youth programme – ‘Intercultural summer’. The work will be organized in the nursery garden (place where seedlings/plants are grown), which also contains a stage, a workshop room and vast outdoor areas. Also the volunteers, together with the locals, will organize promotion of the event.

Accommodation and food: in the premises of Stara Pazova nursery garden (room with beds, shower and toilets provided). The volunteers will prepare food by themselves with material provided, in a well equipped kitchen. The nursery garden is located in the suburbs of the town and it is surrounded by nature.

Location and leisure: Geographical position of Stara Pazova is extremely convenient: it is situated between the two largest cities in Serbia –Belgrade (30 km), and Novi Sad (40 km). Stara Pazova has an impressive cultural versatility and prides itself on its cultural diversity and multi-ethnic structure. There will be opportunity to visit nearby towns (Novi Sad and Sremski Karlovci).

Requirements: The volunteers should have at least some basic experience in working with young people or children (professional youth workers will be available during the camp). All kinds of games, special workshop materials that could be used in organizing leisure time activities are welcomed. Motivation letter is required – please explain your skills and experience relevant to this project.

Participation fee: 15€ for an excursion and materials for work.

Airport: Belgrade, Budapest

Train/BUS station: Novi Sad, Belgrade

VSS21 PHOENIX, Jazak

TEEN/RENO

Dates: 08/08 – 22/08

Number of volunteers: 12

Age limit: 15 – 17

Partner: Environment Engineering Group organises this workcamp for the fourth time in the Jazak village on the Fruska Gora Mountain with the goal to support the development of a local NGO named “Centre for rural development and applied learning” in Jazak, as well as to help promote the village Jazak through innovative ideas of the international volunteers. We believe international workcamp volunteers could motivate the local community, especially young people, to get involved in the social life of the village, giving their contribution to its development.

Work: Volunteers will help renovate and repair old furniture using modern techniques and then organize a public auction to sell the items for the purpose of collecting money and supporting local struggling families. Volunteers will be clearing the vegetation, constructing and renovating the Centre and creating various types of activities (depending on the volunteers’ interest and ideas) for creative animation of the local inhabitants within the Centre.

Accommodation and food: In the Centre there are 2 rooms with bathrooms, and there is one bungalow with bathroom as well. There is also common room for free time activities and Wi-Fi. Volunteers will prepare meals on their own, with material provided, and with help of a local lady.

Location and leisure: Jazak is a small village in northern part of Serbia, on slopes of the Fruska Gora Mountain, a national park of extraordinary beauty, home to sixteen beautiful monasteries. Jazak is situated at 80 km from Belgrade, 25km from Novi Sad, and 12 km from the closest town of Ruma. Together we will visit a nearby monastery “Jazak”, a swimming pool, and one day we will visit the city of Novi Sad.

Participation fee: 120 EUR used for obtaining qualified coordinators for teen groups.

Language: English

Airport: Belgrade

Train/Bus station: Ruma

VSS22 MORIEK, Bor

ENVI/ARCH

Dates: 08/08 – 22/08

Number of volunteers: 10

Age limit: 18+

Partner: Young Researchers of Bor is a non-governmental organization founded in 1976, which gathers youth interested in volunteering, scientific and research work in the natural and social sciences, ecology and protection of the environment. Their activities are realized through research projects and programs, schools, ecological camps, etc. The workcamp is a joint initiative of several local partner organizations working together on introducing the spirit of volunteerism as well as developing and improving rural and eco-tourism. Also, the goal is to motivate local people to be active in different ecological activities. The tradition of past dozen international workcamps continues proudly even this year. Bor is an industrial city, one of the biggest polluters in Serbia. This is why the local partner aims to present a clear picture of ecological consciences of Bor and the surrounding area and to raise ecological consciousness of local population as well as the participants of the camp. Young Researchers of Bor are one of the contact points of YRS-VSS for the international volunteers exchange.

Work: Volunteers will work on the renovation of the Brestovac spa park, bridges, riverbanks, cultural and historical objects and help in archaeological researching sites in the immediate vicinity of the spa. The job will be cutting, cleaning, constructing and installing benches and trash bins. During cultural activities volunteers will help in organizing the local event called "The days of Brestovac spa". Volunteers will participate in "The international youth day".

