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Call for volunteers

SEPTEMBER 2026-AUGUST 2027



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LONG-TERM VOLUNTEERING
PROJECT IN ŠKOFJA LOKA

SLOVENIA

HEY!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO:

...dedicate your energy to improve the life of children and youth?

...spend 12 months in a lovely, picturesque, medieval town in Slovenia ?

...become an active part of the local community?

Then contact us now,
by sending your CV and motivation letter to

international@familija.eu.

We are looking for **4 candidates** from different programme countries to join our long-term volunteering project, which will connect different organisations from the Škofja Loka area, Slovenia, by incorporating the international volunteers into their everyday work for the period between

**September
2026 and
August
2027**

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The long-term ESC volunteering project “**Kids in Action 13 – United in Solidarity**” will connect organisations or their units in the area of Škofja Loka:

- The **main organisation** for volunteers will be **Familija** (Youth Day Care Center Blok and Project Learning of Young Adults PUM-O+),
- **Center for Social Work** Škofja Loka (DCΩ and DCM Podlubnik),
- **Youth institute O** (Youth Cultural Centre MKC Pri rdeči Ostrigi),
- **Local elementary school** (Cvetko Golar Primary school).

The main target of the project is to continue a tradition of connecting local organisations, that carry out educational, social and preventive programs for children, youth and other vulnerable social groups



Project overview

Project partners (organisations) offer their users space where they feel comfortable and safe, where they can develop their social skills and where they can get quality support in their behavioral, emotional, learning and other needs. The aim of the programmes is to provide support to the widest circle of users, as well as to those with special needs and other problems. Support in these organisations is provided in a group setting and on an individual level (work with each individual), as well as in cooperation with users families.



All the partner organisations of the project are similar to each other, they have a similar work of practice and similar target population. That is the reason why we came to the conclusion that the cooperation between them should be strengthened by hosting a joint volunteering project with volunteers from different countries. Each volunteer will be included in the everyday work in the above mentioned organisations for the period of one year, from September 2026 until August 2027.





The project is not limited just to involvement in one organisation, but it is also complemented by the involvement of volunteers in the work of different local organisations, which will take place once a week. More people will come into contact with the project, and consequently, through the **exchange of knowledge**, a small place like Škofja Loka will gain a much needed European dimension of viewing the world.

Our volunteers will be involved in **classes**, various **workshops**, **excursions** and **camps**, **organising leisure activities**, assisting certain **administrative tasks**, and **promotion** etc. They will get to know the theory and practice of preventive work with children, youth and people with fewer opportunities within the education and social system in Slovenia.

All the included institutions represent a very perspective environment for international volunteers, who are interested in working with youth or with other vulnerable social groups. The goal of all the organizations involved in the project is to gain new skills and experiences in order to increase the degree of tolerance, mutual acceptance, understanding and respect. Not only will volunteers gain from the project, but also from the **entire local community**.

Connect with us!

Here is our Facebook Group to add some visuals to your impressions:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/389667864441065>

A group of people are sitting on a rocky riverbank under large trees. The scene is outdoors, with a clear blue sky and lush green foliage. A large red rectangular overlay is positioned in the center of the image, containing white text. The text reads "Opportunities for volunteers". Below the text is a white horizontal line.

Opportunities for volunteers

Most of their work will be done in one vacancy, but they will also have an opportunity to get to know the work of the other organisations involved in the project.



Hosting organisations – MDC Blok

MDC BLOK (working hours 13:00-19:00) is a daily youth center which is a part of the Familija foundation. The daily center offers diverse programs for youngsters between 10 and 18 years of age.

The daily youth center is aiming to provide more equal opportunities for underprivileged children through facilitating activities.

Here the youngsters can truly be themselves, they are included in the planning and creation of activities and additionally have the possibility to develop themselves through these non-formal (educational) activities. They typically **develop interests in new areas, improve their social and soft skills and increase their self-esteem.**

“BLOK plays a significant role for the youngsters as it functions as a “second home” for them.”

