

**Workcamps**  
**Programme**  
**2019**



WORKCAMPS 2019								
Code	Name	Location	Type	Dates		Vols.	Age	Remarks
FIYE901	Renovating School in Pultusk	Pultusk	RENO/MANU/KIDS	20/05/2019	01/06/2019	5	18+	CGC*
FIYE902	Educational camp for children 1	Wieruszow	EDU/KIDS	13/07/2019	25/07/2019	5	18+	CGC, ML*
FIYE903	Educational camp for children 2	Wieruszow	EDU/KIDS	26/07/2019	07/08/2019	5	18+	CGC, ML
FIYE904	Home for people with disabilities 1	Warsaw	DISA	30/06/2019	14/07/2019	6	18+	ML
FIYE905	Home for people with disabilities 2	Warsaw	DISA	18/08/2019	01/09/2019	6	18+	ML
FIYE906	Home for people with Alzheimer's disease	Kukawki	DISA/MANU	01/07/2019	14/07/2019	5	18+	ML
FIYE907	Alternative music and arts - Boski Fest	Bydgoszcz	FEST/MANU/CONST	24/06/2019	10/07/2019	7	18+	ML
FIYE908	Numinosum Festival	Warsaw	FEST/MANU	29/08/2019	10/09/2019	8	18+	ML
FIYE909	Children day care center 1	Jozefow	KIDS	07/07/2019	20/07/2019	10	18+	CGC
FIYE910	Children day care center 2	Jozefow	KIDS	21/07/2019	03/08/2019	10	18+	CGC
*Documents required: CGC – Certificate of Good Conduct, ML – additional, project related motivation letter								

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## FEES

- FIYE does not charge any extra fees.

## INSURANCE

- FIYE does not provide medical insurance. Every volunteer participating in FIYE's workcamp must have its own insurance that covers medical expenses in Poland for the whole period of the workcamp.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR VOLUNTEERS

- Speak some English, be able to understand simple instructions, follow safety regulations, and take part in workcamp life related discussions. Volunteers applying to work and teach English in the course of a workcamp must speak English fluently and possess some basic pedagogical skills in order to run workshops, teaching English to foreigners, etc. They should be open, interactive and tolerant.
- For certain social projects, volunteers are expected to be highly motivated and dedicated to working with disadvantaged and disabled individuals. They should be ready to provide all kinds of assistance to the local staff, be responsible both for themselves and others, and be flexible and open-minded.
- Volunteers taking part in projects in which they work with children must provide **certificate of good conduct** (proof of lack of criminal record) at latest 3 weeks before the start of the project.

## WORK

Volunteers are expected to work approximately 30-35 hours a week. The work plan is largely up to the coordinator(s), but suggestions from participants are more than welcome. Weekends are usually free; however, some projects may require weekend work as well. In such cases, volunteers will need to be flexible and adjust to the institution's regulations. Leisure time is largely up to the group and co-ordinators.

## WHAT IS PROVIDED ON A WORKCAMP

**FOOD** – usually, the volunteers are served three meals a day in a local canteen. Alternatively, if explicitly indicated in the brochure, the volunteers prepare their meals by themselves.

**ACCOMMODATION** – is provided in local schools, youth centres or sometimes in tents, all having access to all basic facilities (toilets, showers). Sometimes the volunteers are requested to bring sleeping bags, as indicated in the brochure.

One workcamp **LEADER** and possibly a **WORK COORDINATOR** - The leader acts as a group coordinator and is responsible for assuring that the whole workcamp runs smoothly and that all potential problems and misunderstandings are quickly resolved. He/she is also a volunteer and doesn't get paid for being the leader. She/He makes sure that the volunteers feel well and that the food and accommodation are satisfactory. He/she monitors and supervises all works. Moreover, he/she tries to live up to the group's needs and is responsible for coordinating free time activities (e.g. organising trips and excursions). Above all, his/her role is to integrate the participants and to maintain a friendly atmosphere throughout the workcamp. Should there be a work co-ordinator, he/she is responsible for making sure that all volunteers are aware of their duties. He/she distributes and supervises daily tasks, makes sure that all volunteers have the proper equipment and is in close contact with the local host. All co-ordinators work alongside with participants.