Accommodation and food: Volunteers will be accommodated in a motel in the centre of Brestovac spa. Food will be prepared in the restaurant. It's not necessary to bring sleeping bags.

Location and leisure: The camp will be placed in Brestovac spa, in the eastern part of Serbia. Brestovac spa is one of the oldest spas in Serbia, on the coast of Brestovac and river Pujica, 8km away from Bor. Water of this spa is considerate as the most curative water in Serbia. During the camp, volunteers will be informed about the cultural and historical importance of Brestovac spa and environment of Bor (natural monument Lazar's Canyon, Bor Lake, objects of mining tradition and other).

Language: English

Airport: Belgrade

Train/Bus station: Bor

VSS23 BRUS, Brus

RENO/ART

Dates: 10/08 – 21/08

Number of volunteers: 10

Age limit: 18+

Partner: Youth Center Brus is an association which, throughout voluntary actions and informal education, contributes to the development of the local community, improvement of the life quality and citizenship. This organization has conducted many projects in the field of culture, ecology as well as work with youth and the elders. The first international workcamp "Brus" was successfully organized last year.

Work: Volunteers will work on the renovation of public institutions in Brus: planting tree alleys and flowers, arranging the yard and painting graffiti on the facades of the high school and the elderly care center. They will also paint the interior of the local library. There will be local volunteers to help with the work.

Accommodation and food: In the Vlajkovici village, in a house with three rooms, kitchen and a bathroom. Transportation will be provided. Volunteers will prepare meals by themselves. Ingredients will be provided by the organizer. No need for sleeping bags.

Location and leisure: Brus is a small town in Southern Serbia, at the foot of the mountain Kopaonik. One day guided excursion to Kopaonik will be organized, as well as different workshops. There is a possibility to use the pool and sport courts in Brus. The volunteers should expect great interaction with local community.

Language: English

Airport: Belgrade
Train/Bus station: Brus

VSS24 JASTREBAC, Krusevac

ENVI

Dates: 12/08 – 22/08

Number of volunteers: 12

Age limit: 18+

Partner: Educational center (www.ec.org.rs) is a 15 years old non-government, non-political and non-profit organization working mainly with and for youth through non-formal education trainings, creative workshops, international youth projects, voluntary work (workcamps and EVS), moreover offering social games, books and publications from governmental as well as non-governmental organizations, free internet access to young people. Organization is a member of several national and international networks: National Youth Council of Serbia, National association of youth workers Serbia, National coalition for decentralization, Forum OCD Krusevac, South East Youth European Network, Regional Youth against discrimination and is a contact point of YRS-VSS for the international volunteers exchange in Serbia for this region.

Work: cleaning and revitalizing the touristic area of the Jastrebac Mountain and around sport courts, creating and placing rubbish bins, direction and creative signs, marking walking paths.

Accommodation and food: Participants will be accommodated in a Mountain house, which has all the necessary facilities, including toilets and showers. Kitchen and dining room will be available for the group to cook by themselves with the material provided by the host.

Location and leisure: Krusevac is situated in the central part of Serbia. The Jastrebac Mountain is located about 20 km southeast from Krusevac, between cities of Nis, Krusevac and Prokuplje. Jastrebac is unique for its birch woods and diverse flora and fauna. Its highest peak Velika Dzulica has an elevation of 1,492 meters above sea level. It is well-forested and presents a popular hiking and mountaineering destination. There will be excursions organized on the mountain, creative workshops, sport and other games.

Language: English

Airport: Belgrade, Nis

Train/Bus station: Krusevac

VSS25 REcycle, Pancevo

RENO/ENVI

Dates: 12/08 – 25/08

Number of volunteers: 12

Age limit: 18+

Partner: "Connecting People" is a youth organization from Pancevo, established in 2013 with the idea of creating possibilities for young people to fulfil their potentials and encourage positive changes in society. "Connecting People" was founded by the Regional volunteer center, the network of the regional volunteer programs organizers. The organization is a contact point of YRS-VSS for the international volunteer exchange. This is the second workcamp they organize.

