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SUCCESS STORY

New Entrepreneur

Name and Surname: Ewelina Chańska

Country: Poland

Age: 29

Status: Would-be entrepreneur

Sector: Community, social and personal services

Name of business/website:



Picture:

Host Entrepreneur

Name and Surname: Nikola Stankoski

Country: North Macedonia

Age: 36

Experience: 15 years

Sector: Education and training services

Name of business/website: Association for volunteerism Volonterski Centar Skopje

Picture:

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Details of exchange:

Date of exchange: 1.09.2020 to 31.01.2021

Duration of exchange: 5 months

Brief introduction (max. 1.000 characters): Who are the participants, how did they discover EYE, why did they decide to participate, what were the expected benefits,...

I was a person still searching for what I would like to do in the future. I knew for sure that I want to spend my days in multicultural environment and create multicultural dialogue in a beautiful scope of my city. I had a very timid idea of starting a place that I called Volunteers World Lublin, where I could bring together locals with people from different countries. About EYE I've heard from a friend who participated in the program and she had only good things to tell about the experience. And I went all for it. Focusing on the Balkans, region that is close to my heart, I found a place where I knew that I can learn a lot. My HE was the NGO focused on youth work and cooperating with many international volunteers and partners. I knew that I can take this challenge and learn a lot on the way, as well as the HE had high expectations from a person experienced with work in multicultural environment.

Activities undertaken (max. 1.000 characters): Examples, description of the relationship between the two entrepreneurs,...

During just few months I learned a lot about the functioning of an NGO, from financial part to organizational. Nikola gave me chance to get into action in organization, I was leading and coordinating the team of volunteers on daily basis, planning and writing the projects, organizing events and workshops. Everything was supported with guidance and advices from HE, who also equipped me in necessary knowledge of how the things work in NGO. I was literally shadowing Nikola in everything he was doing, just to get the general view on how to do the things and my general curiosity and asking a lot of questions were always welcomed. I shared my insight about environmental matters, and together we were implementing a lot of actions engaging youth in order to make a change in their living area. Through sessions tackling different matters of NGO, like management, finances and human resources I clarified a lot about starting and running an NGO.

Benefits achieved (max. 1.000 characters): Future prospect of cooperation, skills developed, contacts made...

I discovered a passion of working with people and certainly I can say that youth work is my future. This experience empowered my leadership, communication and organizational skills. Despite the global situation with pandemic, I made a lot of contacts which will result in future cooperation. My small success is the environmental project that was shaping during my stay and which I started to write together with my HE. We have plan to finish and implement it. I was always environmental-oriented but thanks to this cooperation I opened my eyes even more for this and I want to combined my communication and designing skills with a simple mission to use youth work as a power to create better einvironment.

Quotation regarding the experience: (NE max. 300 characters)

My future is people and my EYE experience was all about meeting people and having a dialogue with them. I discovered a joy of youth work and how important mission NGOs have. All the challenges that I took, shaped my knowledge and skills, boosting my creativity alongside.

Quotation regarding the experience: (HE max. 300 characters)

Ewelina's journey in VCS was a successful project throughout which we got to know this shining personality, who is not afraid of new challenges. The skills and experiences that we both gained will strengthen our organization and the future of Ewelina working in the field of youthwork and media.

Picture (NE + HE together)

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