## WHAT A VOLUNTEER NEEDS TO PROVIDE

- The volunteer covers all costs related to travel and insurance
- A sleeping bag/mattress if explicitly stated
- Pocket money: the volunteers receive no money in return for their work and need to cover expenses related to the leisure time activities (bus fares, pubs, museums, discos, restaurants and transportation).
- Proper work clothes: this is particularly important for construction, renovation and manual projects.
- In certain cases of educational camps, where the volunteers teach English to kids, they are expected to prepare respective teaching materials before coming to the workcamp
- Any extra materials and supplies that a volunteer may need for interactive games and role playing. Something typical from his/her home country (a costume, album, tape or postcard) to present to others are more than welcome.

### FIYE901\_ Renovating School in Pultusk 20/05/2019 - 01/06/2019

**TYPE:** RENO/MANU/KIDS

**VOLS:** 5

**AGE:** 18+

**PROJECT PARTNER:** Municipal Primary School in Pultusk, providing education for kids aged 7-15.

**WORK:** Volunteers will help to renovate school together with kids from the school. We plan to paint classrooms and hall, maintain green areas outside the school by cutting bushes and grass, planting new plants and flowers, etc.

**ACCOMMODATION & FOOD:** Volunteers will be accommodated in one of the school's classrooms, sleeping on mattresses on the floor. Volunteers should bring their own sleeping bags and pillows.

Lunch will be served in school's canteen (vegetarian or vegan options not available).

Breakfasts and dinners prepared by volunteers themselves from food products provided by the host.

**LOCATION:** Pultusk is a small town of nearly 20 thousand inhabitants with very long history reaching XIV century. Once an important religious and administrative centre, today it is a provincial town aiming to become a tourist destination. Unlike other small towns of Mazovian region, it has unique, charming, old architecture. It can boast attractive location at the Narew River and neighboring forest complex "White Forest".

**TERMINAL**

**LANGUAGE:** English

### FIYE902\_ Educational camp for children 1 13/07/2019 - 25/07/2019

**TYPE:** EDU/KIDS

**VOLS:** 5

**AGE:** 18+

### FIYE903\_ Educational camp for children 2 26/07/2019 – 07/08/2019

**TYPE:** EDU/KIDS

**VOLS:** 5

**AGE:** 18+

**PROJECT PARTNER:** Holiday Centre for Children run by Children's Friends Association is organizing summer camps for school children aged 7-16, with an element of non-formal language training. Volunteers will prepare and conduct language course for them.

**WORK:** The volunteers will be conducting language workshops and animating free time activities for the children. In the morning the volunteers will run language classes and, in the afternoon, they will play sports, games, go on excursions, etc. The camp will host around 60 pupils from primary and junior high schools. Several groups will be formed with around 5-10 pupils each, having similar language skills in every group (a few English groups).

The foreign volunteers are expected to: conduct language lessons in an informal way and prepare TEACHING MATERIALS before coming to the workcamp, take part in games, recreational activities and excursions, assist in running the educational programmes and prepare an international day (bringing postcards, photos, music, recipes, etc. from your country would be very helpful).

**ACCOMMODATION & FOOD:** Volunteers will stay in a children's holiday house. Beds and sheets will be provided. All meals will be served in a canteen.

**LOCATION:** Glaz is a very small village located in the south-western part of Poland between Lodz and Wroclaw. It is surrounded by a beautiful forest.

**TERMINAL:** The nearest international railway stations and airports are located in Wroclaw or Lodz but it is also possible to fly to Warsaw.

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** Project related **motivation letter** required. Preparing materials before the workcamp is required and some experience in working with young people would be an advantage. Since the children come from small towns/villages and most of them have never had contact with a foreign language, volunteers are asked to be flexible, have good communication skills and the patience to listen, interpret and respond. Volunteers must have a good level of English.

