

Meeting with volunteers from Georgia and Italy

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On 10th April 2013 in Socio Therapy Centre for Maladjusted Youths the meeting with volunteers, the participants of the program "Youth in action", from Georgia and Italy took place. The meeting was realizable thanks to the cooperation with Regional Volunteer Centre in Kielce.

The program "Youth in action" is a project of European voluntary work. Within the framework of this project, volunteers from different countries arrive to Poland and young people from our country go to other countries in order to realise educational projects. One of the priorities of the program is familiarizing the youth with goals and opportunities which create activity in European voluntary community. Alice Spisni from Italy and Levan Khutsishvili from Georgia disclosed details of European voluntary work to our students, employees of Socio Therapy Centre for Maladjusted Youths and guests (parents and guardians). Alice is a social worker and Levan is a student of political science (he also files documents on University of Warsaw). They have been staying in Poland for 8 months. During this time they held a lot of meetings with the youth. They presented culture and tradition of their countries. Alice conducted Italian lessons. As participants, they have had free accommodation, free food, free of charge transport, the course of Polish and mentor"s care guaranteed. They also receive pocket money for their needs. They work 8 hours a day from Monday till Friday. They also participate in popular science seminars, for example, in Warsaw and Toruń and, at the same time, they learn about our country, people, language and culture.

Alice and Levan very quickly established contacts with our students. They asked questions not only connected with their activities within the area of the European voluntary work program but also related to their plans for life and job. There were also more private questions, for example, combined with their impressions from the visit in our country and our cuisine. Although, both of them come from countries which are famous from their original cuisine, they stated that they like Polish dishes very much and it"s a pity that they are not widespread around the world. The meeting was very instructive, interesting and ran in a pleasant atmosphere. Translated by Katarzyna Pajęczkowska