

# Dobrovolnické centrum, o.s.

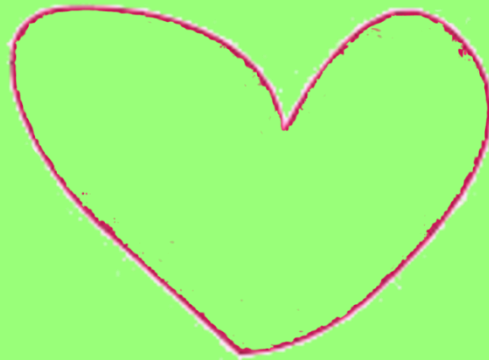
(Volunteer Center)

## The Czech Republic



**dobrovolnické  
centrum**

Association of **Volunteer Center**  
provides professional facilities for  
volunteers and promotes  
volunteering as a natural part of life.



Established: 1999



We are a non-profit organization in Ústí nad Labem, region Ústí, NUTS-II, North West



Currently:

♥ 7-10 employees

♥ 1418 registered volunteers

## Volunteering areas:

Volunteering in Social Services



Volunteering in Health Care

Volunteering in Culture



Volunteering in Sport

Volunteering in Emergency Situations



European Voluntary Service

# Volunteering in Social Services for Disadvantaged Families



## Big Brothers - Big Sisters (Pět P)

(5P: P éče, P revence, P omoc, P řátelství a P odpora)

- 1 big and 1 small friend
- leisure time together
- promoting self-confidence, communication development, establishing relationships

## Program KOMPAS<sup>®</sup> (Communication, Friendship, Cooperation)

- 6 children and 2 volunteers, meeting once a week for 5 months for 2-3 hours
- meaningfully spent leisure time: trips, sport, creative activities

## Social Work with Families

- help families with children aged 7-15 which are in a difficult life situations (e.g. poor financial and housing situation, unemployment, etc.)
- assistance with the school preparation - 1 volunteer and 1 child

# Volunteering in Health Care

This programme aims to bring more human contact into hospitals, to support patients' wellbeing and their attitude to active participation in their own recovery. Volunteer in hospital is a **specialist for human contact**.



## Volunteer helps:

- to improve patients' psychosocial condition
- to promote interpersonal communication
- to improve the overall atmosphere

Operating in five hospitals

**Year 2013:** 1290 volunteer's visits, 2157 hours

# Volunteering in Culture

## Museum and Library

### Volunteer's activity:

- assistance with thematic activities
- digitization of photo materials
- maintenance of the Reader's club for children
- book service delivery for elderly and handicaped users
- help with orientation and informing visitors



### Statistics:

- since 2011 were 48 volunteers involved  
(38 women, 10 men)
- currently 25 active volunteers

# Volunteering in Sport

- 4 years of ½ Marathon in Ústí nad Labem  
(500 volunteers, 140 our volunteers)
- DanceShock 2013: Street Dance Show World Championship  
Disco Dance World Cup (60 helping volunteers)
- local small sport activities...



# Volunteering in Emergency Situations



PANEL of humanitarian organizations since 2007

Floods 2006, 2009, 2013

## What volunteers do?

- clean up the damages
- support in evacuation centers
- provides psychosocial support



# European Voluntary Service

since 1. 1. 2014 part of ERASMUS +



- allows people under age 30 to participate in volunteer projects lasting from 2 to 12 months in the EU and in the partner countries
- the goal is to develop solidarity and tolerance among young people

## Statistics

Since 2007 we have hosted:

- 3 volunteers from Poland
- 1 volunteer from Georgia
- 2 volunteers from Germany

Since 2011 we have sent:

- 3 volunteers to Germany
- 1 volunteer to France, Poland and Slovenia
- 1 volunteer to Austria



# Cross-border voluntary cooperation

- International cooperation with German and Polish organisations led to 21. International annual work conference of partners organisation in field of child's protection

- since 2012 we organised with German organisation **Deutscher Kinderschutzbund Radebeul e. V.** three climbing camps for children.

- Thanks to support of German organisation **arche noVa - Initiative für Menschen in Not e.V** we were able to organise two weekend stays for children affected by floods in June 2013



- In frame of project **Cross-border volunteering** we established cooperation with **Paritätische Freiwilligendienste Sachsen gGmbH**. This cooperation allowed to plan common project to send 10 Czech volunteers to German organisations in near border areas and 10 Germans to Czech organisations in regions of Ústí nad Labem and Karlovy Vary from 1st September till 31st August 2015.



## Sending Volunteers into Partner Organizations



Volunteer center sends volunteers into 19 partner organizations in Ústí region

### Partner organizations:

- Retirement home (5x)
- Handicaped people (9x)
- Center for families and children (6x)

Every year 140 volunteers



## Our other activities ...

Tinderbox (award for volunteers)

Course **Strong parents - strong children**<sup>®</sup>

Tourist Group - Pušćici

Trainings and courses for volunteers

Program Three Generations (3G)

Volunteer Centers' Council, North West

Cross-border cooperation

Cooperation with University Support Center UJEP

Active cooperation with Labour Office of the Czech Republic

# Contacts & where we are

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