**NOTE:** Smoking cigarettes and drinking alcohol is not allowed on the premises and around children.

**VIDEO:** <https://vimeo.com/237325111>

### **FIYE904 \_ Home for people with disabilities 1 30/06/2019 – 14/07/2019**

**TYPE:** DISA

**VOLS:** 6

**AGE:** 18+

### **FIYE905 \_ Home for people with disabilities 2 18/08/2019 – 01/09/2019**

**TYPE:** DISA

**VOLS:** 6

**AGE:** 18+

**PROJECT PARTNER:** The workcamp is organized together with the Social Care Center „Na Przedwiosniu”, which was established to care for intellectually disabled people. At the moment around 160 patients live in the centre. The presence of international volunteers greatly helps breaking the wall of social isolation that our patients experience. This social exclusion negatively influences both their physical and mental states, but thanks to our international volunteers, the patients have the opportunity to interact with different cultures, traditions and languages.

**WORK:** Volunteers will help to organize games, craft activities and excursions for patients. They will also assist staff in running occupational therapy workshops (music therapy, cooking classes, etc.) and will organize intercultural activities.

**ACCOMMODATION & FOOD:** In the building of Social Care Center. Volunteers will sleep on mattresses in a common room. Every volunteer should bring own sleeping bag and sleeping mat. All meals will be provided by the Center’s canteen.

**LOCATION:** Social Care Center „Na Przedwiosniu” is situated in forest in Miedzylesie - a green suburban district of Warsaw, capital city of Poland.

**TERMINAL:** The nearest international airports (WAW – Warsaw Chopin and WMI – Warsaw Modlin), railway stations and bus stations are located in Warsaw.

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Project related **motivation letter** required. Volunteers must be ready to work with intellectually disabled people and should have a strong motivation to do so.

**VIDEO:** <https://vimeo.com/238743853>

### **FIYE906 \_ Home for people with Alzheimer's disease 01/07/2019 – 14/07/2019**

**TYPE:** DISA/MANU

**VOLS:** 5

**AGE:** 18+



**PROJECT PARTNER:** Association Alzheimer in Siedlce (SSCA) from 1994 deals with the problems of people with Alzheimer disease. In 1999 in small village Ptaszki we founded first in Poland social welfare home for people with Alzheimer disease and other dementia illness. Due to the demand for this kind of service in 2010 second home in place Kukawki was opened. It is located 12 kilometres from Ptaszki. Nowadays we have 50 inhabitants in both houses.

**WORK:** Taking care of green areas (mowing the grass, weeding), maintenance work (washing the Wheelchairs, rehabilitation beds), renovation of the building (painting walls), organizing leisure time activities for patients, taking part in excursions, e.g.: visiting Museum of Wooden Architecture of the Siedlce Region in Nowa Sucha, Grabarka, the area around the Bug, Janów Podlaski and Serpelice, Municipal and Communal Culture Center in Mordy, Holy Mountain in Grabarka, bonfire night etc.

**ACCOMMODATION & FOOD:** Volunteers will sleep in rooms in the building with access to sanitary facilities, we provide meals served in canteen. Volunteers should bring their own sleeping bags.

**LOCATION:** Our homes are located 30 kilometres from Siedlce, former provincial town, surrounded by beautiful forests and fields, next to the Nature Reserve Park "Klimonty". The location provides good opportunity to discover rural Poland.

**TERMINAL:** The nearest international airports (WAW – Warsaw Chopin and WMI – Warsaw Modlin), railway stations and bus stations are located in Warsaw.

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** Project related **motivation letter** required. Volunteers must be ready to work with intellectually disabled people and should have a strong motivation to do so.

### **FIYE907 \_ Alternative music and arts - Boski Fest 24/06/2019 – 10/07/2019**

**TYPE:** FEST

**VOLS:** 7

**AGE:** 18+

**PROJECT PARTNER:** Boski Fest is a four-day event filled with concerts, workshops, discussions but most of all open minded and hearted people. It is not only a festival, but more of a gathering which attracts people that want to share their good energy with the world. BRWI Foundation that is responsible for making this happen is a group of old friends who gathered many years ago to organize this event which evolved from a simple birthday party and take nothing but satisfaction from spreading the positive vibe in return. The entire project is entirely non-profit. The money required to organize the festival comes mainly from the city hall and crowdfunding campaign where donations are being rewarded with an entry. Almost every construction at the festival is made from recycled materials. One man's trash is another man's building material! The festival is open for everyone who want to share their time in peaceful environment with positive people around and that includes children and elderly people, for whom the entrance is and will always be free of charge (<10 and 60<).

