WikiYouth (wikiyouth.eu)

a collaborative platform to document volunteering activities in the EU and neighboring countries, managed by ESC volunteers and organizations' members

What is WikiYouth?

WikiYouth is an EU portal that fosters networking of organizations and volunteers, where:

- organizations can create corporate pages where they present their headquarters, staff, projects, and activities
- both organizations and volunteers can document ESC activities and learning outcomes, in perfect Wikimedia style, representing a valuable tool for non-formal training and learning opportunities
- members of local communities can upload their testimonials, inspiring other young people to participate
- organization staff can enter all information relevant to their programs, such as membership, ESC project details, activities, and more, and display, document, and organize all the components of a project

How does WikiYouth work?

- WikiYouth is an open-source platform based on MediaWiki, the software that empowers Wikipedia
- It was originally developed and implemented by the director and volunteers at the Italian Cultural Institute (NCLE) in Tbilisi, Georgia
- Its open-source and collaborative nature allows it to be edited and, potentially, improved upon by contributors
- After having created an account, contributors can upload relevant articles, share their experiences, and add organisations and information related to the latter

What is the structure of WikiYouth?

The main page introduces the visitor to the main functions of the WikiYouth platform and includes the following:

- Latest articles (with a button to add your article)
- Participants' experiences (with a button to add a testimonial)
- Organizations (with a button to add your organization)
- All items (including the data structure, which is completely editable)
- FAQ (frequently asked questions)
- Resources
- Useful documents

Latest Articles

- Learning-by-doing MediaWiki, Manuel
 Nicola Primitivi
- Volunteering in Potsdam, Tamar
 Karenashvili
- Report from Volunteers Tbilisi, Lorenzo Gianni
- Tra ideali condivisi e sfide da affrontare: riflessioni sulla Giornata dell'Europa, Paola Santaniello, Eleonora Cozzolino
- L'influenza architettonica italiana nello spazio urbano georgiano, Paola Santaniello, Eleonora Cozzolino

Read more articles

Add your article here

Participants' Experiences

- Teona Tvauri (Georgia)
- Ana Peikrishvili (Georgia)
- Tika Pichkhadze (Georgia)
- Nata Beruashvili (Georgia)
- Ekaterine Dadiani (Georgia)

Read more experiences

Add experience here





Volunteering in Potsdam

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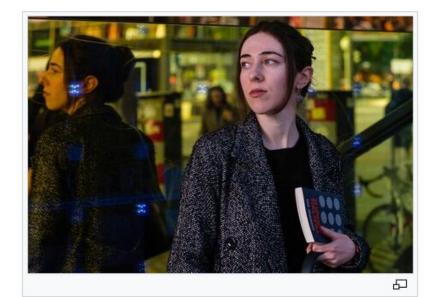


When I started helping out at OKEV ☑ in Potsdam, I thought I was just offering my time. But what I found was a world of creativity, connection, and small moments that I'll carry with me forever.

Title	Volunteering in Potsdam
Author	Tamar Karenashvili
Date	2025-02-27

At the gallery, I saw firsthand how art has the power to bring people together. Whether it was setting up exhibitions or simply being part of the space, I felt like I was contributing to something meaningful, something that made people pause, reflect, and feel.

But my journey didn't stop there. I assisted in a painting course for children, where I watched their confidence grow with every brushstroke. Some started out hesitant. unsure of their abilities, but by the end, they





Screenshot of a recent article

Companizations

- Association Volontarius ODV
- AICEM Associazione Internazionale per la Cooperazione e l'Educazione nel Mondo
- Istituto cultura italiana NCLE