The youth center is a place where they go to hang out with their friends, play board- or card games, do their homework, receive study assistance and participate in daily workshops. These workshops vary widely from creative to practical and from practical to sporty (e.g. co-creating a magazine, debate club, weekly sports, multi-cultural lectures, nutrition, dance competition, etc).

Lastly, MDC BLOK occasionally collaborates with other organisations, institutions, citizens and artists of the broader local community (such as schools, PUM-O, library, municipality, a refugee or craftsmen). This is done to increase the youngsters' understanding of what is happening in society and thus to **widen their horizons** and potentially to **activate them** beyond what is happening at the daily center.

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<https://www.facebook.com/mladinskicenterBlok>

Through the program, we want to:

motivate young people to resume their interrupted education, help them reach a decision on further education within the framework of existing possibilities and forms, encourage personal growth, fight social exclusion and foster professional, social and cultural identity.

Promo video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DLKlsvqDDi4>

Find us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/pum.familijaskofjaloka>

Hosting organisations – PUM-O+

PUM-O+ (working hours 8:30 – 14:30) stands for “Project learning for young adults”. It is an informal educational program that serves youngsters between the ages of 15 and 29 years who dropped out of the educational system.

The main goal of the program is to motivate young people to either continue their education or pursue and obtain employment. The program enables the participants to gain different competencies and skills through many **informal ways of learning**.

The program includes three trained expert mentors and numerous external collaborators who join the program in accordance with the current activities and group preferences and needs.

The usual characteristics of youngsters involved in the program are lack of motivation, conflict behavior in the school system, health issues, backgrounds of traumatic family experiences and escapism.

The PUM-O+ program is holistic, and the training is tailor made for each participant according to their needs and desires. The methods we use include project work, activities of interest, individual work and international projects.

