DESCRIPTION OF HOSTING ORGANIZATION



"Special School Complex No. 4" / "Zespół Szkół Specjalnych nr. 4"

As a "Zespół Szkół Specjalnych nr.4" in Krakow, we help mentally disabled children and youth, proving that it is possible to overcome the limitations of their disability.

The school also provides care for children in kindergarten, primary school, and middle school, with an age range from 4 to 21.

Currently, the institution has 160 students, overseen by 70 experienced teachers.



The classes are small, with groups consisting of usually 12 pupils, allowing the class community to function properly.

The main goals and mission :

Our school has been functioning for over 86 years, making it the oldest institution for mentally disabled children and youth in Krakow

It is an institution with established traditions, providing **excellent education**, **revalidation** (restoring basic abilities for intellectual daily life), and **intellectual development** for mentally disabled children.

The school grounds include a **playroom** (frequented by about 100 children attending various activities supporting the school's work - *musical, art, preparing homework, physical education activities*) as well as the school's dining room.

Our institution **strongly supports our students interests**, and despite intellectual handicaps, our pupils achieve numerous successes outside school walls.



Volunteer's activities

ESC volunteer will bring an international accent to many of our activities by sharing their country, local games, traditions, or specific songs. Volunteers would help with **everyday activities** in the kindergarten and in the 1st - 3rd grades of the primary school during chosen classes.

Usually Volunteers:

- requiring additional care, such as art classes, gym, individual revalidation;
- all kinds of school trips to the movies, theatre, museums, amusement parks, school festivities, education projects;
- integrational presentations and competitions.

They would also participate in parents meetings.

Volunteers at school **will be engaged in a year-long educational and revalidation program.** It will allow them to receive and broaden their knowledge and interests, make friends, and gain experience and social abilities during teamwork, specific methods of working with mentally handicapped children.

We would like to host volunteers

- open to any challenges, warm, creative, and empathetic.;
- ready to learn Polish for communication with kids;
- ready to work with children and willingly take part in various activities during the day.
- it would be nice to have additional abilities, ex. vocal, musical, manual, or sport.



Good sense of humor is always welcome.

