



**SEND YOUR CV AND MOTIVATION LETTER  
FOR THIS CONCRETE PROJECT TILL THE 15 OF JANUARY 2016 TO:  
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<b>Host organization's name:</b>	Vilnius special school "Atgaja" for disabled children
<b>Location:</b>	Vilnius – capital of Lithuania
<b>Organization number in EVS database:</b>	2015-1-LT02-KA110-004111
<b>Organization website:</b>	<a href="http://www.atgajos.vilnius.lm.lt/">http://www.atgajos.vilnius.lm.lt/</a>
<b>Coordinating organisation's name:</b>	Social action ( <a href="https://www.facebook.com/socialinis.veiksmas/?fref=ts">https://www.facebook.com/socialinis.veiksmas/?fref=ts</a> )
<b>Contacts:</b>	<a href="mailto:evs.action@gmail.com">evs.action@gmail.com</a>
<b>We need:</b>	4 volunteers
<b>Period:</b>	<b>From 1 of October 2016 till 1 of June 2017 (8 months).</b>
<b>About the school</b>	School is the upbringing institution for the elementary and basic education for disabled children and youngsters from 7 to 21 years with the following diseases: cerebral palsy, Down's syndrome, autism, mental retardation or multiple disability. The school takes the responsibility for children and youngsters activities, care and supervision during the lessons and after them, while they are at school. At the school children receive the qualified help of the: pedagogue, pedagogue for blind children, speech therapist, physiotherapist, occupational therapist, psychologist, social worker. After-lessons activities we have: art therapy, handicraft group, cooking group, karate group, bocca group, netball group and etc. The duty of the school and parents is to create the happiness for every child. That's why we will do our best to make the children happy every day, on their every step.
<b>The main role of the volunteer:</b>	To be assistant for the children, that means any help that is needed during lessons, as well as assist the children in any other leisure or outdoor activities. During the first months of volunteering the volunteer will observe the working of different classes, will have the possibility to meet and to be with the children of different age.
<b>The mains tasks for the volunteers:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to assist children during the lessons;</li> <li>• to organize how to make various handicrafts with disabled children;</li> <li>• under the staff supervision to organize music, sports, games, art, theatre, going outside into nature and other activities with disabled children;</li> <li>• to participate and to help in different events and festivals of the school;</li> <li>• to assist children in swimming pool activities;</li> </ul>
<b>Possible activities for the volunteers:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to help to teach children foreign language;</li> <li>• to cook with children;</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Impressions of EVS volunteers Vanessa and Lisa from Germany and Austria:</b></p>	<p><i>“When we came to Atgaja we were welcomed very nice and from the beginning until now I can say that I feel very good there especially about our responsibilities, who always help us with everything. Of course it would be better to speak and understand Lithuanian but actually it is ok to communicate with the children without. Also you will learn vocabulary while being in the lessons. To make your work more diversified you should take the initiative and just try to do some things with the children after lesson.</i></p> <p><i>„In my project 'Atgaja' my main task is being in the class during the lessons, assisting the teacher and helping the children with writing, counting, drawing, etc. Above lessons like maths, music or general knowledge, the children have physical training, ceramics, handicraft lessons and cooking. Every Wednesday we go, together with a teacher, with the children to the swimming pool, where I help with changing clothes, doing exercises and playing with the children. I'm helping while and with eating, and to pay attention that the children don't play with their. After the lessons I play games with the children, make puzzles, jump around with them, we dance, or when the weather is fine we go with them for a walk. Sometimes there are nice and interesting activities and events at school, for example a Christmas show, a healthy food day or a theatre play, which not only entertains the children :) I also made some small activities with the children, such as baking cookies while the Christmas time, making an advent calendar together or doing some handicraft. Together with another volunteer, I presented one of our Christmas traditions. “</i></p>
<p><b>Impressions of EVS volunteer Eva-Maria from Austria:</b></p>	<p><i>The children in the special school "Atgaja" are all mentally disabled and many of them also physically. Their disabilities are all very different, some children are almost normal, some are totally crazy. ;) They usually need more time for learning and understanding things than "normal" children would. For me working with disabled people was quite difficult in the beginning, because it was a very new experience. You have to learn how to be respected by children, with some of them this is very easy, and with others it's very difficult. If you choose this project you have to be aware, that they don't depend on you. It's more that you are there for new inspirations and you can do your own projects easily, because the teachers will appreciate your engagement. So if you have many ideas and want the children to have a nice time with you, maybe it's the right place for you.</i></p>