Work: Volunteers will repair old bicycles that will be used by the local volunteer service while helping the elders as well as for the other actions of the association. Working part will include removal of the old paint, painting as well as cleaning and fixing bicycles. Cycling as an ecological, sustainable way of transportation and a healthy lifestyle will be promoted throughout many street manifestations. One day the volunteers will be doing some gardening, a nice practice started at the last year's workcamp.

Accommodation and food: In the rooms of the "Shooting club Pancevo 1813". Volunteers will sleep in the rooms equipped with beds but they need to bring sleeping bags. Meals will be prepared by the volunteers from the ingredients provided by the organization. There are bathrooms and showers in the same building.

Location and leisure: Pancevo is a town in Banat, at the Tamis river with more than 75.000 inhabitants. This is a modern, multicultural city with developed industry and many different cultural happenings. It is situated in a flat area, really convenient for cycling. Tours on bikes will be organized. Trip to the Deliblato sands, a special nature reserve, will be organized as well. This place is called "European Sahara". International evening will be organized, where volunteers will have a chance to present their country, its customs and food. Participants will be introduced with the principles of the local volunteer social service.

Language: English

Airport: Belgrade

Train/Bus station: Pancevo

VSS26 TITELSKI BREG, Titel

ENVI

Dates: 17/08 – 01/09

Number of volunteers: 10

Age limit: 18+

Partner: The public enterprise "Titelski breg" and the non-governmental organization "Chill out" organize, for the second time in a row, international workcamp in a protected nature reserve with the aim of revitalization of plant and animal habitats and drawing attention to the local population on the importance of environmental protection and their active participation in nature conservation as well as the other values of the protected area. The workcamp of the previous year has achieved visible results and good reception in the local community.

Work: Titeski breg was by the regulation of the Serbian government declared a Special Nature Reserve in 2012 as the first category of great national and international importance. The protected area covers two landfills which are assessed to be removed. Some work has been already done and a large part was removed but remained waste could not be removed mechanically. For this reason, the workcamp is organized so the volunteers from abroad as well as local volunteers would finish cleaning the residual waste. This will create conditions for the indigenous plant species, which were suppressed by this dump, again return to their natural habitat. In addition, the volunteers will work on removing invasive plant species within the reserve, counting the population of ground squirrels, making and installing birdhouses, installing pillars that mark the boundary of the reserve, marking of pedestrian and bicycle paths within the reserve.

Accommodation and food: In the rooms of the public enterprise "Titelski breg". Sleeping on mattresses. Sleeping bag is required! The rooms are equipped with toilets. Solar shower will be installed. Volunteers will prepare meals by themselves from the ingredients provided by the organizer.

Location and leisure: Titelski breg is the loess plateau in the province of Vojvodina, in Northern Serbia. It is located in southeast Backa, near the Tisa river and the town of Titel. It extends to 18km, from northwest to southeast, at the altitude of 128m. Excursions by boat on the river Tisa will be organized. During free time, the volunteers can use the beautiful beaches and the courts for beach volleyball. Several workshops and lectures are going to be held, where the volunteers should gain basic knowledge of the location of the site and the importance of Special nature reserve "Titelski breg" both domestic and international.

Language: English

Airport: Belgrade

Train/Bus station: Titel, Perlez

VSS27 OBEDSKA BARA, Kupinovo

ENVI

Dates: 21/08 – 03/09

Number of volunteers: 12

Age limit: 18+

Partner: The Special Nature Reserve Obedska Bara is the second oldest protected area in the world (the oldest in Europe) and a wetland of international importance (listed as a Ramsar site and IBA and IPA area). Obedska Bara, famous ornithological site, is an oxbow lake surrounded with marsh and forest habitats. Wetlands are among the world's most threatened ecosystems and this one has been gravely degraded, the most important problem being the overgrowing and disappearance of wet meadows.

