

# EUROPOS SOLIDARUMO KORPUSO PROGRAMOS PROJEKTAS „VOLUNTEERING FOR SOLIDARITY EDUCATION“

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Per trejus projekto vykdymo metus tarptautinę savanorystę gimnazijos koordinuojamose priimančiose organizacijose Lietuvoje atliko 50 tarptautinių savanorių bei 6 lietuviai išvyko atlikti tarnybą į Sakartvelą. Projekto metu suburtas 13 priimančių organizacijų tinklas Šiauliuose, Panevėžyje, Joniškėje ir Tauragėje, bendradarbiauta su 10 savanorių siunčiančių organizacijų iš Austrijos, Armėnijos, Azerbaidžano, Sakartvelo ir Turkijos.



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## ŠIAULIŲ DIDŽDVARIO GIMNAZIJA, RADIJO KLUBAS

### ANA NEMSADZE, SAVANORĖ IŠ SAKARTVELO

I would like to address our future generation, that volunteering for ESC program is a huge chance which you cannot miss. With all provided resources, from the support of coordinator, tutor and mentor, to covering all basic needs you will have a chance to explore and develop creative side in you. Valuable part of this program is the intercultural exchange. It is always interesting for hosts to hear about your country from your perspective and for you to learn about local people's culture, language, traditions, and travel around Europe. You will also develop personal, social and many other important competences throughout the project time.

I am a volunteer of the European Solidarity Corps program in Lithuania for ten months already. It's not just a few days, but enough time to change, develop and achieve your goals. Before leaving my beloved Georgia, I made a small plan for myself:

- lead a full, rich year of volunteering,
- complete first year of master's program.

I can say with full pride that I have reached both even more than it was expected. Living in Europe have made noticeable changes to my behavior. I have improved skills on the topic of tolerance, this experience has shown me that with good strategy and planning it's possible to solve a problem with the outcome of zero conflict. As I look back to myself the change for the better is clearly visible now. I would love to share some examples:

Now I prefer shopping for clothes at charity shops, it helped me to save money, also I am helping the planet to save her resources.

I started recycling, it's a pity that I have never done it before, but for sure this good habit will stay with me.

When I go grocery shopping, I have switched to using reusable bags. I am trying to reduce using plastic on a daily basis.



I have discovered the connection with my own body - we just need to listen carefully. It gets better with the help of a healthy lifestyle, for example: yoga, working out, regular sleeping schedule, eating healthy, having positive attitude.

It will not be fair to finish this article without sharing my experience about the project where I am volunteering, - Radio Club of Didždvario gimnazija. Extracurricular education has become as much important for students as formal. All articles, videos, radio shows personal projects and activities prepared by volunteers are part of an exchange of thoughts, cultures, and ideas, which benefit both sides. I am very thankful for the experience whatever I have gathered, and I am confident that I will use it in my future career. Because of those shared skills and experiences my youth pass is full of competences.

My quotes:

„Be a Volunteer and make change “

„I would recommend volunteering on any level of life, it's full of adventure, experience and fun. Doing voluntary job will have positive effect on others and on your well-being as well.“ ●

## FURUZA HASANLI, SAVANORÉ IŠ AZERBAIDŽANO

My name is Furuza and I am from Azerbaijan. I work for Radijo Klubas at Didždvario gimnazija since September and during the project I got a lot of experiences related to radio club, social life, discovering myself and much more. Before coming here, I didn't have any experience on recording or editing a radio broadcast. With all of the experience, I feel more confident and balanced. Since autumn we have been joining Lithuanian language courses and I can say that now I can understand a basic conversation. Moreover, I would like to say that I gained great opportunities about my personal growth and new essential habits as a volunteer. And another beneficial part of project was to be involved in some friendly relationships with foreign and local people.

In the project, I improved my language, social, technological, and mathematical skills because of communicating daily in English language, interacting with new people from different countries, working every day on computer



and controlling my monthly budget. As a part of the job, I have learned how to use computer programs, application, and websites for working more productive. ●

## ÖMER MAHMUT YAKABAĞI, SAVANORIS IŠ TURKIJOS

Labas! This is Ömer from Antalya, Turkey. Let's see what it's like to be a volunteer in Lithuania!

I am working in a radio department at Siauliai Didždvario gimnazija. I have been involved in informal education activities of the school from the beginning. I have been doing interviews with different volunteers from various countries. My responsibilities included the preparation of podcasts for the radio on the topics that students are interested in, such as volunteering, universities, work, youth policy, ecology. Besides of preparing radio shows, my task was to make presentations and videos for classes on various topics including ESC, learning to learn, active life, multiple intelligences.

