

# EGYESEK WORKCAMP PROGRAMME 2024

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**Egyesek Youth Association is an organization formed by a group of active, passionate and committed youth workers, trainers, coaches, and volunteers. We contribute to communities to make people aware of their own freedom of choice, so they can do what they love, and connect with each other peacefully.**

We have organized local and international youth projects for 24 years. By methods of non-formal learning we aim that young people explore their own strengths and resources using them consciously to fulfil their personal and professional life. To reach that, we do training and volunteer activities.

We support active young people, informal groups and youth workers, and promote volunteering. We are members of several international networks: CCIVS, Alliance of Voluntary Service Organizations and International Synergy Group.

We organize international youth trainings based on specific themes, such as personal and creativity development, dance, media, communication, coaching, improvisational theatre. We have been active in hosting international volunteers for more than 14 years. We frequently organize short- and long-term ESC projects and also realize international voluntary camps, aka workcamps.

We gained many experiences in cooperating with local communities as we run grass root outreach youth work in one of the most disadvantaged regions of Hungary, Nógrád county, where international volunteers also support our activity for more than 10 years.

We have created an informal network among our local partners by working together in order to organize meaningful activities for local children and youngsters. As a great success of our fruitful cooperation, since 2017 many youth organizations municipalities and informal local groups joined us in the world of workcamps and decided to host international volunteers and involve them in their activities.



# SUMMARY

Code	Name	Dates	Type	Place	Nr. of vol.	Age
EGY-ESC-24-01	Youth of Szécsény 2024 (Youth center renovation)	18 July - 4 August 2024	ESC-RENO/CHIL/SOCI	Szécsény	12	18-30
EGY-ESC-24-02	Youth of Szécsény 2024 (Youth center renovation)	8 - 25 August 2024	ESC-RENO/CHIL/SOCI	Szécsény	12	18-30
EGY-ESC-24-03	Solidarity for Ukraine: Youth work in Hungary	Summer 2024	ESC-REFU/CHIL/SOCI	Budapest	10-12	18-30
EGY-24-04	House of Solidarity	22-30 June 2024	HIL/SOCI/EDUC	Pécs	6	18+
EGY-23-04	Summer Camp in Csörög	7 - 14 July 2024	CHIL/SOCI/EDUC	Csörög	8	18-50
EGY-23-05	Bánkitó Festival 2020	5 - 15 July 2024	FEST/ENVI	Bánk	14	18+



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# Youth of Szécsény 2024

Location: Szécsény

Age: 18-30

Number of volunteers: 12 for both terms

Date: July 18 - August 4 ; August 8 - 25

**Egyesek Youth Association** is a community of active youth and young professionals. We contribute to creating communities based on solidarity, where people are aware of their own freedom of choice, they do what they love and connect with each other peacefully. Most of our activities are based in Nógrád-county, a socially and economically disadvantaged part of Hungary, where young people have very few opportunities to meet their peers from other European countries, engage in multicultural, non-formal learning, or take part in creative activities during their free time. Working closely with local stakeholders (schools, youth clubs, youth workers, experts), we aim to fill this gap by creating meaningful educational and self-development opportunities locally, while involving international youngsters in these programs.

## Work

The program is about rebuilding and renovating an old house as Egyesek's new youth centre for activities in the village. As volunteers, we invite you to support the renovation work of the house (wall dismantling and repairing, plaster boarding, tiling, painting, etc.) and the cleaning and tidying up of the garden. It will include But it will also be support work to make the structure into a renovated youth centre.

## Requirements

No specific experience is required for this work. The volunteer work will be both lighter and heavier physical work, so feasible for girls and boys equally. There will be an initial discussion to decide which activities each volunteer will carry out. Please bring clothes you won't regret getting dirty, and your personal medicine.

## Accommodation and food; leisure time

The accommodation is a 2 story family house, where our long-term ESC volunteers are living, located a 15 minutes-walk away from the center of the town.

The house is fully equipped: it has 6 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 kitchens, 1 office, 2 community places, 1 guest room, a washing machine, and wi-fi. There, where you will be living in shared rooms: each bedroom can host up to 3 volunteers, but if you find the room to be too small for comfort, you can sleep in a tent in the garden. The tent will be provided, but please bring your own sleeping bag.

Cold food will be provided for breakfast and lunch, and there will be hot meals for dinner after work cooked by local families or ordered from nearby restaurants. Vegetarian, gluten and lactose-free options will be available.

Szécsény is a small town in Nógrád county, located in Northern Hungary, near the Slovakian border. The recorded population of the town is around 5937 inhabitants.

Szécsény has grocery stores, ATMs, a bank, local restaurants, pubs, a pharmacy, a bakery, second-hand shops, a post office, and a bus station. From the local bus station, volunteers can reach nearby bigger towns (Balassagyarmat and Salgótarján) within 30 minutes, and Budapest within 2 hours.