Work: Volunteers will be included in the project "Return of the Ibis" of wet meadows revitalization by removing tree branches and clearing other vegetation. This will be the 19th camp we have organized here since 1997; so far because of our activities several bird species have returned and the working site has the richest bird fauna in the reserve. Some work in the area of medieval fortress will be done.

Accommodation and food: in two renovated houses in Ethno Park, sleeping on folding beds and mats. Volunteers need to bring sleeping bags. Food will be prepared for volunteers.

Location and leisure: Obedska Bara (www.obedskabara.rs) is located 50km from Belgrade and 75km from Novi Sad. Lectures on wetlands and Obedska Bara's recent environmental problems will be given. Volunteers can also swim in the lake and the river Sava, watch the birds and explore the beautiful nature of the area.

Language: English

Airport: Belgrade

Bus Station: Kupinovo

VSS28 Meadows of Great Bustard, Mokrin

ENVI

Dates: 03/09 – 18/09

Number of volunteers: 10

Age limit: 18+

Partner: The association "Great Bustard" <http://www.velikadroplja.rs/en/> was founded in 2013 by young enthusiasts who were ready to employ their university gained knowledge for the preservation and development of their local environment. The goals of the organization are conservation and habitat improvements of the Special Nature Reserve "Pastures of the Great Bustard", conservation of its Great Bustard population, education of local inhabitants on the importance of habitat conservation and legal protection, rehabilitation of endangered sites, public advocacy for changing the practices in toxic and waste material management, preservation of tradition and rural tourism development. Hosting an international volunteer camp is significant for the development of the reserve in a sense of promotion for nature protection in the local environment. Involvement of the local community can bring an overall higher engagement of the locals and a more positive influence in environmental and nature protection. It would also result in works for improving the state of the reserve and developing its touristic potential, which is very significant for the local community.

Work: The problem we encounter in the reserve's conservation is the existence of a large amount of neglected land which leads to an undesirable succession of this natural habitat, the only remaining habitat for the endangered Great Bustard in Serbia. Regular clean-up of these surfaces that are overgrown with weeds is also necessary for fire prevention. Volunteers will work on clearing and restoring the pastures, which implies mowing, manual removal of shrubby vegetation, collecting and disposing of waste materials. Volunteers should be ready to take on manual labour during 2–3 hours in the morning and 3–4 hours in the afternoon of each day.

Accommodation and food: Volunteers will be accommodated on a small farm at the edge of the reserve and at the visitor's centre. There are outdoor toilets and limited electric energy. Showers will be provided in the village. Sleeping bag needed. Volunteers should be prepared for very basic living conditions. The farm is equipped for meal preparations in a traditional manner. Meals will be prepared by hosts, but there will be opportunity for volunteers to cook some national dishes from their own countries.

Location and leisure: The Special Nature Reserve "Pastures of great bustard" spreads in northern–east Serbia, 10 km from the village Mokrin, close to Romanian and Hungarian border. Free time is intended for

seeing the sites around Mokrin. There will be a lecture about nature protection in Serbia, conservation of this reserve, the Great Bustard and other occurring species. Also, workshops are planned to be included during the ringing of the birds, giving the participants an opportunity to familiarize with reserve's ornithofauna. Lectures and workshops will be held in English and led by experts in the field.

Language: English

Airport: Belgrade, Budapest

Train/Bus station: Kikinda, Mokrin

VSS29 KRALJEVAC II, Deliblato

CONS/ENVI

Dates: 17/09 – 30/09

Number of volunteers: 12

Age limit: 18+

Partner: The Sport Fishing Association "Deliblatsko Jezero", a local NGO from Deliblato, is a legal custodian of the Special Nature Reserve Kraljevac. The Reserve was declared "the first category protected area of greatest national importance" in 2009. The Sport Fishing Association "Deliblatsko Jezero" protects biodiversity, maintains order in the Reserve and organizes the Park Ranger Service.

Work: This workcamp contributes to sustainable tourism in the Special Nature Reserve Kraljevac, in particular by reconstructing picnic areas and constructing the Eco trail, as well as habitat restoration and biodiversity conservation. The volunteers will make wooden walking bridges, make and install tourist information and direction boards. The volunteers will also collect and remove rubbish from the Reserve, eradicate invasive plant species, and present results of the eco camp at the Reserve Open Day.