During the Project, I have highly improved my "Multilingual, Learning, Sociocultural, Entrepreneurship, Digital & Technology" competence. Practicing English, Lithuanian, Azerbaijani, and Russian every day is an amazing experience, which contributes to the sociocultural awareness as well as understanding the country deeply as for "Citizenship". Additionally, thanks to this sociocultural awareness, collaboration, and creative organizations, I have seen my entrepreneur side emerge. Furthermore, volunteering for the radio in a technological environment has affected my digital skills dramatically in a good way.

Regarding breaking stereotypes, it has been quite interesting to comprehend that Baltic people have a different understanding of 'personal space'. Now I see that they are not unhappy or so cold-blooded people at all. It is totally about their perspective on life through 'personal space'. While Turkish people are sociable and easy going, Lithuanian people do not get social before understand-



ding, knowing the newcomer. Therefore, it would be meaningless to judge these behaviors without experiencing or knowing the Baltic cultures. It just stems from human beings' safety mechanism which makes that understandable. I have met many friendly local people here in Siauliai!

In terms of big challenges during the project, now I see that climate is of a significant role in my life. After arriving in Lithuania on 4th September, I have felt the cold weather since the end of May. It may be quite surprising, but it was still snowing on 12 May! Moreover, living in Antalya is like its opposite due to the climate, population, and activities. That is why it has been a big challenge for me to adapt to the cold weather for consecutive 7 months. However, I must mention that I have also experienced the joy of winter here in Lithuania! I suggest everyone to taste volunteering abroad! ●

## ŠIAULIŲ JAUNŲJŲ TECHNIKŲ CENTRAS

### GÖKHAN GÜL, SAVANORIS IŠ TURKIJOS

Labą dieną, mano vardas Gökhan, esu savanoris Jaunųjų Technikų Centre. Mūsų centre turime įvairių rūšių pamokas ir veiklas, tokias kaip: robotikos programavimas, kompiuteriniai kursai, moksliniai ir cheminiai eksperimentai, inžineriniai projektai, 'Steam' pamokos ir veiklos, modelio lėktuvų statybos dirbtuvės, fotografavimo dirbtuvės, rankdarbių ir medžio dirbtuvių, Lego švietimo veiklų, mikroskopų, Virtual Reality veiklų ir daug daugiau. Mano užduotys apima padėti mokytojams ir mokykloms per pamokas ir veiklas, paruošiant medžiagą ir klases prieš pamokas, padėti savo mentorui ir mokytojai rasti naujų veiklų idėjų, daryti nuotraukas per klases mūsų socialiniams tinkiniams.

Per savo mobilumą išmokėjau ir gerinau daugybę įgūdžių. Gerinau savo techninius žinynus, nes kasdien turėjau galimybę išbandyti naują įrangą ir įrankius. Gerinau savo kalbos įgūdžius su savo mokykloms, draugais, ir mokytojais. Be to gerinau savo anglų kalbą, išmokėjau naujų žodžių kitose kalbose dėka mano tarptautinių draugų ir aplinkos. Per savo projektą dariau skirtingų rūšių savarankiškus projektus, prezentacijas, interviu, straipsnius, ir tyrimus. Visa tai padėjo man gerinti savo savitikiumą.

Didžiausias iššūkis buvo kalbos barjeras per savo projektą man. Būdinga padėti jiems, kai nėra bendros kalbos tarp mokykloms ir man. Tačiau laikui bėgant išmokėjau keletą pagrindinių frazų ir žodžių, kuriuos bent jau galėjau išreikšti savo jausmus ir bendrauti su vaikais, tapo labai lengva ir smagu. Po kelių mėnesių supratau, kad galėsiu bendrauti su mokykloms per klases ir padėti jiems lengviau ir daugiau pasitikėjimu.



dėka per klases ir padėti jiems lengviau ir daugiau pasitikėjimu. Dėka koronaviruso apribojimų buvo neįmanoma keliauti į kitas šalis, todėl šioje situacijoje daugiau dėmesio skyrėu Lietuvai ir keliaujau į nemažą skaičių vietų Lietuvoje ir turėjau galimybę giliau pažinti šalies kultūrą, istoriją, gyvenimo būdą, tradicijas.