## How to get there?

Nearest airport: Budapest Airport (BUD) – Liszt Ferenc International Airport

Trains and buses: Bus from Budapest to Szécsény

Bus schedule: <https://menetrendek.hu/>





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# Solidarity for Ukraine: Youth work in Hungary

Location: Budapest, Hungary

Age: 18-30

Number of volunteers: 6 x 10-12 participant

Date: summer 2024 tbd

**Egyesek Youth Association** organizes 6 volunteer programs through ESC-VT in High Priority Areas to support NGOs working in Hungary with Ukraine refugees, mainly helping children.

## Work

The aim of volunteering is most importantly to create and hold meaningful programs regularly that support the children's development and studies, meanwhile helping with the everyday duties (lunch, cleaning) in the institution. Arts and crafts, hip-hop dance afternoon club for the small ones, and computer lessons for the older ones are just some of the possible classes that would improve their knowledge and spirit. Volunteers will probably help in shelters to run the refugee hostel, like taking care of the reception, helping with the dining room, taking care of the children, supporting learning in the study room, and organizing sports and leisure time activities.

## Participants

We are looking for motivated volunteers, who have a sense of empathy, patience, and experience to teach small kids and teenagers. Who are good at (nonverbal) communication and get well with children from different age groups. This workcamp is especially suitable for volunteers who have an experience or are interested in working with children and refugees.

## Accommodation and food; leisure time

All volunteers will be accommodated in a hostel in Budapest. Lunch will be provided in the institution, and breakfast and dinner are self-organized, but covered by the project cost. The evenings and weekends will be free to explore the city of Budapest.

## Training during the activity

Before the arrival, we will ask participants to complete a self-study course (child safeguarding). On the first Sunday, a one-day orientation training will be provided. This will be followed by mentoring sessions to support the learning and professional development of you. In the institution, MigrationAid staff will provide further support if required.

## Additional comments

We warn the volunteers that the consumption of alcohol and smoking is strictly forbidden inside the school.

It is an advantage if the volunteers have basic knowledge of Ukrainian or Russian language.

Besides, it is necessary to have basic knowledge about a group's animation (songs, music, dance, plays...) and to be able to assume responsibility within a group. Being able to listen to others is very important there. This kind of workcamp is a very rich personal and human experience. It makes people aware of the complexity of certain social conditions related to the great inequalities on our planet.



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# House of Solidarity

Location: Pécs

Age: 18+

Number of volunteers: 6

Date: 22-30 June 2024

**Egyesek Youth Association** organizes this volunteer program together with **Élmény Tár Tanoda**, an organization working with children from disadvantaged backgrounds. Their mission is to open up the world for their target group and raise awareness about the opportunities surrounding them. This camp brings local youth together with youngsters from all over the world, providing a chance to broaden their perspective, become more open to the world outside their own community, and learn about acceptance and cooperation. We see this grand, shared international summer camp as a great way of serving our vision for the children and young people around us.

## Work

Volunteers will have a chance to understand the civil sector in Hungary and the social reality of people living in poverty, not only as spectators but as active participants working towards social change. The program will consist of team-building activities, creative and multicultural workshops delivered to and by the volunteers with local young people, interactive programs to get to know the area together and some renovation work on a community house. Campfire, common music and board games are an indispensable part of the program.

## Participants

We are looking for motivated volunteers, who have a sense of empathy, patience, and experience to teach kids with fewer opportunities. The aim of this program is to create and learn together, about and from each other, as the main activity will be holding creating workshops and doing renovation work in the local community center.

## Accommodation and food; leisure time

Volunteers will be accommodated in tents in the garden of Pécsi Élménytár Tanoda. Toilets and showers are indoors. Camp leaders and volunteers will pay attention to having a responsible, local, and balanced diet. The team will cook in turns with the help of local camp leaders and youth workers.

The camp will take place right next to Pécs, which has a rich historical and cultural heritage. Pécs is a lively city with many options for gastronomy, cultural or music programs and lively nightlife. The location is surrounded by mountains, a rich area with forest, hills, wildlife, and an overall beautiful scenery

## How to get there?

Nearest airport: Budapest Airport (BUD) – Liszt Ferenc International Airport

Trains and buses: train/bus from Budapest to Pécs – about 220 km away from the Budapest airport. Please note there are no trains from Budapest to Pécs after 7.45 pm.

Train schedule here: <https://www.mavcsoport.hu/>



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# Summer Camp in Csörög

**Location:** Csörög

**Age:** 18 - 50

**Number of volunteers:** 8

**Date:** 7 - 14 July 2024

**Egyesek Youth Association** organizes this volunteer program together with **Csörögi Tanoda** (afterschool program in Csörög), managed by the Mahájána foundation since 2011. Their aim is to ensure that the children learn according to their abilities, in order to find a job they enjoy and become able to adapt to changing circumstances. To achieve this, they try to make learning trendy again among the Gypsy community of Csörög, where they are supporting 26 families. Their activities include group work and personal development for children, career orientation and community building.