Add your organization here

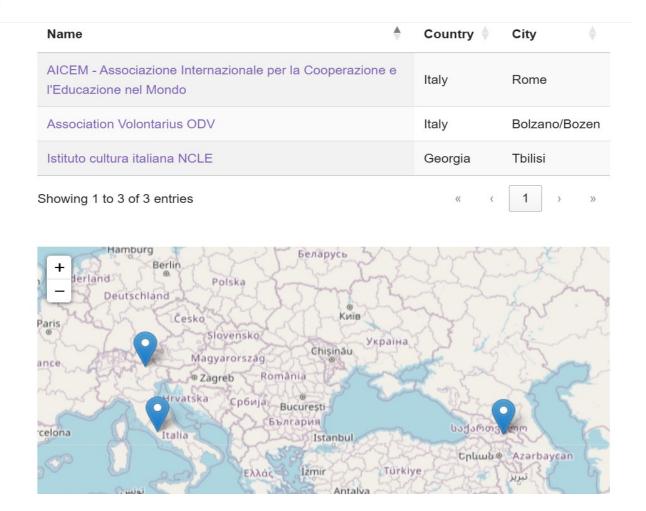


The data structure of this wiki is completely editable and can be discussed/organized here

- People
- Organizations
- Projects
- Activities
- Locations
- Articles
- Memberships
- Apartments
- Pictures
- Feedbacks

Screenshot of WikiYouth main page

Organizations



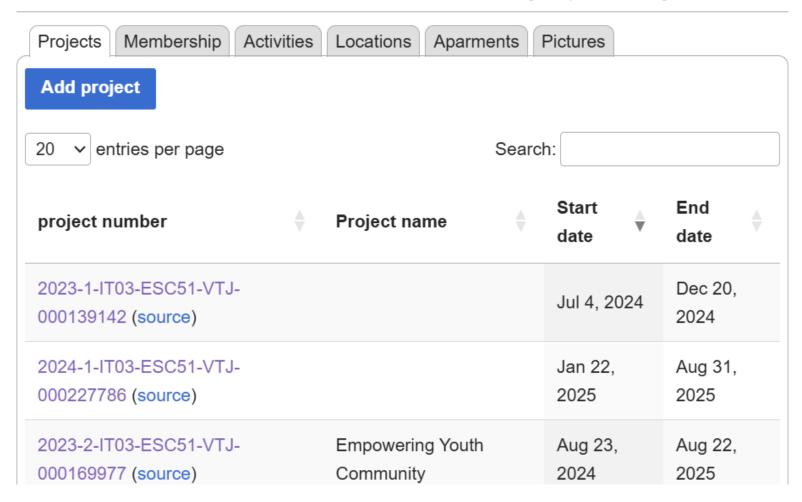
Organizations main page includes map showing their locations - in future it could even represent connections between organizations

For each organization, there are tabs to enter detailed information on the following:

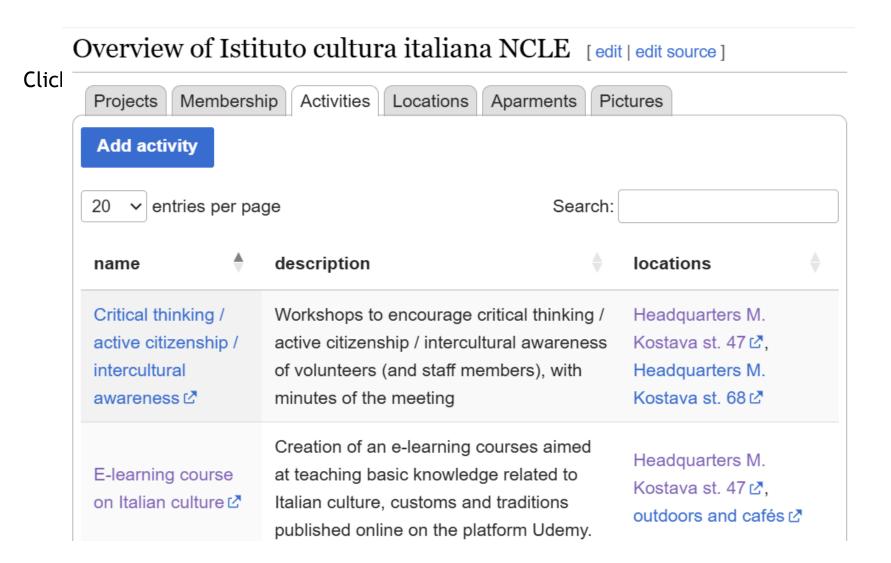
- Projects (including ESC project number, name, and start and end dates)
- Membership (past and current staff, volunteers, mentors, language teachers, etc.)
- Activities (including detailed descriptions and locations)
- Locations (addresses of organization, volunteers' flat(s), activities, etc.)
- Apartments for volunteers
- Pictures