Prieš atvykdamas, maniau, kad lietuviai yra senyviški žmonės dėl šalies vietos ir klimato, tačiau greitai supratau, kad tai keičiasi, kai pradėjau susitikti su vietiniais žmonėmis ir praleisti laiką su jais. Noriu paminėti, kad gyvenau čia, mūsų mažoje šaunioje, beveik metus ir praleidau gerus ir smagus laikus, susitikau su geriausiais ir ypatingais žmonėmis, išmokėjau ir gerinau save daug, patyriau apie Lietuvos kultūrą, gamtą ir klimatą. Esu laimingas, kad galėsiu baigti savo projektą kaip gerinantis, pakeičiantis ir patenkintas žmogus. Ačiū labai, Lietuva. ●

## PANEVĖŽIO LOPŠELIS-DARŽELIS „VAIVORYKŠTĖ“

### SALOME KVITSIANI, SAVANORĖ IŠ SAKARTVELO

Labas, mano vardas Salome, esu iš Gruzijos ir esu savanoris Lietuvoje.

Turėjau daug iššūkių per šį projektą. Išėjau iš savo komforto zonos, dėl kalbos barjero ir gyvenimo toli nuo šeimos ir draugų. Tačiau visada norėjau išbandyti naują iššūkį, sužinoti naują kultūrą, naujus draugus, ir dabar manau, kad tai buvo geriausias sprendimas mano gyvenime. Gerinau kalbos įgūdžius, išmokėjau, kaip išgyventi, ir kaip gyventi be draugų ir šeimos, taip pat atradau skirtingus įgūdžius save. Tikiuosi, kad augau kaip asmuo.

Lietuviai yra labai geri ir pagarbiai, jie visada pasiruošę mums padėti, jei mums reikia pagalbos. Ir mano vaikai! Jie yra nuostabi, esu labai laimingas, kad turėjau galimybę būti su jais.



Galiausiai, turėjau labai gerias patirtis iš šio projekto ir esu dėkingas, kad galėjau būti dalyviu. ●

## MAHMUT ELÇİN, SAVANORIS IŠ TURKIJOS

Sveiki! I'm Mahmut from Turkey. I was born in İstanbul, I am 22 years old communication design student at Yıldız Technical University Art and Design faculty.

Why I decide to start volunteering? I decide to come and through this project create new memories, met new people, understand European culture, gain new perspectives, and develop relations.

How it was? It was not easy, but it was most grateful experience for me in my life. Working with kids and amazing teachers motivated me every day.

Living away from my family and without my national food was a big challenge for me. Also, I think Lithuanian winter made me stronger. Before coming, the lowest temperature I saw was -4. Another great challenge for me was money management experience (I failed at it but at least I tried).

What have I gained? I gained perfect life experiences. I improved my English and learned a bit Lithuanian language – after project I want to keep on learning this language- The most important thing I gained is “my kids” and



their pure hearts. I'm saying “my kids” because all kids in my group became to me like my own kids. After all my experience I want to change my way and maybe I'll become kindergarten teacher. Who knows?

I'm thankful to Lithuania and to the kind people of Lithuania. I hope after years we can see each other again “žemėje Lietuvos”. ●

## TAURAGĖS LOPŠELIS-DARŽELIS „AŽUOLIUKAS“

### MARIAM MAGALDADZE, SAVANORĖ IŠ SAKARTVELO

I am Mariam Magaldadze. As a volunteer I am working in Ažuoliukas kindergarten, Lithuania, Tauragė.

I am involved in organizing and implementing various activities during the day. I already know the needs, abilities, and interests of children, that's why I am trying to make interesting experiments that will help children to develop cognitive skills. For the interest of children, I create decorations and handcrafts. Based on the weekly plan, I choose animated films to better understand the issue. I think their learning process is becoming more interesting and exciting.

I am also happy that I was able to implement my first personal project as a volunteer. Me and two volunteers from Turkey who volunteered in the kindergartens of Panevėžys and Šiauliai did a personal project, the activities lasted for two days. On the first day we organized a sports competition in the yard, where children participated in sports activities. The next day, we used a zoom meeting where the children did sports activities with balloons in hand, watched Turkish and Georgian dances, listened to music, and tried to repeat the dance movements.

At first it was difficult to get used to the foreign environment, climate, and social rules, but I love new challenges, so everything seemed interesting to me. I am a sociologist-researcher and I have always dreamed of living abroad, explore the new culture, social values, and achieve-



vements in the field of social welfare and now, I can say that this project gives me these opportunities.

