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GREEN FEST 3

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Organizing a Green Festival 3 in Targu Jiu, Romania

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About the Festival

The **Green Festival** aims to raise awareness about environmental issues, promote sustainable practices, and inspire positive actions within the local community of Targu Jiu, Romania, through workshops, movie projections, debates and nonformal activities with local community members. As a volunteer, you will play a crucial role in organizing and facilitating engaging activities, workshops, and events during this two-month volunteering stage.

About our organization

Association “Colour Your Dreams” is a non-governmental organisation founded in 2016 and based in Gorj County, Romania. The organisation was established with the mission of promoting inclusive, accessible and high-quality education, active citizenship, social participation and sustainable community development.

Initially focused on youth work and non-formal education, the association has recently expanded its statutory objectives to also include Adult Education, lifelong learning and professional development programmes for educators, youth workers and community stakeholders. This strategic development strengthens our capacity to design and implement projects across the Youth, School Education and Adult Education sectors.

Our main areas of activity include:

- Social inclusion and support for young people with fewer opportunities (including young people with disabilities and those from child protection backgrounds);
- Environmental education and green transition initiatives;
- Civic engagement and youth participation in decision-making processes;
- Training and capacity building for youth workers, teachers and community professionals;
- Community-based educational and sport initiatives.

Since its establishment, more than 15.000 young people from both urban and rural areas of Gorj County have participated in our events, workshops, training courses, sport initiatives and Erasmus+ projects. This outreach is documented through attendance lists, monitoring tools and activity reports, reflecting the organisation’s strong community presence and sustainable local impact.



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Association “Colour Your Dreams” is a member of the Gorj County Youth Foundation (FJT), affiliated with the National Youth Foundation of Romania. In partnership with FJT and other local NGOs, we contributed to the establishment of the START Federation and supported the implementation of the “Târgu Jiu – Youth Capital of Romania 2023” programme, in collaboration with the Municipality of Târgu Jiu.

Furthermore, the association is a member of the Gorj County Just Transition (Neutrality) Commission, actively contributing to local strategies that support the region’s transition from coal-based industries toward sustainable and green economic development. Through this involvement, we promote youth participation, environmental responsibility and community resilience within the Just Transition framework.

The organisation currently has:

- 3 founding members;
- 2 honorary members;
- 2 employees;
- Over 100 active volunteers;
- A network of collaborators and experts from various professional fields.

Many of our volunteers are actively involved in youth representation structures such as the County Student Council and the Romanian Youth Council, contributing to participatory governance and democratic engagement processes.

Through Erasmus+ projects and local initiatives, we have developed solid experience in project management, international partnerships, inclusion strategies, green practices and the development of digital learning tools. The organisation has built strong local and international partnerships and demonstrates the administrative and operational capacity necessary to successfully implement European cooperation projects.

We invite you to visit our Facebook and Instagram page - Association Colour Your Dreams

Location & Duration

Location: Targu Jiu is a beautiful city located in the Gorj County of Romania. Known for its rich history, vibrant culture and breathtaking landscapes, Targu Jiu offers a unique and inspiring setting for the festival.

Duration: Your volunteering stage will last for two months, providing you with ample time to actively contribute to the festival's planning, implementation and post-event evaluation.

Your Role and Responsibilities

As a volunteer, you will be an integral part of the festival's organizing team. Your responsibilities will include:



- Collaborating with local stakeholders to design and plan festival activities focused on climate change awareness, sustainable practices, and environmental education.
- Assisting in logistics, venue arrangements, and event coordination for workshops, presentations, and interactive sessions.
- Engaging with the local community to promote the festival and encourage participation from various age groups.
- Supporting marketing and social media efforts to raise awareness about the festival and its objectives.
- Assisting in the evaluation of the festival's impact and contributing to the creation of post-event reports.

Accommodation & Language

Your accommodation: You will share an apartment or a house (depending on the rent available facilities) with other volunteers, in Targu Jiu. However, in each scenario, you might need to share your room with another volunteer – same gender.

Language Requirements: Minimum English language at conversational level would be great.

Your Profile

The volunteers that will say yes to the content and service conditions will be invited to participate in a Zoom interview with the project team to better know each other and test through concrete examples the following selection criteria that they will also get to know before the Zoom meeting:

- Interest about climate change, youth involvement in climate change, solution-oriented;
- Curiosity about learning, about personal and professional development;
- Positive attitude towards learning;
- Open, teamwork, emotionally available, good communication skills;
- Open to sharing with others;
- Responsible – able to follow through an established program;
- Empathetic – able to understand and relate to community issues, understanding of social challenges.

We will look for concrete, specific details that support the criteria – examples, personal stories, etc. Open dialogue will be facilitated and also we will explore fears and expectations in relation to the tasks that the volunteers will need to deploy. All questions will be answered in order to make sure that the selected volunteers have a clear understanding on what opportunities and challenges await their personal and professional development during the service.



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Cultural Exchange & Safety

Cultural Exchange: Apart from your volunteering duties, you will have the chance to immerse yourself in Romanian culture through various cultural exchange activities, including language classes, traditional music, dance, and visits to local landmarks.

Safety and Support: Your safety and well-being are our top priorities. We will provide you with pre-arrival information, safety guidelines, and local emergency contacts to ensure a secure and pleasant experience.

What to Bring

- Comfortable clothing suitable for both indoor and outdoor activities.
- Rainproof gear and appropriate footwear for potential weather changes.
- Your enthusiasm, creativity and dedication to making a positive impact.

We are excited to have you join us in making a difference in Targu Jiu! Together, let's create an unforgettable Green Festival that leaves a lasting impact on our community.

Start date: AUGUST 18th, 2026 | **End date:** OCTOBER 15th, 2026

If you are interested, please contact adelavladoiu@yahoo.com and let's explore together how you can join our project!

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