NOTE: "Locations" and "Apartments" have galleries for adding pictures

Overview of Istituto cultura italiana NCLE [edit | edit | source]



Screenshot of organization page showing projects



Screenshot of organization page showing recent activities

FAQ

To whom is addressed this website? [Expand]
I am a hosting organization and [Expand]
would like to use WikiYouth together with our
volunteers, what should I do?

◯ Resources

- EU funded volunteering opportunities
- ESC organizations ☑
- ESC organizations (youth.europa)
- volunteering
- Otlas partner finding (all)
- Otlas partner finding (latest)
- Otlas projects
- European solidarity corps guide ☑
- Programme countries
- Partner countries

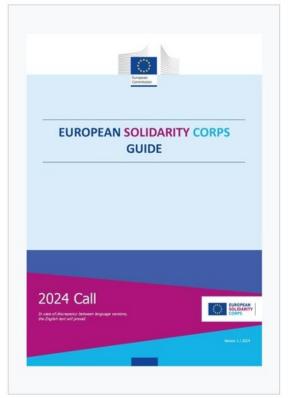
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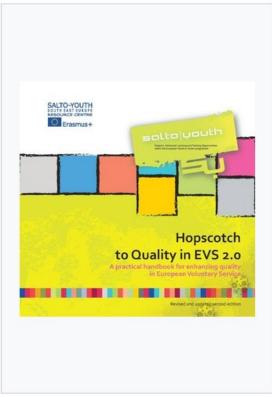


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Useful documents [edit source]





European solidarity corps guide 2024

Hopscotch to Quality in EVS 2.0

Screenshot of Wikiyouth main page



Useful documents include:

- European Solidarity Corps Guide 2024
- Hopscotch to Quality in EVS 2.0
- Youth work and non-formal learning in Europe's education landscape
- Treasure Box for Mentors
- Meant to be a Mentor workbook for EVS mentors
- One to One: support learning face to face
- Practical guide: How to be a mentor in Euromed European Voluntary Service Projects
- European Solidarity Corps Info Kit for Participants
- Youthpass in Volunteering Projects

Want to learn more about using WikiYouth?

The Italian Cultural Institute of Tbilisi offers complimentary training for ESC volunteers in Tbilisi, Georgia, or from nearby locations who are visiting Tbilisi

You can learn by doing, no need for previous programming experience!

Learning-by-doing MediaWiki

Introduction [edit | edit source]

During my volunteering time at the Institute of Italian Culture I have worked, in collaboration with other volunteers and our coordinator, on the creation, development and promotion of

Title	Learning-by-doing MediaWiki
Author	Manuel Nicola Primitivi
Date	2025-08-01
Project	2023-2-IT03-ESC51-VTJ-000169977

WikiYouth, a website based on the Wiki model.

WikiYouth is a website aimed at documenting the volunteering activities of the European Solidarity Corps (ESC) , where volunteers, organisations and participants can share their experiences, stories and relevant information. Although it was initiated by us, WikiYouth is a collaborative platform, fully open-source, that can be further developed and ameliorated by volunteers and organisations' members alike. WikiYouth has several purposes:

Screenshot of article "Learning-by-doing MediaWiki" by volunteer Manuel Nicola Primitivi



Thank you for your attention!

We hope see your contributions to the WikiYouth platform soon!