



# Infoletter

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long-term EVS project 2018  
organized by Egyesek Youth Association



Erasmus+

# Dates



Application period

20 July 2017 -  
7 September 2017

Decision about volunteers

8 September 2017

Volunteer agreement, travel  
arrangements, pre-departure  
training

January-February 2018

Advanced Planned Visit

15-18 March 2018

Activity dates

26 March-26 January 2018

## EVS Group

Your EVS community will consist of 10  
people from all around Europe



# Activities

We are a professional Youth NGO working in the region of Nógrád, one of the poorest in Hungary, for 10 years. Our youth work is rapidly growing in the area. We are mainly working on the field with less-opportunity children and youth. We expect you to join on the field and put 100% of your potential to deliver and develop our activities.

Our mission is to create equal chances for all children and youth regardless their personal circumstances. We transform their passion into the way to make their own living. Our aim is to enable local youth to discover their own potential and use it to increase the quality of their lives.

Methods we use are: informal education, volunteering, new media, movement and sport. We are more than open to experiment with new methods; you are very welcome to share your expertise!



A regular working week consists of min. 30 max 38 working hours including language course and meetings, excluding travel time. Every week you are entitled for two consequent free days, every month you get two days extra.

# Activity areas



## 1. Creative workshops

You are going to plan, prepare, realize, evaluate English speaking action-based creative workshops in 4 different villages (Nagylóc, Endrefalva, Hollókő, Szécsény). You will also support the Youth Center of Nagylóc in its activities

### Target group

6-14 aged children/youth in after school clubs, community and youth centers

### Main topics

Eco-conscious life-style, intercultural learning



**Video**



## 2. Triggering local youth

In high schools and community centers you are going to plan, prepare, realize, evaluate sessions for local students.

Here EVSers give information about Erasmus+, EVS, trainings, exchanges, international voluntary camps, projects of Egyesek and other NGOs.

### **Main activities**

Youth information club, logistical support in local events, workshops, informal events

### **Target group**

14-30 aged high school students, unemployed youth from the region



**Video**



### 3. Your own initiative

You are welcome to create your own initiative as long as it involves local youth and it is connected to any of the activity areas or other actions of Egyesek.



**Check what our previous  
volunteers created**

# Project timing



## April

Start-up training. Discovering living and working circumstances by participating in activities from all activity areas.



After the first month you decide together with your mentor and Egyesek youth workers what area you want to focus on.



## May-July

Carrying out your service in the chosen activity area with your working group. Mid-term evaluation.



## August

Voluntary camp/Trainings (personal development) and/or holiday.



## September - December

Possibility to change activity area or continue what you were working on. Realizing your own project.



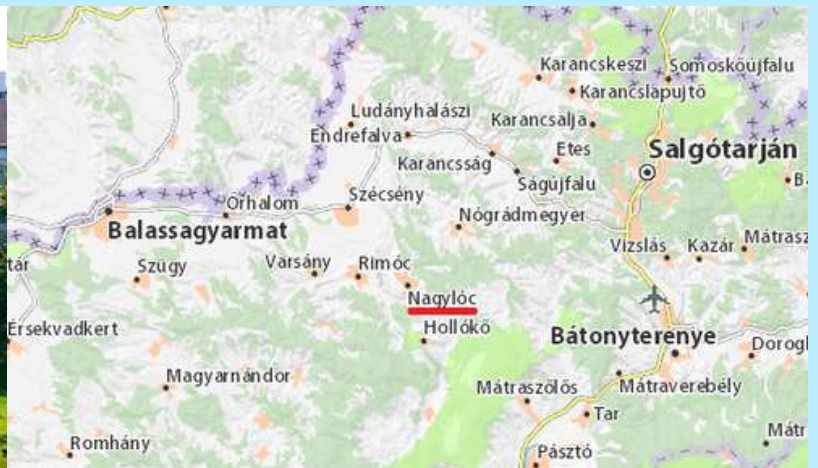
## January

Closing of the project in each location and with the local community.

# ACCOMMODATION

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10 EVSers live together in one or two apartments or family houses. Basic furnitures, washing machine, cooking equipment, bicycles, wifi, bed sheets are provided. Volunteers share rooms and clean regularly by their own. The accommodation is in Nagylóc and Szécsény. Szécsény is a lively town with cc. 6000 inhabitants, moderated social life, basic institutions (bank, health center, supermarkets, coffee bars, high schools, community centers, gas station, and pharmacy). It is directly connected to all locations where you work and to Budapest as well. Nagylóc is a lovely and cozy village with around 2000 inhabitants, it has several shops, doctor, pharmacy and a regular bus connection with Szécsény and it is easy to reach by bike



**The Hungarian web-site of Szécsény**



# CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND



Szécsény is a small town in the Northern part of Hungary. The town is situated in Nógrád county which is one of the poorest region of the country. Here the unemployment is high, and the youth has very limited opportunities to stay and work here. Hence, young people from the region tend to move abroad or to bigger cities in Hungary to start a new life.

Szécsény is a historical town. In the center, you can find historical sites such as a castle, a tower and a bastion. In the town, you can find necessary institutions such as banks, schools, health center and pharmacy. As well as there are restaurants, pubs, supermarkets, a library, a community center. The youngsters have no active social life in the town, they have very limited opportunities to spend their time with their friends or to go out. Since in the nearby villages there are no schools or only up until 4th grade, most of the children come to Szécsény on a daily basis to school. In the town there are three schools which provide classes from 1st grade until graduation, and beyond. Several artistic group works in the town. There are theater groups, a hip hop group and folklore groups as well.

Nagylóc is a small village of 2000 people, where we run a youth center since 2015. There is a primary school and kindergarden. The majority of children consists of Roma people. And there are not many opportunities for their free time. We offer them a place where they can gather as well as conduct after school non-formal educational sessions.

## What to expect in Szécsény and Nagylóc:

- countryside life
- quiet and peaceful atmosphere
- closure of nature
- traditions and cultural events
- lot of youngsters all around the town

## What NOT to expect in Szécsény and Nagylóc:

- big citylife
- fast phase of life
- traffic jams
- active night life

# THE SUPPORT AROUND YOU



## Mentor

4-5 mentors support the volunteers to integrate to the local community, help in everyday life arrangements (public transportation, shopping, social places etc.). They advise you opportunities during free time.

## Youth Workers

You are going to work together with Egyesek youth workers. They check every day your schedule and the tasks you do. Support you in the preparations for the field work. Help you finding opportunities for your own initiative. They provide translations on the field. They link you to other local key actors: local Hungarian volunteers, social workers, neighbours

## Coordinator

Your coordinator is in charge of:

- administration, legal arrangement, finances, creating your timetable, organizing activities
- facilitating the EVSers own initiative
- ensure about participation in the on-arrival training, mid-term evaluation or any other event which supports EVSers' learning goal
- support in case of emergency
- arrangements with accommodation, transportation, language course

## Language teacher

3-4 times per week during first 2 months you will have a language course provided by a teacher from the local community. It can be continued upon request and our capacity.

## YouthPass

At the end of the project you get YouthPass which is an official document to recognize the non-formal learning process you went through during the project and the actual achievements you reached. It is commented and supervised by the coordinator, mentors, and youth workers.



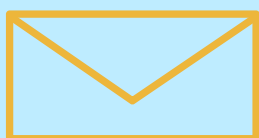
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## How to apply

In order to apply for our project fill in the following application form

# FILL IN APPLICATION

Contact us if you have any questions



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