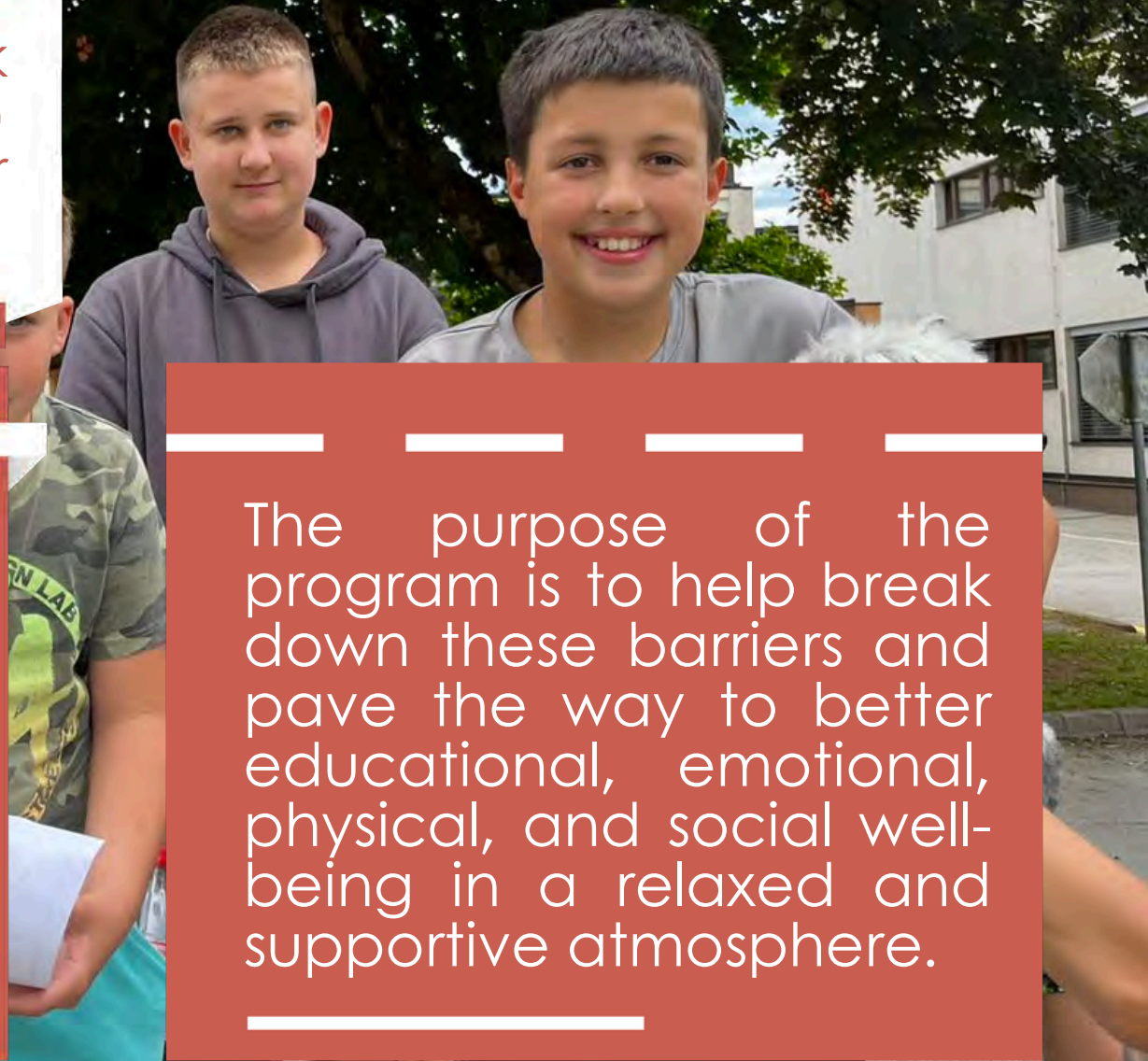
Vacancy 1 –

DC Om and MDC Podlubnik

DC Om and MDC Podlubnik (working hours 14:00 - 18:00) are run by the Center for Social Work Škofja Loka.

The program is primarily intended for children and adolescents from Škofja Loka between the ages of 6 and 18 who need support and assistance due to learning, behavioural, emotional or other difficulties or because of specific family environment.

The purpose of the program is to help break down these barriers and pave the way to better educational, emotional, physical, and social well-being in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere.



A group of young people are sitting on the grass in a forest, engaged in an activity. They are surrounded by tall trees and a clear sky. The scene is outdoors and appears to be a recreational or educational setting.

Structured activities include:

- Themed workshops, for example: computer skills, study tips, development of specific self-competencies, social networking, etc.,
- cultural events,
- sports, hiking and swimming,
- arts & crafts, trips and more.

Unstructured time includes leisure activities, such as playing games, watching films, or just hanging out together.

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<https://www.facebook.com/Dnevni-center-OM-%C5%A0kofja-Loka-156160397756878>

Vacancy 2 –

Zavod O

Zavod O is a youth institute based in Škofja Loka with long presence in the local community and plays an important role in shaping youth culture in the region.

Although the institute also works with elderly populations, volunteers will primarily work in the youth field.

Working hours are mostly flexible, occasionally also in the evening during events:
Tuesday - Friday (10:00-17:00)
Saturday (15:00-21:00)

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Youth Cultural Centre At the Red Oyster covers a wide range of cultural activities:

concerts and music events, themed parties, exhibitions and creative workshops, public debates, educational programs and community gatherings

Volunteers will be involved in co-creating the program of the youth centre, they will assist in organisation and production of **events**, help with **workshops**, create visual **content**, help in **promotion**, as well as help with **minor maintenance** to keep the place functional. Volunteers will be able to develop their **own** small **initiative** or **project** in vibrant and **creative environment**.

We are looking for open-minded, proactive and creative team member who :

- is interested in youth work and community culture
- enjoys working in a dynamic environment
- is not afraid of hands-on work
- likes music, arts culture and event organisation
- is willing to occasionally work in the evenings
- can work independently and as part of the team.

Youth Culture Centre At the Red Oyster


https://www.instagram.com/pri_rdeci_ostrigi/

Vacancy 3 – Primary School

The volunteers will work mostly between 8:00 and 13:00, from time to time also in the afternoon in case of afterschool or extracurricular activities.

