

Activation of youth and volunteering in schools – project RoMigSc

In a time of **economic downturn** it is vital that we do all that we can to **support those in genuine economic need**. We must be ready to **stand alongside them**. We need, together, to **rediscover the springs of solidarity**. We have heard much talk of the "big society", but if we really want to transform our nation for the better then we have to start by **valuing the contribution that every individual can make to our wider society**.

Statistics of volunteering in project RoMigSc

- Organized in 2017/18 and 2018/19 in four countries: SLOVENIA, ITALY, SPAIN, and NORTH MACEDONIA
- 111 volunteers involved
- More than 40 host organizations (mostly schools or other educational institutions)
- Around 10.000 volunteering hours
- Around 4.000 beneficiaries of volunteering help



Benefits of volunteering for Roma and migrant children

- *Migrant children have facilitated the learning of the language of host country*
- *There is progress in children and trust in someone*
- *Some children have corrected their previous poor grades*
- *Some children have expanded their social network through social networking, made new friends*
- *Roma children were more motivated for schoolwork, for engaging in activities during classes and for informal socialization with classmates*
- *Relationship between children and volunteers is built on trust and friendships.*

Benefits of volunteering for individuals

- *Personal growth, references for further work*
- *Extending the social network*
- *Teamwork*
- *Experience, better job opportunities*
- *Insight into the school space, class situation*
- *Enhancement of social skills for work with migrants*
- *Additional knowledge about Roma and migrant culture*
- *Learned about the methods for work with vulnerable groups*
- *Knowledge how to prepare and run a workshop*
- *Learned a lot about other cultures*
- *Strengthening employability*
- *Strengthening skills in organizing work and time*
- *Resolving conflict situations, managing a group of children*
- *ECTS credits (course Social responsibility and volunteering)*

COURSE Social responsibility and volunteering – 6 ECTS

- Accredited at ISSBS, Slovenia
- BA course of 6 ECTS
- 120 hours of volunteering

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