I have already had friends from local and other countries, and I realize because of relationships with new people I became more tolerant of different cultures and rules. Traveling with new people and getting information about the new countries is the best way to develop yourself and discover new interests.

Depending on my personal or professional skills I always try to support children and youth in growing into tolerant and global citizens. I am trying to be as involved in everything as much I can, have fun with the process, discover and develop new skills. ●

## NATIG FATULLAYEV, SAVANORIS IŠ AZERBAIDŽANO

When I first decided to join this project, also I was aware of project, but I did not know what was waiting for me here. While being a part of the project I had a lot of great experiences and opportunities. During my participation in the project, I gained a lot of knowledge and good habits. I can exemplify the development of Lithuanian and English language skills. At the same time, I learned a few habits related not only to the development of my language skills but also to spending interesting time with the people around me.

I believe that this project has a positive effect on my life, for me to meeting new people, being on a new place where I have never been before. My participation in the project has also made several positive changes in my personal life, so the kindergarten I worked on during the project will help me to deal with children in a more experienced way in my future life. I learned the right behavioral skills for children here. Spending time with kids



helped me to be more kind to other people. In conclusion, I would like to say that these experiences that I gained during the project will be very helpful in my future endeavors. ●

## JONIŠKIO ALGIMANTO RAUDONIKIO MENO MOKYKLOS ATVIRAS JAUNIMO CENTRAS

### GIORGI KAKHNIASHVILI, SAVANORIS IŠ SAKARTVELO

Labas! Hello, my name is Giorgi Kakhniashvili, I am 28 years old. Originally, I'm from Tbilisi, Georgia. Since October 2020 I'm volunteering for European Solidarity Corps project in Joniskis youth center. While being here, I fell in love with the local people and the community.

My daily task is helping workers to manage everyday work which includes doing energizer games with kids and adults, plan new activities, cook sweets for youngsters. I enjoyed this process a lot. I started to appreciate such things and learned to see their importance. In Georgia I used to be a trainer and mentor, this project helped me even in this way to improve my mentoring and organizing skills. I'm really into engineering things and sometimes I have the possibility to set up new inventory which comes in the office or fix damaged old inventory. Our everyday communication is in English and in this period my English became a lot better, I started to communicate more confidently and fluently.

Another way in which this project influenced me is that before I have never lived alone abroad for such a long time. Back in Georgia I lived with my family and because of that at first it was challenging for me, but later I learned how to live independently and not only take care of myself but others as well.

There is a stereotype that northern people are cold, but my new friends completely destroyed this perception. I haven't seen anything but love, warmth and friendliness here. I will have only warm memories about my time here and I will remember it for the rest of my life. My



project was prolonged and I am really happy that it happened. Because I got to stay in this amazing place with great people for one more month. I am very happy and grateful that the European Solidarity Corps gave me this possibility to participate in this amazing project. Thank you! ●

### BAKHTIYAR ASHUROV, SAVANORIS IŠ AZERBAIDŽANO

Hello, I am Bakhtiyar Ashurov. I'm 23 years old. I came to Lithuania in October. Me and my workmate Giorgi made quizzes, video presentations and online games for youngsters of Youth center. Together with local volunteers we made so many interesting projects together. I'm very happy I chose this project. I gained lots of experience in teamwork, I become more punctual, I learned how to manage activities with young people. ●

## ŠIAULIŲ „DERMĖS“ MOKYKLA

LEYLA DADASHOVA, SAVANORĖ IŠ AZERBAIDŽANO

My name is Leyla and I am from Azerbaijan. I work at Dermės school since September with children who need special care. During my volunteering I gained lots of experiences related to children, discovering myself etc. I organized different activities for children with my tutor and while organizing these activities I learned how to be more patient, how to approach to children and how to communicate with them. Furthermore, working with children is the best way to learn local language and thank to children, now I know basic words in Lithuanian. Moreover, I improved my Russian and English while talking to teachers and local people.

There are a lot of clubs at school, and I joined some of them. The floristic club was my favorite one. Thank to this club, I have learned about my passion to craft things and when I go back to my country, I will take many hand-made things with me as a memory from this school. The ethnic culture club was my second favorite club. I got all information about Lithuania from this club like how to



play traditional games, how they make traditional clothes, how Lithuanian people celebrate their holidays etc.