**WORK:** The work will be divided into 3 parts:

The first part will be helping in preparations of the festival at the construction site, building and organizing the infrastructure (info point, canteen, eateries, workshop spaces and so on). We will also put some work in cleaning up (cutting grass, picking thrash) and decorating the festival area. If we have enough time, we will also help the local community at their bungalows situated nearby with some minor garden works or house repairs together with some polish volunteers which can be a great way of cultural exchange. We'll be more than happy to meet new, creative and open-minded people and we are going to encourage volunteers to come up with their own ideas to improve the festival.

Second part is to help during the festival. This will include shifts at the bar, info point or kitchen, keeping the general tidiness at the festival area or solving technical or any other issues that might occur during the event. We are going to divide all volunteers into three mixed groups, so during the festival each group will have one morning, one afternoon and one evening off duty so they can also enjoy the festival and participate in interesting activities.

The last part is to clean up the festival area, that includes dismantling the constructions, taking down the decorations and picking up the trash.

**ACCOMMODATION & FOOD:** The volunteers will get a place to sleep in one of the few summer houses at the festival area for the whole duration of the workcamp. There will be beds, sheets and blankets available, although we advise you to take your

own sleeping bags with you. Every house has a tap with a sink, but there are two common toilets with showers for both men and women and they are situated in the central area of the resort.

There will be also plenty of designated camping space only for volunteers if anyone is willing to put a tent.

There are going to be volunteers that are going to prepare hot meals for everyone from the provided ingredients. Please keep in mind that only VEGETARIAN food is available! Since everyone will have access to the kitchen you will be able to grab a snack during the day, prepare yourself a breakfast in the morning or a dinner in the evening. During the preparation time the kitchen is going to be open in the very morning and closed at night.

**LOCATION:** The festival is taking place at camping resort "Na Szlaku Brdy", situated at the outskirts of one of the biggest cities in central Poland - Bydgoszcz, about 10km from the centre of the city (you can get there by public transport from the city centre, the bus stop is 10-15 minutes by walk from the festival area)

The name of the resort is connected with the name of the biggest river that flow through Bydgoszcz - Brda, which is also flowing right next to the festival area. All of that surrounded by the beautiful forests, which makes the place a perfect spot to have some rest from urban life.

Of course, it's not only about work. In your spare time you can go for a walk in the woods, hang out with your new friends around the campfire, take part in workshops or even rent a kayak. We will also take a bus to Bydgoszcz which is going to take us directly to the city center to take a walk around the city, which is quite known from having a lot of historic buildings in the area of the Old Town and is called Polish Amsterdam because of the canals around the centre of the city.

**TERMINAL:** The nearest international airports, railway stations and bus stations are located in Bydgoszcz, Poznan or Gdansk but flying to Warsaw is also possible and convenient.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** Please send us a short **motivation letter** with a few words about yourself also telling us why are you interested in our workcamp and what skill set can you provide. A lot of tasks include using tools, so ability to use them properly will be a big advantage and if not then we are going to teach you everything you want to know. Also, creativity and manual skills will be highly valued, mainly because of making decorations, but also that we are going to encourage you to come up with new ideas for the festival. Keep in mind that you need to be prepared for hard work and possibly getting dirty from time to time, so be sure to grab some old clothes that you could toss after the workcamp.

