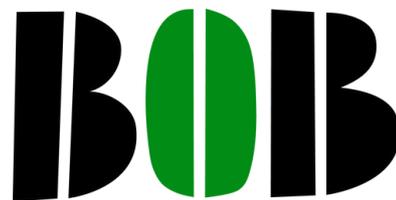


# YOUTH WORK VOLUNTEERING AT ZAVOD BOB

2 VOLUNTEERS  
LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA  
1.2.2021 - 1.2.2023 (1 YEAR)

## ABOUT US

- It's founded in **2007**.
- received a **state award** in 2015 for contribution in the development of the youth sector,
- **horizontal** working structure (always search for consensus between all team workers, solution based work approach, equality, and transparency of work)
- our **participants** are young people aged 15 to 29 years old (including unprivileged, marginalized, fewer opportunities youth)
- active in the field of **youth work** aiming to provide the terms for successful development of youth autonomy
- promoting the importance of informal, **non-formal** education and work practice
- a platform for personal and professional growth of youth
- encouragement for responsible social behavior, **active participation** of youth in the society, and **cultural expression**
- offering possibilities for the participants to achieve **self-realization**



ZAVOD ZA IZOBRAŽEVANJE  
IN KULTURNE DEJAVNOSTI

The overall purpose is to empower youth by giving them the tools to reach their full potential while accompanying new skills and competencies.

We are a vibrant collective, 12 employed youth workers with a strong sense of community.

## YOUTH CENTER BOB



[YC Bob](#) runs a wide range of **free activities** that **encourage** young people to spend their **free time creatively, discover and express** their potential, and **activate** and **straighten** their competencies. They include themed **workshops** and **events** for young people (eg cooking, making useful things from recycled materials, repairing bicycles, singing and playing instruments, painting, playing table football and board games, conversations about relationships, debates addressing social issues, education, the gift circle).

MC also carries out **activities** to provide **support** to young people in coping with problems at school, in relationships, in integrating into social processes and **empowering** young people in the process of **self-actualization**, which includes: information, counseling, learning support, support for ideas, career counseling and activities for personal growth.

MC Bob also offers **infrastructural** and **mentoring** support in **engaging** young people in social processes, initiatives and movements (eg Youth for Climate Justice, Youth Activist Organization) and addressing **taboo** topics (eg sexuality, euthanasia, ..).

## YOUTH CENTER ULCA

[ULCA](#) was **founded** by **young** people who recognize **hip hop culture** and youth work as a platform for engaging in social processes. We are raising awareness of **learning processes** within hip hop culture, create an environment for the transfer of knowledge and competencies in the field of **project planning** and **implementation**. The program focuses on promoting the **expression** and **participation** of young people in artistic activities, especially hip hop culture in the form of **guided trainings, workshops (sketch, graffiti)** and **open spaces**: dance (breaking for beginners, advanced and adults), street art, graffiti art, so-called murals), music playing, mixing and music production (DJ and beatboxing) and rhyming lyrics (MC, rap). With **support** young people to **implement** their ideas (eg. creating a public event, having sketch/Hoola hoop workshops,...), and use the space for dance training. We offer a free place for various groups (using it for dance sessions, social gatherings, peer to peer support groups, theatrical rehearsals)

**Informing** young people has an important role in the program, especially in the field of career counseling, international mobility and project planning.





## STREET-BASED YOUTH WORK

Street - based youth work serves as a tool to **reach vulnerable** young people who **do not** participate in **institutional programs** (as they have "resistance" due to past negative experiences, rigid conditions for inclusion, lack of information). In this way, we expand activities and support **outside** the institution into their home socialization environments, ie. neighborhoods, parks, public spaces **where young people gather**. Sometimes it also includes work with the **community** (recognizing the needs of it).

We **establish contact** with young people who gather in **public areas** during the day or in the evening. Through **various approaches**, we then establish a **confidential relationship** with them, based on **respect for autonomy**, and then present the possibilities of **quality leisure time** and **participation** in relevant processes.



## WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO IS:

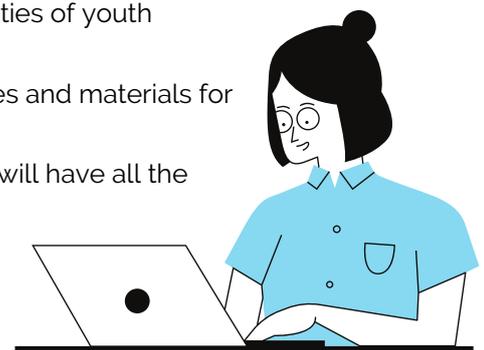
- interested in Youth Work
- flexible
- inclusive (open-minded)
- self-initiative
- reliable
- interested in dynamic (afternoon) work
- fluent in English
- community oriented,
- sociable person (likes to spend time with other people, connecting with new people)
- communicative (also with the participants)
- non-discriminatory !
- being active listener
- empathetic

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## VOLUNTEERS TASKS

- support for youth workers in co-creating program activities (working in project teams, attending regular weekly meetings, sharing ideas)
- presence in youth centers during their open hours (mostly during weekdays between 14-21h)
- active participation (contributing to process and creating positive atmosphere) in the activities of youth centers;
- communicating with participants of youth centers and caring for their well-being;
- participation in public events of youth centers
- assistance in informing and animating young people to participate in the activities of youth centers;
- Taking care for order and cleanliness or other logistics (preparation of premises and materials for the activities);
- Being ready to share new ideas and evolve the existing project activities. You will have all the freedom

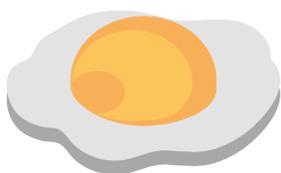


## ACCOMODATION

- in a rented apartment located **3,2km** away from both Youth centers, located in Nove Jarše
- living with **3 other international volunteers** at Zavod Bob
- your **own room**
- apartment is **fully equipt**
- **shared:** kitchen with dining room, closed balcony, bathroom, toilet
- **close by:** biggest Ljubljana shopping center, shops, restaurants, pharmacy, market, ... bus stations, city bike stations, parks, etc.



## FOOD, TRANSPORTATION AND POCKET MONEY



We provide you a **bicycle** for the warm months and a **monthly public transportation** (bus) card for winter months (november, december, january, february). It is approximately 15 min of flat surface drive with the bike.

You will get monthly on **average of 300€** which covers food expenses and includes pocket money.

At Youth centre Bob there is also a common kitchen which you can also use.

## A DAY AT ZAVOD BOB



Each day will be a bit **different** considering different activities and two youth centers. Normally we would start with **team meetings** around noon then the **preparation** of space and materials (going to the basement to pick up things or going to the shop) for **planned activities** would start. Due to the Covid-19 crisis sometimes there are no participants so you will need to be **self-initiative**, **notice the tasks** for yourself, and **help** where it's necessary (there is always something to do 😊 like preparing a cup of coffee or tea). On the other hand, there are days when **big groups** (15+) of youngsters or even more at the same time would **occupy the places** (Youth work is always **unpredictable** and requires the ability to be **flexible**). After **participating** in the activity (e.g. critical debate) you would normally **hang out** further and **chat** with participants or youth workers at the youth center.

You will also have **all the freedom** to **implement your ideas**, try **new** things, **contribute** to the Bob's community. For a better picture, you can check out what past volunteers wrote about [their experience at Zavod Bob](#).

# ABOUT LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA



The capital of Slovenia, Ljubljana, is a relatively large central European city situated between the Alps and the Adriatic Sea with approximately 300,000 inhabitants. The beautiful city center is situated between the river Ljubljanica and the castle hill above. The visitor's first impression of Ljubljana is that it is an exceptionally young city where over 50,000 students provide very young vibrations as the biggest Slovenian University is located there. With its charming city center, its alternative scene, and its many cafes, bars, and restaurants Ljubljana is a popular destination. It is a historical and cultural city that offers many things to do. The city is also reaching with green spaces perfect for outdoor recreation. Trees and greenery surround the Ljubljanica river embankments, designed by the late great Jože Plečnik. Ljubljana is also home to one of the oldest botanical gardens in Europe as well as four nature parks, the most known of which is Tivoli Park. It earned the Green Capital of Europe 2016 title. It is situated in the center of Slovenia and thus the perfect starting point for daily trips around Slovenia. At the same time, you can reach neighboring Italy, Austria, Croatia, Hungary in less than a two-hour drive.

