



homo ecos:



Erasmus+

EVS IN AN ENVIRONMENTAL NGO LATVIA

1 volunteer for a long-term project (12 months) in an environmental organization in Rīga, Latvia

IF YOU ARE...

- ready to spend a year (from February 2017) in Rīga, Latvia;
- 18-30 years old;
- able to work as part of a team;
- passionate about the environment;
- ready to organize creative events and social/PR campaigns;
- interested in upcycling;
- and willing to inform and educate kids, youths and adults about environmental issues...

... THEN WE WOULD LOVE TO WELCOME YOU AS OUR NEW EVS VOLUNTEER!

How to apply...

Please send your **CV and application form** to evs@homoecos.lv **no later than Sunday 08 January 2017.**

PROJECT DURATION

12 months (February 2017 - February 2018)

POSSIBLE TASKS OF THE VOLUNTEER:

(These are just examples of possible activities for EVS volunteers. Your project will be designed and made according your personal skills, interests and learning objectives.)

- **EVENTS & WORKSHOPS.** Organize workshops (together with our local volunteers) on our Green Floor or during third-party events (for example: **creative upcycling workshops**, educational games, movie nights, excursions in the city or into nature, give presentations on environmental topics, etc.). Develop new ideas for our portfolio of possible workshops.
- **PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES.** Support homo ecos:'s ongoing projects and campaigns. You will be given a role in our activities depending on your skills, interests and experience.
- **INFORMATIONAL CAMPAIGNS.** Educate and inform people about environmental issues.
- **WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA.** Maintain the homo ecos: website (in English and/or Russian). Write a blog. Post updates on social network (Twitter, Facebook, newsletter).
- **OFFICE WORK.** Responding to e-mails, copying/scanning, updating databases, preparing documents, participating in planning meetings, support Latvian EVS volunteers going abroad, coordinate international Youth Exchanges, managing the library.
- **PHOTO & VIDEO.** Document our events/activities and make promotional material.
- **GRAPHIC DESIGN.** Create materials (posters, flyers, stickers) to promote sustainable living.



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- **REPAIR CAFE.** Organize Repair Café few times a year together with a local cultural center. Repair Café is about introducing people to repairing things on their own and integrating recycling and upcycling in everyday life.
- **ECO GARDENING.** homo ecos: has a small garden in the middle of the city since the spring of 2016. The task of the volunteer would be taking care of the garden and developing it (for e.g. landscaping, vegetable beds, eco-building or own ideas), organizing events and workshops there. If you have green fingers and are not afraid to get your hands dirty, then this is the place for you.
- **YOUR OWN INITIATIVES.** Be creative! :)

ABOUT US:

homo ecos: is a well-known Latvian environmental organization based in Rīga, the capital of Latvia. Its mission is to create a social movement that not only supports environment-friendly ideas, but also puts them into practice.

We work to inform and educate people about environmental issues, to involve them and to encourage them to change their everyday habits to live a more sustainable lifestyle. Our main activities include social campaigns (“Latvia – the greenest country in the world”), non-formal education for children, youth and adults, entertaining/educational events and activities (workshops, excursions, presentations, games, discussions). The topics we are currently working on include climate change, sustainable food consumption, food waste, waste recycling, green guidelines for offices and events, and our personal carbon footprint.

homo ecos: was established in 2007. At the moment, we are six people working in the office (plus 2 EVS volunteers), and we have a board of three people. We have a trusted network of about 70 local volunteers and hundreds of followers and supporters. We collaborate closely with (inter)national NGOs, local municipalities and (green) companies in Latvia. The organization has a good presence in traditional media (magazines, news portals, radio, TV), and is active on Facebook (in English), Twitter (in Latvian), and the local social network Draugiem.lv.

TESTIMONIALS:

Elise (26, France, EVS volunteer March 2015-February 2016):

“During our EVS we made new games about the environment and we created a theatre play to educate children about waste. We were also involved in different activities to promote EVS and made presentations about our country, and we were free to participate in seminars organized by homo ecos: or partner organizations.

“For my own project, I organized activities about the ocean and I will soon start to collaborate with the French Institute to organize discussions about the environment for people who want to learn French. Also, because this year COP21 takes place in my country, I will help my colleague with her climate change project and translate articles about the different things that happen in Paris.”

Janny (28, The Netherlands, EVS volunteer February 2014 - January 2015):



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“Through my EVS project, I got to know the world of environmental activism, Latvian NGOs, sustainable business, and much more. I really built a useful professional (and social!) network, and I liked Latvia so much that I decided to stay at homo ecos: as a part-time employee.”

APPLY:

E-mail your application (CV + application form) to evs@homoecos.lv by **Sunday 08 January 2017**.

We will contact you as soon as possible to tell you whether or not you will be invited to a Skype interview. Interviews will take place in middle of September.

For more information about our organization and our projects, check www.homoecos.lv, or follow us on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#). If you have any questions, ask Katalin Illés via evs@homoecos.lv.