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# **ESC/EVS INFO PACK FOR APPLICANTS NGO INTERRA**

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## What is INTERRA?

The NGO INTERRA is based in the City of Krasnoyarsk, Russia. Krasnoyarsk is the largest industrial, cultural and educational center of Eastern Siberia, and the capital of Krasnoyarsk Territory - the second largest region in Russia. It's a city of one million people and growing, and boasts a range of museums, theatres, parks, and heritage sites. The city is getting more international since it hosted the Universiade (an international sports event for university athletes) in March 2019. It also received a good deal of investment and urban renewal in the run-up to this competition. There has consequently been burgeoning interest in volunteering as an activity.

INTERRA's full title is: 'INTERRA', NGO for non-formal education and intercultural communication. It is a community of active members who strive to promote the idea of an open civil society and good neighborly relations between different countries. It also aims to promote non-formal education for young people, particularly in the region of Krasnoyarsk.



## What we're looking for

INTERRA wants to work with a volunteer who is open-minded, proactive, and highly motivated. We're looking for someone who cares about international relations, citizenship, and education. We value initiative, creativity, and an independent spirit.



## The benefits of being an INTERRA volunteer:

The volunteer will be involved in INTERRA's ongoing projects. These projects include:

- The preparation and implementation of youth exchanges
- Bilateral international project management (including but not limited to the organisation of trips and projects abroad, in which local members of INTERRA participate)
- Running workshops and clubs for Krasnoyarsk residents
- Presentations and speeches at schools in the area
- Assisting with other activities carried out by INTERRA in the field of education (lectures and discussions on culture, art, urban life, urban development etc.)

INTERRA also supports voluntary activities in the region. The Volunteer will therefore have the opportunity to participate in sports and cultural events organised by the city or other NGOs in the region. They will also be encouraged to make presentations about their personal voluntary experience, and thereby promote volunteering and the ESC program.

The volunteer will develop competences which are important for both their personal and their professional future. Their involvement in the local community ensures that both the Russian community and the volunteer's community will benefit from the project.

As an organisation involved with the promotion of non-formal education, we also offer ESC volunteers the opportunity to immerse themselves in the field of non-formal education, through the training sessions and workshops organised by our team.

By learning the 'basic Russian' needed for daily communication, the volunteer will develop their competences and social skills. INTERRA's staff will support the volunteer in setting, planning and achieving their learning objectives and enhancing their key competences within the period of the ESC placement.

The Volunteer will work mainly with young people aged 13 – 35 years old.



### Activities for the volunteer:

INTERRA proposes the following activities for future volunteers:

- Helping with PR for INTERRA's activities and volunteering. This includes updating the organisation's social networks in Russian (Instagram, Facebook, VKontakte, and Flickr). It also involves preparing press releases and news digests, often featuring INTERRA volunteers who have participated in or are participating in INTERRA projects (this can be either in English or in Russian, depending on the volunteer's language skills).
- Helping to run activities/workshops in schools and universities or creating and implementing their own ones. These can include presentations about European culture, international volunteering and its benefits, ecology and sustainable development, or their own national educational systems.
- Hosting and manning INTERRA's newly launched community hub called OKNA (where they will have to be present in order to greet visitors and take enquiries).
- Independently developing and conducting workshops in schools in the Krasnoyarsk region about themes they have chosen. INTERRA has partner schools, through which it organises meetings with pupils on the topic of Global Citizenship and education.
- Coordinating cultural/educational events and presentations for the local community. For example, volunteers will run a presentation on sustainable development in a town square at the city's upcoming recycling festival.
- Running the blog "My Siberian Story" about their experience as a volunteer in Krasnoyarsk so as to share impressions and ideas for all interested in their project, and to promote it both on a local and an international scale.
- Running an English speaking club for locals (or speaking club about the volunteer's national language).
- Running clubs for locals in the instruction or discussion of any other interests or competences which the volunteer might wish to share with the wider community.
- Supporting INTERRA's diverse range of ongoing projects and events, both in Russia and abroad.



### **Working hours:**

Volunteers are expected to undertake full-time voluntary service of 30 - 35 hours per week with 2 days off in addition to official national holidays in the country.

This placement also includes an integrated Russian language course. Overtime work will be balanced by additional free time. Our open community hub 'OKNA' is opened from Tuesday to Sunday; Monday is an official day off. INTERRA's team has a schedule whereby working days and days off are decided. Therefore, if the volunteer works at the weekend, then they will receive days off at other times in compensation for this.

### **Accommodation and practical arrangements:**

The volunteer will live in a local family in their own room and share bathroom and kitchen with the host family. Our host families have all participated in one or more of INTERRA's other intercultural projects, so they have experience in intercultural exchange.

In addition to pocket money (3 Euros per day) the Volunteer will be provided monthly with money for food (150 Euros) and local transport (30 Euros) at the beginning of every month, which they will have to manage independently.

Each volunteer is provided with a residence permit upon their arrival.

The volunteer will be taught Russian by a professional teacher for 2 hours a week, totally 120 minutes.

We look forward to hearing from you!

