

# EVS - LITWA ☺



## Youth Exchange Agency (JaMA)



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The group of volunteers will be hosted in a children day centre "Musu nameliai" located in Vilnius (EI no 2009-LT-37)

## **Description of the organization:**

Children and Youth Day Center "Mūsų nameliai" operates in Naujoji Vilnia (Vilnius suburb) from 2000 y. as systematically working organisation provides socialization programme for children and Youth from socially disadvantaged and social risk families in local community. Day center extends services including consultations of psychologist, social worker services and also we work with children and Youth groups employing new methods of education and training: in the frames of partnership agreement day center works in a public library what enables combine services of social and cultural-information institutions, work in close partnership, share good experience and to develop activities which help to socialize vulnerable community members.

The **main aim** of day centre "Mūsų nameliai" activities: educate, consolidate, encourage children and Youth to participate in public and working action, to become active in civic society and to reduce social disjuncture. Goals of organisation: to provide social, education, information and cultural aid for children and teenagers from social risk and socially disadvantaged families and for their families members; to involve to community activities such groups; to organise occupation for those community groups including seminars, clubs, summer day camps, events, contests etc; to develop civic responsibility of socially disadvantaged families, to develop responsibility for ourselves, family and community; to reinforce family prestige; to influence positive alterations in public life in Naujoji Vilnia suburb; to represent and protect interests of socially disadvantaged community members; to advance social competence of families, including not only social skills and capacity, but also reality recognition causes.

Day center „Mūsų nameliai“ associates (in the frames of agreements) : Naujoji Vilnia eldership, Vilnius college Faculty of Pedagogics; Vilnius county police headquarters; Vilnius city Mother's and Child pension; „Laisvė" gymnasium, local secondary schools; Vilnius Old Town Theatre, Vilnius Vocational Education and Training Centre of Technology and Business.

Staff: regular social worker, regular social educator, psychologist, coordinator and organiser of events.

Target group: children from socially disadvantaged and social risk families - 40 (age from 7 till 16) and their adult family members. For adult family members day center provides special, not everyday activities according programmes.a

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## **Proposed activities for the EVS volunteers**

The day center undertakes the activities for children and teenagers also their family members in the domain of social care. European Volunteers will play an important role in our community. We do hope that young volunteers will bring a lot of fresh ideas, new standards and great motivation to work. It will influence work of all the employees and shows to the children, that their life can be also without such a big social and psychological problems, if they will have enough courage and good intentions to change it by themselves.

We hope from this cooperation with EVS Program to bring to our place new European dimension, and even if our children don't have a chance to visit Europe - Europe will come to visit them. Young volunteers who will come to work with us and to work with our children can give special care, fresh attitude, energy or youth. Our target group members would be happy to spend time with volunteers, play with them, to be faced to something new or doing daily things but with another person from abroad. Also it will have good influence for their English skills.

The main activities of the volunteer: to help to organize daily free time occupation (different games, workshops, events, organized together with the staff members); to participate in the educational process (participation in the learning seminars - organized by the hosting organization and National Agency, presentation about the country of the volunteer, work in an international team); to take part in development and realization of the day center projects and own initiative projects: volunteer will have a possibility to teach children in interactive and non formal way, if he/ she has specific knowledge in some kind of sphere (music, art, sport, language skills, etc.).

The main activities in the day center for EVS volunteer are foreseen as follow:

- To help to organize free time activities: educational games, additional language lessons, art workshops: painting, ceramic, other; sport activities etc.;
- Accompanying and assisting children in their outdoor activities;
- Organizing social and cultural events together with the target group;
- Help with serving food for children;
- Cooperating together with other EVS volunteers in Vilnius in preparing network activities in local or regional schools, cultural centres, youth clubs, etc.