Primary school Cvetka Golarja is a primary school for children aged from 6 to 15 and it's located further to the east at the part called Trata.

The daily activities of the volunteer will be discussed with the coordinating teacher and will be mostly based on their interests and preferences.



They could attend various classes and help the teachers prepare activities for lessons or offer help to individual pupils with difficulties, especially in language classes, occasionally also in history, geography or other subjects.

Previous experience in the field of education might be an advantage for the volunteer, but it is not a necessity.

Moreover, they will also be encouraged to organise or take part in some afterschool activities or school events (e.g. sports day, English conversation, drama, art classes).

Who are we looking for?

The future volunteer should bring in their own ideas into the project and be prepared to create, plan and execute their own projects.

Abilities in music, sport, manual activities, handcrafts, dance, art and multimedia would be convenient.

Past experience in education and youth work is welcomed.

Volunteer profile

Candidates should show:

self-initiative, motivation, patience, flexibility, open-mindedness, creativity, good communication skills, interest in working with children, youth (and adolescents) and they should be able to speak English.



Guidance

Each volunteer will have their work coordinator who will integrate the volunteer in the work processes and inform them about the work of the organization and the people involved in the work.

Language support will include a Slovene language course, where volunteers will get acquainted with the Slovene language.

Each volunteer will also have to create their YouthPass at the end of the project. The work coordinators will ensure that the tasks of the volunteers are clearly defined and well-executed.





We will also provide the volunteers with mentors who will personally support and include them in the local environment, social life, local customs and lifestyle.

Supervision

Supervision over the work of mentors and work coordinators will be carried out by the project coordinator, who will, in the course of the entire project, be in direct contact with everyone involved.

Their responsibility is a quality preparation and implementation of the project.

Accommodation, food and transport arrangements



The volunteers will be accommodated in one fully furnished apartment (including gas, water, electricity and Wi-Fi) on the main square of Škofja Loka, an old historical town with about 13,000 inhabitants, located 25 km northwest from Ljubljana.

Each volunteer will stay in a private bedroom with shared cooking, washing, laundry and social facilities. Volunteers will cook by themselves, and a monthly food allowance of 200€ will be provided.

They will be also entitled to receive a monthly “pocket money” of 5€/day. A bike will be provided to each of the volunteers as well as tickets for public transportation (if required for the purpose of the project).



Accessibility

Škofja Loka is 25 km from Ljubljana (40min by bus), 40 km from Bled (1h15 by bus) and 120 km from the Slovenian coast (2h by bus).