In addition to, In the project, I learned how to be tolerant to other people, how to be confident, how stay alone and how to control my monthly budget. ●

## ŠIAULIŲ LOPŠELIS DARŽELIS „DAINELĖ“

BURCU UÇARCAN, SAVANORĖ IŠ TURKIJOS

Before this project, I had expectations like learning language skills, how to communicate with kid. Just like everybody had. But then I realized that volunteering at a kindergarten is the cutest way of learning J I learnt a lot from my kids. They learnt about my culture while they are teaching their culture. They're the most important part of humanity. Because when you raise a kid, you raise the society. I'm grateful that they all will have good memories and I hope they will always remember me.

At the beginning of project, I didn't know Lithuanian and my kids didn't know English. Having to communicate was quite hard for all of us. But as everybody know, when kids want to say something, they also try to show what they want to say. Every day when you hear same words with the same reflections, you start understanding what they want from you.

Second hardest thing was that the kids are unpredictable J

What have I gained from this project? Beside challenges, we spent wonderful time with all the students. I always loved kids. But this project gave me how to see the main point behind kids' behavior. Why they are angry or sad, what makes them happy. Now, when I look at them, I can also see their parents just like they're standing behind their kids. Imagining their parents when I see kids - This is the most important thing that this project gave me.

And the big family. Every morning, when I go to kindergarten, I never felt like I'm going to work. I always felt like



home. I am so lucky that I worked with the most kind, talented, cutest team in the world J

Another thing I experienced that we don't need to speak in same language. When you do your work with love and all your attention, we don't need words. ●

## KAAN BASARAN, SAVANORIS IŠ TURKIJOS

Hello everyone, my name is Kaan and I am from Izmir, Turkey. I am a European Solidarity Corps volunteer at Dainelė kindergarten.

My daily activities are to help teacher in organizing and preparing materials for indoor and outdoor activities, and to do activities with kids.

Besides my routine work, I made videos of activities for groups and kindergarten. Videos were shared on the kindergarten's facebook page and official website.

Everything what is done without expecting a response is more beautiful and special. Children love without expecting a response, and I came here, and I love children without expecting a response. That is why, I have a particularly good harmony with the children. I have been getting a lot of questions from the kids every day, and I have also attracted interest of the kids in the other group. These make me incredibly happy and proud. Children should do what like, so they should learn with fun. That is why I decided to be their best friend, and at first, we have fun, then we learn together.



We spend quality time every day and I contribute more to the personal development of children. It should not be forgotten that the hero of the children after their parents is their teacher. Because teachers are one of the most important people in children development. ●

## ŠIAULIŲ RAJONO DUBYSOS AUKŠTUPIO MOKYKLA (BUBIAI)

### MARIAM HOVHANNISYAN, SAVANORĖ IŠ ARMĖNIJOS

I am Mariam Hovhannisyan from Armenia. I am 24 years old. I have a bachelor's degree in special psychology and right now I am studying for a master's degree in Political and social psychology in National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia.

I am volunteering in kindergarten in Bubiai, and this kind of work gives me a lot of experience in working with kids, understanding them, trying to make their day more active and interesting. Every day I am learning new things from children and about them. I was working in kindergarten in Armenia too, but working here gave me the chance of improving my skills, for example every day I am learning how to make crafts from different things (color papers, plasticine), I am exploring new things about the world (the most interesting animals, plants, and stuff in the world). Also, I want to mention about my photography skills, in the past I refused to take photos of people, but now I am doing it almost every day, and I discovered that taking people's photos can be fun too.

Before coming here, I thought that people in Europe are cold and very calm, especially in Lithuania. But when I came here, I could feel the warmth of Lithuanians. I could see that there is not much difference between Armenia and Lithuania, so it was easy for me to adapt here. The only thing that I still cannot accept for myself, is the weather. It is colder here than in Armenia, and I still cannot feel summer here. So, as you can see the biggest challenge for me is getting used to the weather here. ●



## ŠIAULIŲ RAJONO KUŽIŲ GIMNAZIJA

### VILAYAT AMIRLI, SAVANORIS IŠ AZERBAIDŽANO

Hello. My Name is Vilayat. I am from Azerbaijan. I am European Solidarity Corps volunteer. I live in Lithuania, city of Siauliai. I work as a volunteer at Kužiai kindergarten. My task in this project is to help teachers to prepare activities for the children. I work with 4 different age groups, and I have fun with each group. Throughout the day, we do activities with children about the subjects determined by the teachers, and we do educational studies. Also working with children helps me learn Lithuanian. We are learning together with kids. Helping children eat and playing different games with them makes me happy. Also, I like my coworkers. They are very friendly, and they are always helping me. This project is excellent experience for me. I am happy to have applied for it. ●



