

Volunteer at the Open Youth Center "Vartai"

📍 **Kaunas, Lithuania**

🕒 **About the organization:**

"Vartai" Youth Center is part of Actio Catholica Patria, one of the first youth activity organizations in Lithuania, active since 1991 and providing social and cultural services to young people. The youth center operates as an open space, where young people can spend their free time in a safe environment (without violence, bullying, intoxication, etc.), engage in their favorite activities (various board, outdoor and other games, creative workshops, music, etc.), implement their ideas, discuss topics of interest to them and receive emotional support and guidance as needed.

🕒 **Volunteer profile:**

- Willing to build connections with young people
- Open to learning and understanding youth work
- Eager to create inclusive and respectful activities
- Interested in organizing and participating in events with youth involvement
- Open to taking part in team and organizational evaluations

🕒 **Tasks:**

- Organize and run activities together with young people.
- Support youth in developing independence and social skills.
- Take part in team and organizational meetings.
- Join daily reflections and share feedback.
- Help create a safe, inclusive, and engaging environment.
- Assist in maintaining a clean and comfortable environment.
- Offer support to coworkers in completing supplementary duties.

🕒 **Main focus of our work:**

The main goal of our Center is to assist "young individuals to become independent". We understand independence as a state where a person is able to take care of himself and the people around him and is happy as an individual and a member of the community. Therefore, we strive to provide social and safe employment services to young people (14-29) regardless of their social status.

🕒 **Practicalities:**

- Volunteering app. 30-35 hours/week
- On-arrival and mid-term trainings
- Accommodation in a private room in a shared apartment
- Monthly ticket for public transport (if applicable)
- Monthly food and pocket money
- Volunteer group meetings once/month and meeting with a mentor once/month
- Online or face-to-face Lithuanian language classes
- Organization of solidarity and volunteering events
- Open evenings take part from 15 till 20 pm from Tuesday till Friday, other volunteering hours schedule is more flexible.

