

# INFO SHEET

## DKC VOLUNTEER (social-cultural activities)



"If we want to change people, we have to love them. Our influence only goes as far as our love."

**Johann Heinrich  
Pestalozzi**



“Without change, something sleeps in us, and rarely wakes up. The sleeper must wake.”

**Frank Herbert**

# INFOSHEET "DKC VOLUNTEER"

**Dear volunteers,**

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With this info-sheet we want to give you more detailed information about what to expect from the project, where you will stay, the IKS team, how to contribute etc.

We believe that not only the project but also each volunteer will benefit from this ESC project. Working together for a good cause, living in an international group, meeting new people, exchanging ideas and learning from each other is a special and unique experience. European Solidarity Corps service is a truly great experience!

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**In this info sheet you'll find information;**

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- about the organisation
- about the volunteering mission
- the IKS team
- about the activities
- what can I expect from the volunteering mission
- where will I stay and my volunteering schedule

**WEB PAGE:** <https://udrugaiks.hr/>

**INSTAGRAM:** [udrugaiks](#)

**DATES:** Earliest mid February 2025

**(12MONTHS)**

# About the organisation

<https://udrugaiks.hr/>

## **UDRUGA IKS**

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**IKS was founded by a group of young enthusiasts who wanted to make positive changes in the post-war community. The association was registered on March 12, 2003, with headquarters in Petrinja, Croatia.**

**From 2003 until today, we have been working to introduce and facilitate positive changes in the area of Petrinja, SMŽ and beyond.**

### **Vision:**

**A humane, democratic society where Association IKS drives change and fosters positive ideas. We envision a community where members actively find solutions, take initiatives to improve life for all, ensure equal opportunities, and uphold shared values. Together, we create a sustainable future where generations contribute to progress through activism across all areas of society.**


### **Mision:**

**To empower citizens by developing a sense of responsibility and taking the initiative to advance the whole community.**






# GOALS OF YOUR VOLUNTEERING MISSION IN PETRINJA



**1. PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE INTERGENERATIONAL SOLIDARITY BETWEEN MARGINALIZED GROUPS IN AN ISOLATED COMMUNITY SUCH AS PETRINJA**

**2. PLAN, PREPARE, AND IMPLEMENT ACTIVITIES THAT AIM TOWARDS RAISING THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF DIFFERENT COMMUNITY GROUPS IN POST-EARTHQUAKE AREA**

**3. PROMOTE VALUES AS TOLERANCE, UNDERSTANDING, INTERCULTURAL LEARNING, AWARENESS, SOLIDARITY AND MULTICULTURALIS**



# Tasks and volunteer activity description

Dear volunteers,

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## **DKC Volunteer:**

Join our mission to revive the spirits of residents in Sisak-Moslavina County, Croatia. After facing the aftermath of an earthquake and the ongoing pandemic, the local community yearns for cultural and social activities. We're creating a Social-Cultural Center to rekindle the community's passion for culture, offer engaging experiences, and empower young people to take the lead.

**As a DKC Volunteer, you'll be at the heart of this revitalization!**

**You will participate in and support:**

- exhibitions
- festivals
- concerts
- dance nights
- workshops
- educative content
- skill share

Most events will be at our container socio cultural center, outdoors or in pop-up format due to the earthquake's impact on infrastructure. Your responsibilities would include assistance in existing ones but also production of activities and your own ideas in the sphere of culture with emphasis on social impact and vulnerable groups