## Work

Volunteers will have the opportunity to organize summer camps for marginalized children aged 10 to 18. As a volunteer, you'll be an integral part of the NGO's mission to empower these children by providing them with valuable experiences to make a difference in their lives. Immerse yourself in a week of fun, learning and connection, as you will teach these children about yourself, your culture, and the English language. But that's not all - if you have a passion for sports or music, we welcome your expertise to enrich the camp experience even further!

After Sunday's arrival (you may explore Budapest over the weekend), we kick off the week with a preparation day on Monday to review the activities and the logistics of the camp, ensuring everything is set for an amazing experience. Tuesdays will be all about building emotional connections with the children by playing together. From Wednesday to Friday, we will venture out from Csörög for two nights of adventure at summer camps across Hungary, creating lasting memories along the way. On Saturday, volunteers will come together for a day of reflection and closure, celebrating the impact made in the children's lives.

And on Sunday, everyone will begin their journey back home. As a volunteer, you'll have the opportunity to teach English, lead engaging games and sports, and share the beauty of music with the children. But your role will go beyond teaching skills; you'll be fostering a sense of joy, trust, empathy, and respect, addressing a wide range of psychosocial needs and building essential life skills. Join us in creating a brighter future for these children, one filled with laughter, learning, and limitless possibilities!

## Accommodation and food; leisure time

While in Csörög, you will live in the afterschool building, in a big shared room with mattresses. Please bring your sleeping bags with you. From Wednesday to Friday, you will accompany the children and staff to a summer camp in Hungary. A shower and toilet is available in the building, together with a superb kitchen. We will provide 3 meals/day for you (hot meals for lunch and dinner). A vegetarian option is available. All equipment needed to fulfill your tasks will be provided as well.

## Requirements

No special documentation is required. There are no language requirements, but you will need to communicate with the staff and the children in Hungarian or English. Bring clothes that can get dirty while playing, a sleeping bag, and personal medicine. Please send us a motivational letter focusing on why you chose to work with children, and what kind of related skills or previous experiences you have in the chosen field. You don't need any special skills to be a volunteer.





# Bankito Festival 2024

Location: Bánk village, Nograd county

Age: 18 - 50

Number of volunteers: 14

Date: 5 - 15 July 2024

**Egyesek Youth Association** organizes this volunteer program together with **Bánkitó**, Hungary's biggest independent, socially conscious, cultural and community festival. Bánkitó is not just entertainment, but also a social enterprise capable of bringing attention to neglected topics and raising awareness in the public's consciousness, by providing appearances to several NGOs. The festival lasts three summer days (July 10-13), and it hosts 8000 visitors each year, thanks to its wide range of programs, from music, through theatre, to contemporary art. It offers concerts, theatre performances, exhibitions, civil initiatives, workshops, and round-table discussions about social justice issues, human rights, and the experiences and cultures of minorities. It takes place at Bánkitó, a small Hungarian village in the countryside, with its not-so-tiny Lake Bánk in the middle, about 60kms away from Budapest.

The program of the festival is always organized around a common theme. In 2024, the topic will be Mind-Splitting and how we perceive the world we live in.

## Work

We are looking for volunteers to help run the festival through its preparational works (July 5-10). The volunteers will do construction work, drilling/heavy objects, etc. Work equipment will be provided. After the preparational works, you'll be free to enjoy the festival and take part in all events.

We are also looking for volunteers that will help us to create social media content, by taking photos at the festival. The start is the same as the preparation team (July 5-10). If you already have your equipment (a camera or a mobile phone with a quality camera) it is a preferred option, if not please contact us and we will discuss it individually.

The earliest departure is 5th of July anytime.

## Accommodation and food; leisure time

You will live in tents during the festival. Bring your own tent. We provide 3 meals/day (hot meals for lunch and dinner). A vegetarian option is available. We provide all equipment needed to fulfill the volunteers' tasks. The music at the festival is progressive, contemporary, and constantly renewing, with the newest and most exciting bands of the Hungarian music scene. The civil/cultural programs always poke at important and actual topics, working towards understanding society's issues with activists from NGOs, musicians, actors, and artists.

Contemporary Hungarian theatre pieces will be showcased, and Hungary's most exciting contemporary artists will transform the shores of Lake Bánk into an art exhibition.

## Requirements

You should be fit enough to do physically demanding work. No special documentation is necessary. No language requirements, but you will communicate with the organizers in Hungarian or English. Please bring clothes that can get dirty during construction, your sleeping bag, and personal medicine.

Please send us a motivation letter focusing on why you chose to work on the festival, and what kind of related skills or previous experiences you have in the chosen field. You do not need any special skills to volunteer at the festival. Every volunteer will work 6 hours/day, and the remaining time is free. Include in your motivation letter what fields you would like to work on during the festival, but your final position will be decided by our volunteer coordinator.

## How to get there?

Travel by train from Budapest Nyugati station to Vác, and by bus from Vác to Rétság, where the host can pick you up. Trains depart every hour. It takes around 1 hour from the airport to the train station, plus 1,5 hours to Bánk.





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