## ŠIAULIŲ RAJONO DUBYSOS AUKŠTUPIO MOKYKLA (KURTUVĖNAI)

### ARMENUHI ARABYAN, SAVANORĖ IŠ ARMĖNIJOS

Hello, my dear Lithuanian community, my name is Armine and I am here today to tell you a bit about myself. I am from Armenia, from the capital city of Yerevan. For nine months I lived in Lithuania, in Siauliai and I did my European Solidarity Corps in the beautiful town of Kurtuvėnai. I did my Master's in the field of International Communication and Tourism, worked as a tour guide in Armenia, also worked at Yerevan Perspectives International Music Festival. So, you can imagine what could COVID do with these two fields - no tourism and no concerts at all.

So, I went unemployed and couldn't do the things that I love the most like traveling, guiding, etc. So "what to do next" is question that came to me. The Universe answered me fast and European Solidarity Corps saved me. I found the project, I applied for it and spent nine interesting months far different from my life I used to live.

To tell you the truth I had never experienced working with kids, and it was confusing for me at the beginning, what should I do and how, but I opened the kids' world to me and it seems quite interesting. First, their hugs and unconditional love are priceless and motivating. Step by step new initiative and ideas came; apart from the fact that I was assisting the main tutors, I, also had English lessons with the kids, Cultural traveling (we were traveling virtually together to see what is there in the world),



and we also did indoor and outdoor activities together.

What can Solidarity Corps give to you, well a lot of things when you can notice it, first of all, it gives you an opportunity to live and to create in the other culture, to be part of the other community far from yours, share emotions, love and to be loved and finally to discover that beside all the cultural differences humans are the same and it doesn't matter in which culture you belong to. ●



## ŠIAULIŲ RAJONO DUBYSOS AUKŠTUPIO MOKYKLA (AUKŠTELKĖ)

*ALLA SARGSYAN, SAVANORĖ IŠ ARMĖNIJOS*

Sveiki! My name is Alla I am from Armenia and I am 29 years old. I had the opportunity to be volunteer in Lithuania, meet interesting people, discover Lithuania and its culture, and to gain meaningful experience for my future career. I love travelling, but I always knew that going just for a few days somewhere does not necessarily teach you about the culture. I really enjoyed my nine-month project mostly because of people here who are kind and peaceful. According to my project I was volunteering in kindergarten in the group of preschoolers. With children we were painting, doing hand-crafting works, and having fun activities which was for improving their skills and knowledge. I was aimed at filling their day with art improving their imaginal skills.

Here I learnt a lot about educational system, gained pedagogical experiences and of course the most challenging experience working with kids especially when you do not speak their language. I tried my best to work productive for kids which gave me a lot.

During my project I improved my organizational skills, became more goal-oriented, punctual, collaborative and I found out my creative and imaginative sides.

As it was my first experience of volunteering Abroad everything was new for me. Far from my homeland, family, friends I could enjoy my new life for what I should had been more flexible, open-minded, and ready for new challenges. Although as a tour guide, I had experience of



working with people from different countries with different mentality and culture, sharing your everyday life was totally new challenge for me. I learned to share my household with new people, so I became more patient, kind, practical and flexible.

Despite all this the most challenging was the weather. First, the climate was different comparing to my country, so cold and hot was totally different in Lithuania. Specially that year the winter was longer than usual, and it was demotivating and so I realized that only You can change your mood, way of thinking and motivate yourself best.

## VĮ „AUKŠTELKĖS NEFORMALIOJO UGDYMO AKADEMIJA“

*ROVSHAN HUSEYNOV, SAVANORIS IŠ AZERBAIDŽANO*

My name is Rovshan Huseynov and I am from Azerbaijan. I have been working at Aukštelkė Youth center since October. Throughout my project I gained a lot of experience concerning with teaching English. I revealed my pros and cons, disclosed my strength and weaknesses. Prior coming to Lithuania I did not have any experience working with children and I did not know many activities for children to apply in the classroom. But over the months I learned numerous activities and classroom management and therefore I feel assured and self-confident now when I start to do activities at the center. During my volunteering time I learned to speak Lithuanian a little and I do my best to communicate to local people in Lithuanian language. I met numerous foreign and local people and made new friends.

In the project I amplified my Language, social, technological, Mathematical skills. Because of communicating daily in Lithuanian, interacting with new people from various



countries, working on a computer every day and control my monthly budget . As a part of my job, I learned a lot of new activities for children for English language lessons and improved my teaching English ability to young learners. ●