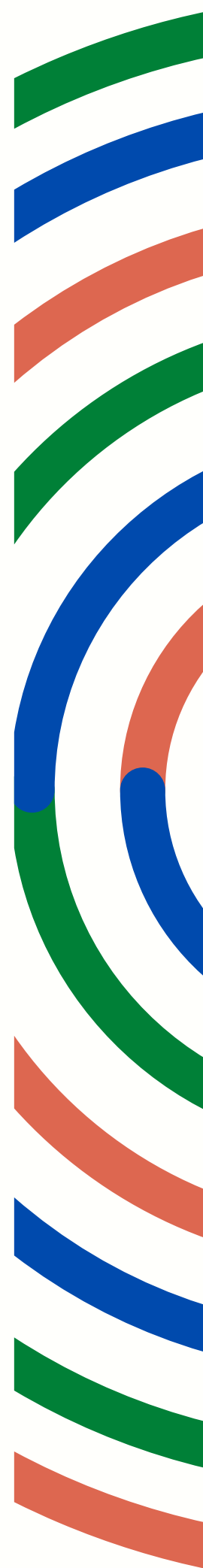
## Training during the opportunity

- Volunteer induction training upon arrival to the community
- Croatian language lessons in the organisation
- the opportunity to take part in non formal education the organisation and local partners offer (depending on the mobility dates)
- On arrival & Midterm training organised by the Croatian National Agency

# Where will I stay?



Your accommodation will be near the city center, within walking distance of the workplace, shared with other volunteers and interns. The apartment includes bedrooms, a shared kitchen, dining room, bathroom, and all necessary amenities. Living and food expenses are covered by EU project funding, along with monthly pocket money for cooking, sharing meals, enjoying local coffee shops, and daily needs.







ASSOCIATION IKS TEAM

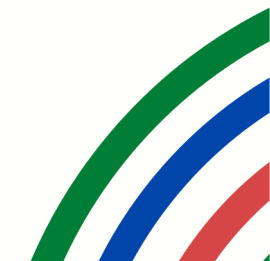


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# EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES THE VOLUNTEERS ORGANISE IN OUR COMMUNITY

# Cooking activities







## ARTISTIC AND ACTIVISM INTERVENTIONS IN PUBLIC SPACES

# OUTDOOR CINEMA AND CONCERTS





**GAMES**







# UNIFYING COMMUNITIES

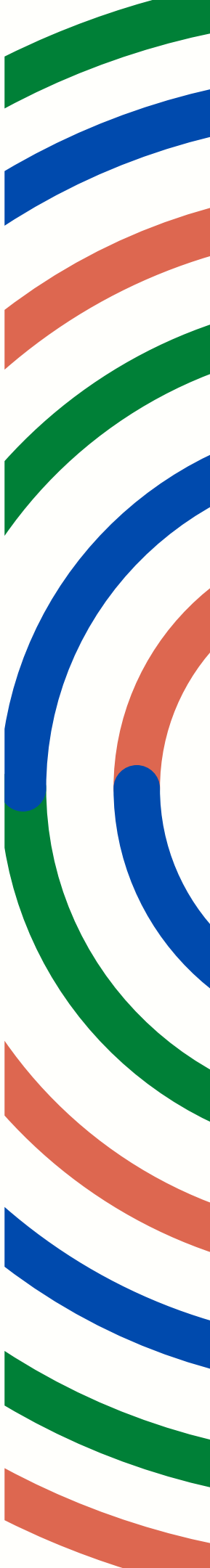






## FLEA MARKET AND UPCYLING ACTIVITIES

# CREATIVE WORKSHOPS



# PROMOTION OF MOBILITY OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH- ESCAPE ROOMS AND MURDER PARTIES





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# What can you expect?