Accommodation and food: in twin rooms and 6 bed dorm with shared facilities (toilets, showers and kitchen) in the Visitor center. Sheets provided. Food will be prepared by a professional cook with the help of volunteers. Meat dishes and vegetarian dishes will be prepared every day.

Location and leisure: On the edge of Deliblatska Pescara, in the midst of the Vojvodina plains, in the picturesque village of Deliblato, lies an oasis of peace and tranquillity, the Special Nature Reserve Kraljevac. Lake Kraljevac with its floating and permanently anchored islands, surrounding reed beds, woodlands, meadows, and pastures supports a rich diversity of plant and animal life.
<http://srpkraljevac.rs/en/2015/10/18/snr-kraljevac/>

Volunteers in the Reserve can enjoy sport fishing and other leisure activities, such as rowing and swimming in the clean and peaceful waters of Lake Kraljevac, hiking, birdwatching, nature photography and painting. During the Eco camp two field trips will be organised, to the recently declared protected area of meandering rivers Karas Nera situated at the border with Romania and to the Special Nature Reserve Deliblatska Pescara, the largest sand-steppe area in Europe. Also, during the Eco camp a series of workshops will be organised covering a variety of environmental issues, nature conservation and basic carpentry techniques.

Requirements: Volunteers should be prepared to work outdoors in all weather conditions (dust, high summer temperatures, no shade). Volunteers with painting skills are welcome.

Language: English

Airport: Belgrade

Train/Bus station: Kovin

VSS30 ANCIENT ROME FEST, Sremski Karlovci

FEST

Dates: 13 days in mid-September (including arrival and departure days)

Number of volunteers: 10

Age limit: 18+

Partner: Vojvodina Environmental Movement (VEM) is one of the contact points of YRS-VSS involved in sending and hosting volunteers for more than 7 years now. VEM is non-governmental organisation that

aims at creation of sustainable communities, by working on development of environmental protection, ecotourism, youth & volunteer programmes.

Work: This will be 8th time the camp is being organized in Sremski Karlovci, during the Wine fest. The initial idea was to provide alternative ways of spending time during afternoon hours, for visitors of the fest, because of the lack of interesting programme during this period of the day, and also to help with promotion of the festival itself. First two years of the workcamp were solely focused on workshops for kids. The following 3 years were dedicated to the topic of the Roman empire, because of the link between the town and this ancient empire. During the last these years the main focus was on creating live shows both on stage and in crowd. Two years ago, it was decided that the focus will be on the educational and creative programme, using various workshops and activities, that showed the visitors of the fest how the Romans were living and we will continue doing so this year. The volunteers will help in preparing the festival, by organizing an event for children and youth on the topic of the Roman Empire and its influence on the region. Volunteers will prepare decorations, games and workshops for the event. There will also be a possibility to organize a small show, since there is a stage at the spot of the event. Also, volunteers will assist with the promotion of the event.

Accommodation and food: in a fully equipped youth center. Lunch will be served at the nearby restaurant, while breakfast and dinner will be prepared by the volunteers. Small, but fully functional kitchen will be available.

Location and leisure: Sremski Karlovci is situated on the Fruska Gora mountain, just by the river Danube, in the region of Vojvodina. It is a small, picturesque town with rich past and represents the centre of the Serbian culture and spirituality. In the middle of September, it is hosting a traditional Wine festival that gathers around some of the best wine makers of the region. In one part of its history, this town was under territory of Roman empire, and it is said that one of its emperors brought the grapes from Sicily to this region. Sremski Karlovci is situated at 12 km from Novi Sad. A guided site seeing tour of the town will be organized, as well as the trip to Novi Sad. There will also possibility to organize a hiking tour around Fruska gora or to explore the Danube and its wetlands by boat.

Airport: Belgrade, Budapest

Train/Bus station: Novi Sad, Belgrade

Remarks: Volunteers will have support from students of archaeology, specializing in the topic of the Roman Empire.

Participation fee: 15€. It is used as an addition to the work camp budget, for additional excursions and material for work.