**LANGUAGE:** English

**VIDEO:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1edBENxbi70>

## FIYE908 \_ Numinosum Festival 29/08/2019 – 10/09/2019

**TYPE:** FEST/MANU

**VOLS:** 8

**AGE:** 18+

**PROJECT PARTNER:** Numinosum Festival 2019 is the sixth edition of the traditional music&dance event in the heart of Kampinos Forest, 40 km from Warsaw, the capital of Poland. During 4 days of the festival, there will be more than 10 concerts, a dozen of workshops (singing, instrumental, dance), guided forest trips, family picnic and much more. The idea of the event is to promote Polish and European traditional dance and music (you will hear oberek and mazurek, kujawiak, polka, but also avant-deux, scottish, mazurka, chappeloise, bourree, circle circassien, rondeau etc.). We host people both from Poland and abroad. You can read more on the festival here: [www.festival.numinosum.pl](http://www.festival.numinosum.pl) [www.facebook.com/NuminosumFestival](https://www.facebook.com/NuminosumFestival)

**WORK:** ● Before the event (built-up and preparation phase: signs, information point, making of the parking place, small wooden construction works, camping-style technical works, pitching tents, cleaning, decorating the festival venue); ● During the festival (on-site help: information point, preparation and distribution of food, cleaning.); preparation of a short presentation about your country (preferably dance!); ● After the festival (cleaning, reconstructing the infrastructure).

**ACCOMMODATION&FOOD:** Accommodation near the venue in a simple camping house or shared tent. Shower provided (probably only or mainly cold water!). Toilet on site. Self-cooking on a military-style camping kitchen (all products are provided).

**LOCATION AND LEISURE:** Stunning area, surrounded by one of the largest forests in Europe, very close to Żelazowa Wola (birthplace of Frederic Chopin), in proximity of Warsaw (can be visited during the camp). The festival takes place in an



authentic XIX c. wooden barn, in the Open Air Museum of the Kampinoski National Park. Accommodation place is situated in a reconstructed Old Slavonic Fort of Czarci Chutor (Devil's Inn): [www.czarcichutor.pl](http://www.czarcichutor.pl)

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** Project related **motivation letter** required. Good English is essential. You should be interested in traditional music&dance for your own comfort, You don't necessarily need to know how to dance, but at least you should like the idea and want to learn – this will be “part of an adventure”. Camp-building experience and technical skills will be a great asset. It is important to consider, that during the festival some work will take place during night hours, sometimes even as late as after 3 a.m.) – this is another argument for the fact that you should enjoy this kind of event. Before writing an application letter you are asked to read about the festival on our facebook page or website.

**VIDEO:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M5VuY1Qr6DE>

### **FIYE909 \_ Day care center for children 1 07/07/2019 – 20/07/2019**

**TYPE:** KIDS

**VOLS:** 10

**AGE:** 18+

### **FIYE910 \_ Day care center for children 2 21/07/2019 – 03/08/2019**

**TYPE:** KIDS

**VOLS:** 10

**AGE:** 18+

**PROJECT PARTNER:** The workcamp is organized together with Sociotherapy Center for Youth “Jedrus”. The center provides education, boarding school and therapies for children with learning difficulties. Every summer they organize a programme for children from the local community, called “Summer in the City”. Since many years they also host workcamps with international volunteers who help to organize free time activities for children.

**WORK:** The task will be to help the local community organize a program called “Summer in the City,” for children and youth who are staying in the town during summer holidays. Volunteers will work in two local youth centers, in two groups. The daily program includes: games, sports, arts & crafts, excursions, cinema outings, playground activities, swimming-pool, and other events. Volunteers are expected to take part in the activities and also propose their own (e.g. intercultural workshops, games from their countries, language workshops)

**ACCOMMODATION & FOOD:** Volunteers will stay in a boarding school, in rooms equipped with all standard facilities - beds and sheets are provided so there is no need to bring mattresses or sleeping bags. There is also a washing machine available. During the week meals will be served in a canteen. At weekends volunteers may need to prepare their own meals, from products bought by the host (the volunteers will have access to the kitchen).

**LOCATION:** Michalin is a district of Jozefow – a small town in the suburbs of Warsaw, located upon the Swider river and surrounded by the Mazovian Landscape Park. It is well connected with Warsaw city center.

**TERMINAL:** The nearest international airports (WAW – Warsaw Chopin and WMI – Warsaw Modlin), railway stations and bus stations are located in Warsaw.

**LANGUAGE:** English

**VIDEO:** <https://vimeo.com/237326876>