5h by bus

4h by bus

2h20 by bus

Spending free time

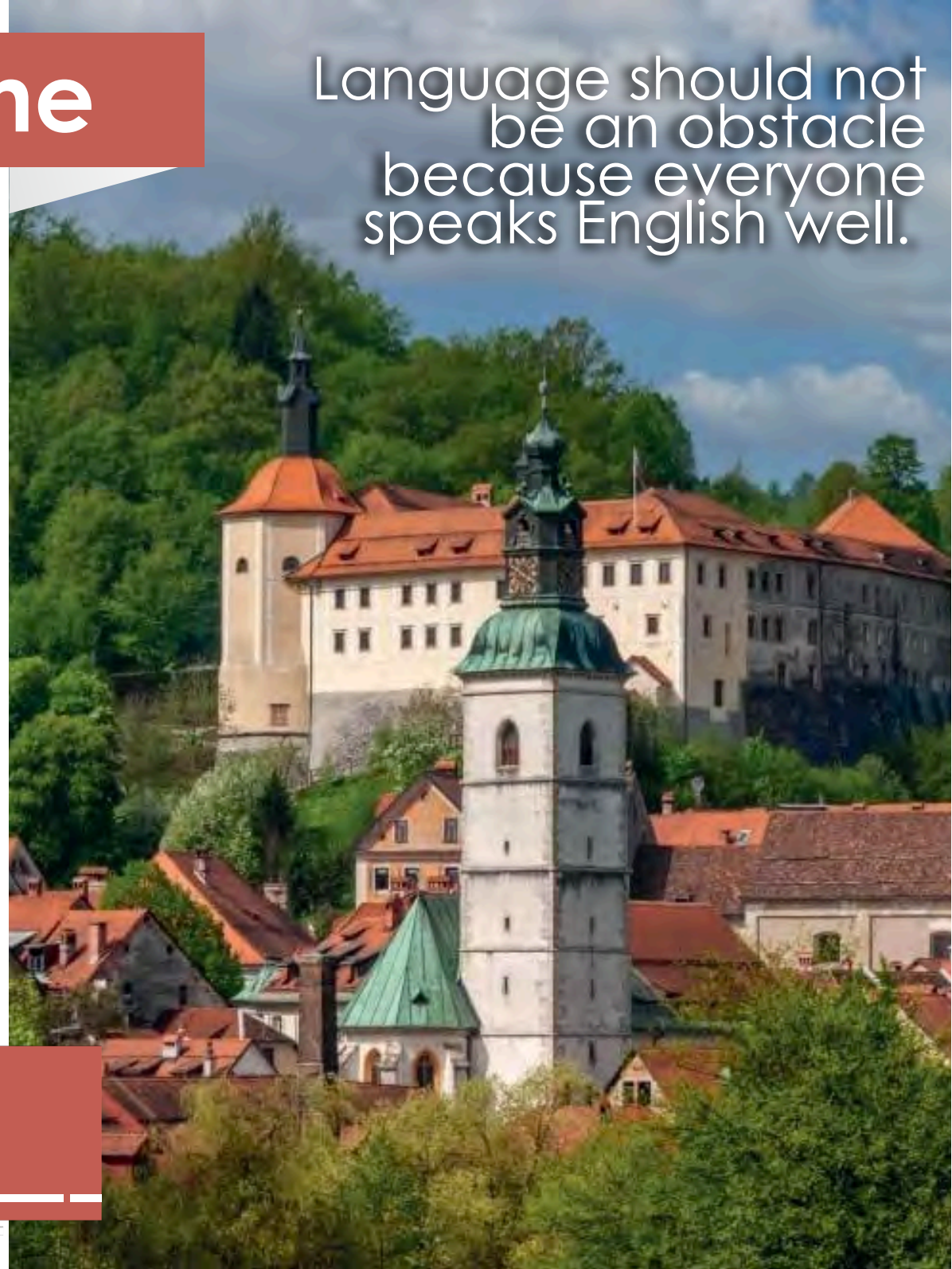
Škofja Loka is a regional center with all the infrastructure that comes with it.

The town is just small enough that **young people know each other**, but it is also an environment that **enables individuals to creatively engage in society**.

In the city centre and its surroundings, you can find **many cultural and indoor activities** as well as many possibilities for **outdoor activities** such as hiking, running, cycling, swimming and snowboarding/skiing.

“It is small, peaceful but alive city.”

Language should not be an obstacle because everyone speaks English well.



Contact us via e-mail:

Ask a question to any of the current volunteers.
We will make sure to respond within a few days.



Here are our wonderful volunteers



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How to apply:

If you are from an EU country, you're interested in the project and want to be a volunteer, send your CV and motivation letter to

international@familija.eu

In your application it should also be marked which of the proposed vacancies interests you the most.

During the selection period, we might contact you for further information through e-mail, Zoom or Microsoft Teams!

SEE YOU SOON!

We are almost sure you haven't heard much about Slovenia or/and Škofja Loka, here are some videos and links to ease your decision:



Slovenia:

- Video 1

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QuTfeHM0Uk4&list=PLs7z-v7Fi9B3tsFibY5_asu2ax99CQPCbU&index=3

Škofja Loka:

- Škofja Loka video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yUve0GeMTCA>

- Škofja Loka Tourism

<https://www.visitskofjaloka.si/en/>

Familija website:

<https://familija.eu/mednarodna-centrala-prostovoljstva/>