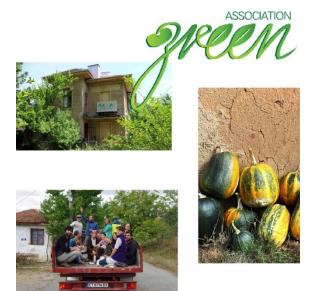




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# Green Association, Bulgaria

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#### About us

What connects us is the love of nature in all its aspects. Our main goal is to promote non-standard solutions for environmental protection.

Green Summit is a flag project of Green Association which focus on the big ideas for the small settlements. We support the organization of series of events, promoting living in small communities with environmental care.

Hosts of these events are the local people or communities, who have the opportunity to share their lifestyle with all its benefits and misfortunes. Thus, promoting social commitment at the local level, helping to protect the environment and climate. They are entrepreneurs in severe social conditions, showing that everything is possible, if you have strong motivation.

The main obstacle that people face, being in a small community is the lack of social life and this provokes our initiative. Green Summit is an event based platform which raise awareness of the environmental ideas of these communities and promotes their unique sustainable lifestyle.

Events consist of social, educational, artistic, sport, cultural and other activities that engage young people to spend their time in a beneficial way outside the rush of the big city and closer to the nature.

We believe that the participants in Green Summit may self-organize through the platform and mutually benefit, sharing knowledge and resources for better life.

Here is a <u>link</u> to Green Summit presentation

In Green Association we already have an experience in the field of youth initiatives and projects. The association successfully implements Erasmus + projects where it is mostly a coordinating and receiving organization for EVS/ESC volunteers. The pilot service of the volunteers was very successful and fully in line with the project schedule. The project was also presented as good practice under KA1 by the Bulgarian National Agency within the framework of the Erasmus + Information Day in September 2015. It is on the basis of this successful project that we have developed the follow-up volunteer projects. The major difference in them is the opening of project activities to our partners with traditions in permaculture farms. In 2018 we were awarded by the National Agency for overall implementation of a volunteering project, regarding Green Summit. Thanks to this experience and confidence, we have dared to open the Green Volunteer Service to other stakeholders in order to develop our achievements.

Besides the EVS projects (5 long term and 4 short term) where we planned activities for at least 4 participants on a daily basis, for nearly 7 years of existence, we have made dozens of events focusing on sustainable development and have been involved in numerous initiatives by partner organizations and volunteers. Green association organized workshops for young people related to applied art and work camps with practical direction. Currently, we are a partner of several projects in the field of volunteering and youth exchanges. Meanwhile, the main activity of the association since its establishment is the reconstruction and restoration of the social centre and the workshop of the organization, where we most often implement our initiatives and execute non formal trainings on the spot using different tools and methodologies.

### What we expect from trainee

We offer and expect flexibility! Since we visit different hosts we cover diverse topics in sustainability, rural development, permaculture, event management, project development, youth activities, multimedia, etc. Willingness to stand basic living conditions (no hot water, no shops or services nearby, etc.), to travel by bus or car and to sleep in a tent for long periods (sometimes more than 2 weeks) is a necessity! It's not easy being green...

### Preferred languages

EN, ES