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"Thank you for the opportunity to meet such great people and work with them. They changed a whole world with their presence. People in the community respect the Volunteer and love her and her work."

"The students couldn't wait for the next class with the Volunteer; they had fun while learning and new that everything he did in class was fun, but covered an important topic. Parents were amazed by the ability of their children to use the English language."

Local Counterparts of Peace Corps
Volunteers



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR A PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER

Peace Corps Macedonia is expecting its new group of volunteers to begin cooperation with schools, municipalities and NGOs throughout the country beginning December 2012.

We invite all interested primary and secondary schools, as well as municipalities and NGOs to apply for this opportunity.

Deadlines for application are as follows:

April 30 2012 – for schools

May 15 2012 – for municipalities and NGOs

The application form for a volunteer can be found at Peace Corps Macedonia website: <http://macedonia.peacecorps.gov>

If you have any questions or you are interested in finding out more about the application process, feel free to contact us at the following email address pcv@mk.peacecorps.gov or the below-mentioned phone numbers.

MISSION OF PEACE CORPS



Peace Corps is an independent **U.S. government agency** that provides Volunteers for countries requesting assistance around the world. The agency traces its roots and mission **to 1960**, when then-Sen. **John F. Kennedy** challenged students at the University of Michigan to serve their country in the cause of peace by living and working in developing countries.

Although times have changed, the Peace Corps continues to promote peace and friendship by remaining true to its mission, established in 1961:

- 1. To help the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women.**
- 2. To help promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served.**
- 3. To help promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans.**

PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS...



... are Americans with diverse background, ethnicity, age and diverse experience and skills.

... come to Macedonia for different reasons: to gain additional working experience, to learn more about Macedonia and other countries and make positive changes in the world we live in.

Few facts about the volunteer service in Peace Corps:

- The minimum age for Peace Corps service is 18; there is no upper age limit. Volunteers must be U.S. citizens.
- Length of service is 27 months, which includes an average of 10 weeks of in-country training and 24 months of Volunteer service.
- Volunteers receive a living allowance that covers housing, food, and incidentals, enabling them to live in a manner similar to people in their local communities.
- The health, safety, and security of Volunteers are Peace Corps' highest priority. The agency devotes significant resources to provide Volunteers with the training, support, and information they need to stay healthy and safe.



PEACE CORPS IN MACEDONIA

We currently have 75 volunteers serving in Macedonia. These Volunteers live and work in communities alongside colleagues from Macedonia to contribute meaningfully to community development projects and education.

Through a formal country agreement, signed in 1996, and the support of the Ministries of Education and Science and the Ministry of Local Self-Government Peace Corps Volunteers work with organizations and schools to help meet the diverse needs of their communities.

Peace Corps in Macedonia conducts its activities through two programs:

- **English Education Development Program**
- **Community Development Program**



ENGLISH EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Through the English Education Development

Program, the volunteers are working together with English language teachers from the primary and secondary schools during their service of 2 years. Within the frameworks of this program, the volunteer are organizing the following activities in collaboration with their counterparts from Macedonia:

- Using team-teaching approaches for planning and presenting English language lessons
- Conducting interactive and student-centered activities during the class, using the English language as well as creative approaches in teaching
- Developing supplemental materials to support English language instruction.
- Developing English language centered extra-curricular activities to further enhance classroom themes.
- Forming clubs at the schools which encourage the use of the English language: writing clubs, drama clubs, business clubs, an English or American film club, a debate club, a press or journalism club, an American or English literature club, a music or art club.
- Assisting with English language book donations to the school.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Within the frameworks of this program the volunteers work

with municipalities and non-governmental organizations throughout Macedonia. In this program the volunteer and their local counterparts conduct the following activities:

- Develop mission statements and strategic plans
- Introduce the effective use of information technology (IT)
- Promote team-building and a teamwork ethic
- Identify local /regional /national/ international collaborators and partners
- Assist staff in the establishment and maintenance of contacts and funding sources
- Provide community members and/or other local organizations with training in project design and management
- Conduct analysis of training needs and provide staff training and capacity-building
- Help staff identify potential economic activities to sustain the organization
- Assist staff in the creation and publication of promotional brochures & multimedia materials.



PRE SERVICE TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Before becoming Peace Corps Volunteers, an intensive 11-week Pre-service training (PST) program is conducted.

The Volunteers live with

home stay families, in smaller communities surrounding a larger town. During PST they focus on studying Macedonian and, some of them, Albanian language; cross-cultural adjustment and adaptation, technical skills development, and health and personal safety.

It is also a time for the Peace Corps staff members to get to know the Volunteers and be assured that their skills and attitudes are a good match for the program in Macedonia.

Dates and locations for regional informational meetings for 2012:

March 14 – Gevgelija; March 16– Makedonski Brod; March 21– Strumica and Radovish; March 23– Prilep; March 28 – Vinica; March 29– Saraj; March 30 – Debar; April 11– Berovo; April 12– Gostivar.

For more details, please visit: <http://macedonia.peacecorps.gov>