VSS31 LUDAS LAKE I, Hajdukovo

VSS32 LUDAS LAKE II, Hajdukovo

ENVI

Dates I: 01/07 – 16/07

Dates II: 03/09 – 17/09

Number of volunteers: 13

Age limit: 18+

Partner: The Special Nature Reserve Lake Ludas is an Eolic lake surrounded with marsh, prairie, ponds and forest habitats and is famous as an ornithological reserve. It is one of the oldest protected areas in the world and listed as wetland of international importance (Ramsar Site from 1977). Besides its preserved natural values (bird, fish and plant species of wetlands, the beauty of the landscape, the lake with the tall reed beds), there is also a rich cultural heritage (archaeological findings, rural and sacral architecture, traditional culture especially good rural cuisine). The workcamp is organised here for 15 past years. Volunteer activities will be implemented within the framework of a multi annual revitalization project of removing wet meadows reed, shrubs and other vegetation in the Special Nature Reserve "Ludas Lake".

Rich, wonderful nature with numerous rare animal and plant species, accompanied with local ornithologists and biologists introducing it to the volunteers in a form of both lecture sessions and practical terrain experience, bird watching and ringing in particular. The friendly locals, eager to meet the volunteers and

enhance the camp experience, wineries for which the region is famous and tourist attractions nearby (e.g. Palic Lake, the town of Subotica) all guarantee for an unforgettable workcamp experience.

The lake supports a rich bird fauna characterized by the presence of 214 recorded species, 140 of which are protected as natural rarities. They represent the fundamental characteristic of this valuable reserve, both for Serbia and Europe. Ludas is a habitat of numerous endangered species, one of the most notable is the European Roller. The lake also represents an important stop for migratory bird species.

Work: The work will generally focus on revitalization of the area: removal of invasive plant species endangering the natural habitat, or renovating the old fishermen's cottage typical for the area. Also work in the nearby protected areas, such as Selevenj heath or Subotica sands. Volunteers interested in the countryside and nature conservation are welcome.

Accommodation and food: in the small building called Researchers' Station. It is an attic with mattresses on the floor for sleeping, male and female toilets, with one shower each. Bedding will be provided, but volunteers are encouraged to bring your own sleeping bag. Lunch and dinner will be cooked for us in the restaurant, while the breakfast will be prepared by the group.

Location and leisure: Hajdukovo and the Ludas Lake are placed at 12 km from Subotica, Northern Serbia. Many outings are planned, such as bird watching and bird ringing as well as rowing on the lake and exploration of the natural diversity that Northern Serbia has to offer.

Airport: Belgrade

Train/Bus Station: Subotica

Participation fee: 25 EUR

VSS33 BEZANIJSKA KOSA, Belgrade

ELDE

Dates: 04/07 – 22/07

Number of volunteers: 10

Age limit: 18+

Partner: Within the Gerontology Center of Belgrade, operates Home "Bezanijska Kosa", which has close to 600 places for users and it is the largest in the country and one of the largest in Europe. The Home is built according to modern building standards and it employs professional staff to take care of the residents and create an atmosphere of free and solidary community life. The idea for the organization and implementation of the international volunteer work camp arises as a need for assistance in improving the living conditions of adults and older people who are housed in the institution.

Work: The volunteers will be engaged on work with elderly people, residents of elder care center "Bezanijska kosa". They will participate in creative workshops, planned with professionals. Besides that, they will maintain garden (planting flowers, cutting grass and cleaning paths in yards), take out residents for the walk, spending time with them.

Accommodation and food: The volunteers will be accommodated in rooms of elder care center "Bezanijska kosa" with toilets and showers. Meals will be provided on the spot.

Location and leisure: Bezanijska kosa is part of the city of Belgrade and belongs to New Belgrade municipality. There will be organized an excursion for participants to meet important places of cultural and historical heritage of city of Belgrade. Volunteers will have a lecture about communication with elderly people and fulfilling of their needs.

Requirements: Volunteers should be motivated for work with elderly people.

Language: English

Airport: Belgrade

Train/bus station: Belgrade