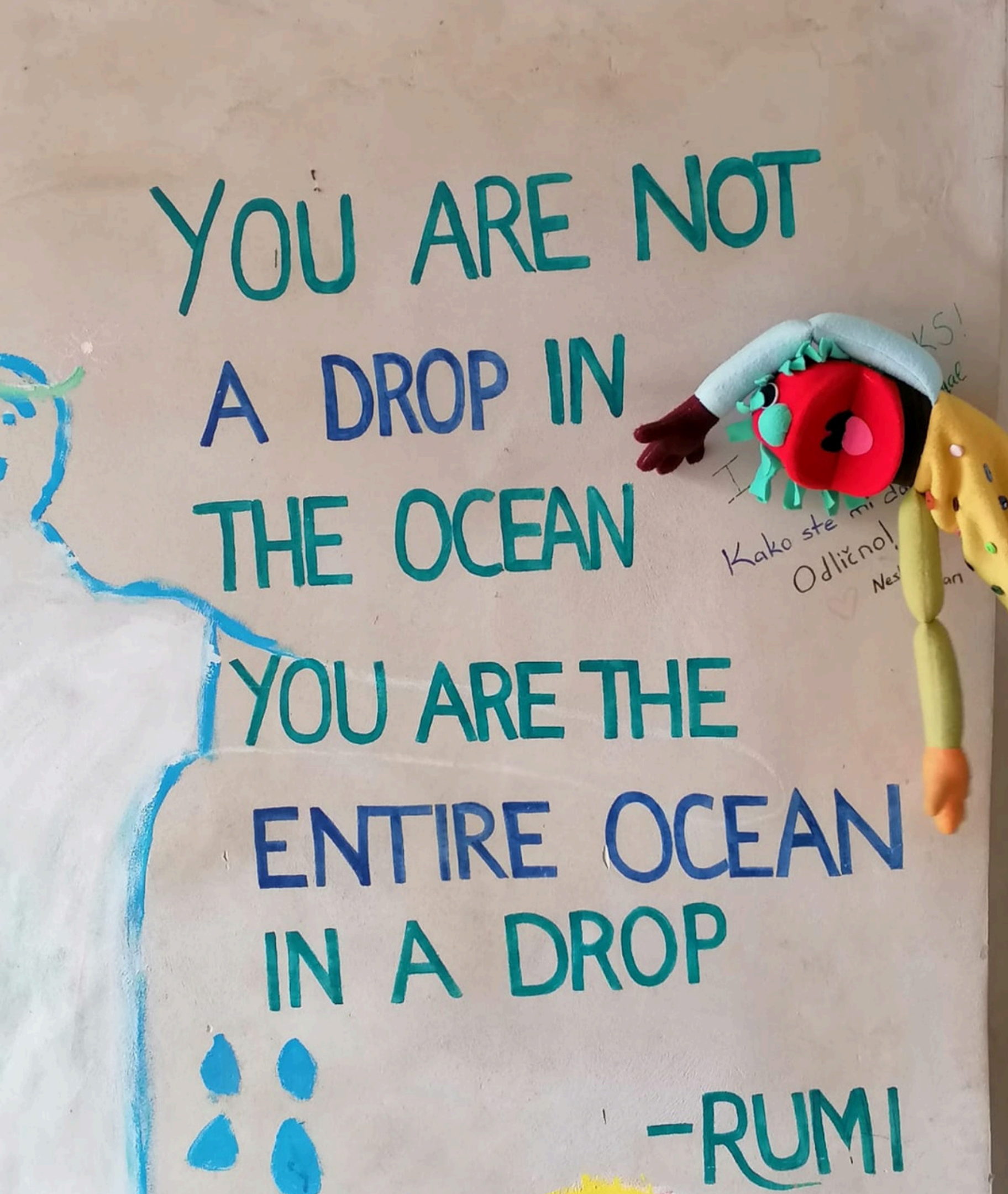
## During the ESC project:

- Volunteers will work approximately 6-7 hours per day
- Saturdays and Sunday's are free unless there are specific project events or important international days on the weekend in which case they will get weekdays off
- Volunteers will have a mentor, who will provide peer support and assist the volunteer in adjusting to their new environment and help the volunteer with the Youthpass
- Volunteers have a coordinator and supervisor who will be looking after the project and supporting the volunteers' development
- Weekly reflection group meetings with coordinator and other volunteers
- Weekly task (work) related meetings where each volunteer can get individual guidance in planning and conducting their activities

## Participation in an ESC project means:

- Commitment to a team experience
- Commitment to working out decisions and problems together
- Being open to learning, sharing and putting ideas into action
- Being sensitive to problems in the community
- Contributing to community development
- Having lots of self motivation and self initiative
- Developing a strong work ethic and transferable employability skills
- Learning about new cultures, new languages and discovering

**And, of course, having fun! :)**



**"BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE IN THE  
WORLD"  
-GANDHI (& UDRUGA IKS FAMILY)**