



Dans le cadre du dispositif régional Explo'ra Sup qui permet à des étudiants et apprentis de partir étudier ou réaliser un stage de formation professionnelle à l'étranger, l'Ecole de la Paix a souhaité mettre en place un réseau d'étudiants acteurs de paix.

De nombreux étudiants rhônalpins peuvent ainsi effectuer un stage auprès de nos partenaires à l'international tout en bénéficiant d'un suivi et d'une valorisation de leur travail par l'Ecole de la Paix. Les étudiants effectuant ces stages pourront recevoir la bourse Explo'ra et s'enrichir d'une expérience au service de la paix.

Proposal of work placement

Description of the organization

The Center for Peacebuilding is a grassroots organisation from the small town of Sanski Most in North-Western Bosnia and Herzegovina. It was established in 2004, and since then the programmes have focused on building sustainable peace in the local community and throughout Bosnia. Through initiatives such as interreligious dialogue, youth exchanges, peacebuilding trainings, nonviolent communication workshops in local schools, and community outreach, we have managed to contribute to the process of national reconciliation.

Context of the placement

Over the past 10 years, we have developed greatly as an organisation, though there are many challenges we still face. One of the most important challenges is the capacity to not only be able to implement current programmes, but also to expand and be able to reach more people. With limited funding, we are always struggling to continue our work. CIM's vision for the next 5 years is to become a self-sustaining social enterprise. This vision consists of building a community centre with income generation ventures which will provide funds to continue our work and to slowly become independent of external funds. We are looking for a long term volunteer to help us develop plans for the Peace Embassy, a social enterprise which will double as a community centre and business.

Tasks of the intern

Volunteer Responsibilities:

- To design a business proposal for the Peace Embassy based on CIM's vision and existent plans.
- To research potential for growth, risks, and challenges
- To establish partnerships
- To undertake marketing and promotional activities
- Social Media promotion
- To initiate a crowdfunding campaign
- Other general administrative tasks
- Propose and develop new ideas

Skills needed

Volunteer profile:

- self motivated and proactive
- we need someone who can work independently and in a team of volunteers with minimal supervision. You will get support from the centre directors and have the opportunity to have regular progress meetings, and direction. You will however be responsible for organising your tasks.
- highly adaptable and open to learning- we do not ask for expert volunteers in the field, but to be open to learning as much as possible and to always have the incentive to improve their work. In order to be able to work in a small town in Bosnia we have found it is essential for people to be able to adapt to new environments, and to have had experiences of living abroad. Things go slower in Bosnia, a lot of work gets done over coffee, and not to mention, there is a new culture and new language to adapt to.
- creative- able to identify solutions to problems and to find innovative ways to deal with potential challenges.
- an interest in peacebuilding/human rights/development
- knowledge of crowdfunding platforms and strategies
- good marketing and promotion skills
- knowledge of writing business proposals and of developing social enterprises

Additional details

Besides the main responsibilities the volunteer will have the opportunity to learn more about peacebuilding in Bosnia and Herzegovina, interact with the direct beneficiaries of our programmes, participate and help plan and organise our main programmes. We encourage volunteers to meet the locals and our volunteers, and to travel around Bosnia and throughout the Balkans. We have a flexible work environment, and want our volunteers to be able to learn as much as possible whilst working with us. In the local area there is the opportunity to join a folk dancing group, to participate in our interreligious choir, to go hiking/skiing/cycling / paragliding /swimming /kayaking/rafting and more. We can also facilitate Bosnian language classes for those who wish to learn it.

What we offer:

- the placement is self-funded, though we can offer support for funding applications or promote a fundraising campaign.

- work experience in s grassroots organisation with great responsibilities, and a great learning experience.
- the opportunity to organise tasks, to develop your own work style, and great flexibility -the possibility to develop own projects and initiatives.
- we encourage volunteers to bring in own ideas for the development of the organisation and to implement them
- network with peacebuilding organisations from all over the work and our partners

Please send your CV and covering letter stating your interests and experiences to :

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Deadline for application :

For more information about Explora'Sup Scholarships:

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