



ESC individual volunteering project

BEYOND THE FEED

between January/February
and July/August
2027

Hosted by Youth centre Idrija
Idrija, Slovenia



ABOUT THE PROJECT

Beyond the Feed

is a long-term ESC volunteering project hosted by MC Idrija, where two international volunteers will become part of a dynamic youth organisation and **contribute to its everyday youth work.**

MC Idrija is a youth centre working locally and internationally through projects, school collaborations, youth exchanges, mobile youth work, workshops, events, and daily support for young people.





ABOUT THE PROJECT

As a volunteer, you will be fully included in this environment and encouraged to explore different areas of youth work based on **your interests, skills, and ideas.**

The project offers a flexible and supportive space to learn, try new things, and co-create activities with our team.

You may also help share MC Idrija's activities with the wider community through **creative social media storytelling** (such as videos, photos, reels, or posts), giving visibility to the work we do with young people. This is one of several ways you can contribute, alongside many other opportunities within youth work.



MAIN TOPICS

Youth Work & Community

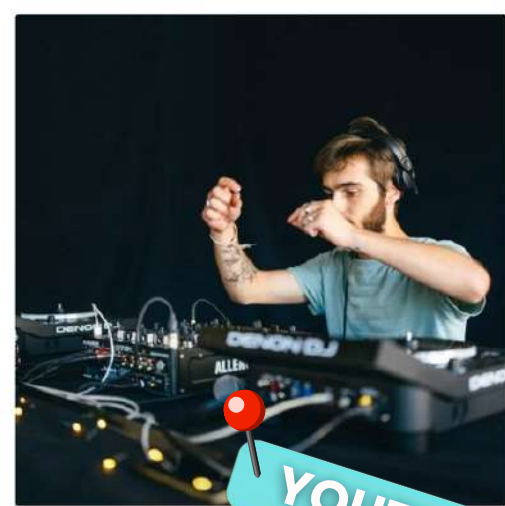
- Youth work and non-formal learning
- Workshops, events & community activities
- Working with young people and local initiatives
- Promoting international opportunities for young people
- Raising awareness about the importance of the European Union, solidarity, and active participation
- International exchange and intercultural experiences

Creativity & Digital Storytelling

- Creating social media content (videos, photos, reels, posts...)
- Sharing stories and experiences from youth work
- Exploring creative ideas and digital communication
- Making youth work more visible, fun and engaging

Personal Growth & Team Experience

- Teamwork, communication, and collaboration
- Learning by doing in a supportive environment
- Exploring your interests, skills, and passions
- Gaining new experiences, confidence and connections



YOUTH CENTRE IDRIJA



We are offering you a unique opportunity to explore yourself and develop your skills during your time here.

You might even discover a passion project that allows you to leave a part of yourself at MCI.



ARE THESE PICTURES ALREADY SPARKING SOME INSPIRATION?

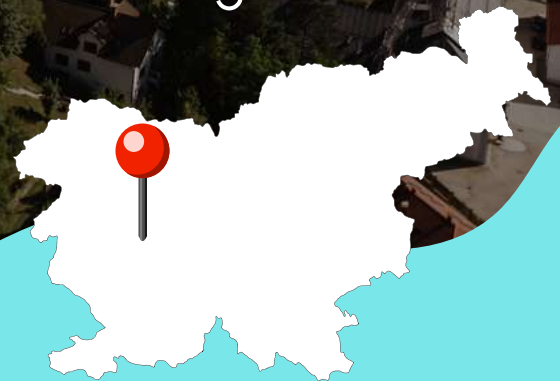




LOCATION:

IDRIJA

Idrija is a town of some 6.000 inhabitants, and is located in Western Slovenia, halfway between Slovenian capital, Ljubljana, and the Italian border. It is a seat of municipality and functions as a centre of a broader Idrija-Cerkno region.



Idrija is a town of rich cultural and natural heritage. It boasts the title of **“the oldest Slovenian mining town”** as the first miners began to search for mercury here already in 1490. Later, 2nd largest mercury mine developed and Idrija became one of the most important mining centres in Central Europe.

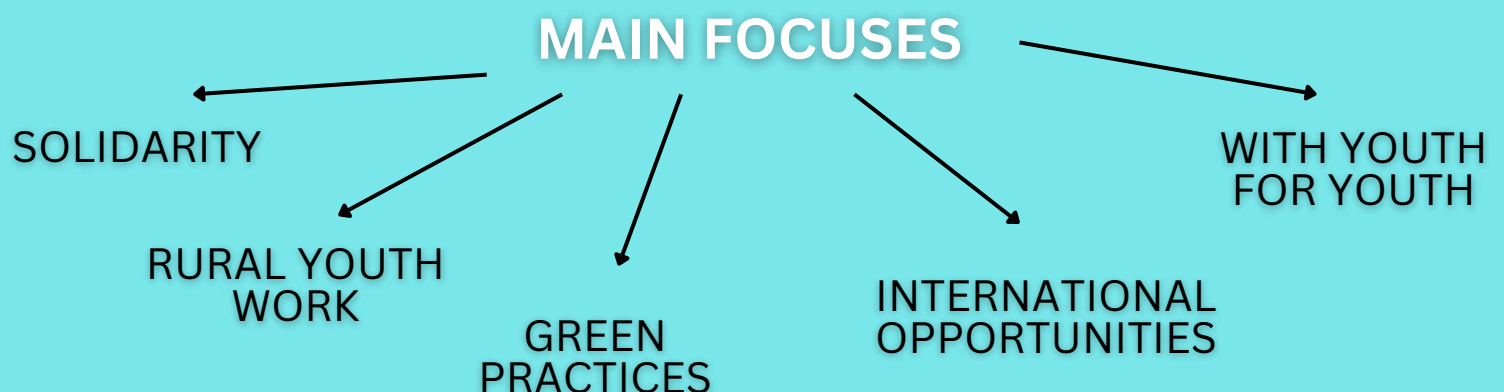
The broader town area is since 2012 inscribed to **UNESCO World Heritage List** with its heritage of mercury.



BRIEFLY ABOUT YOUTH CENTRE IDRIJA

(Mladinski center Idrija)

- Community space and youth node.
- Meeting place for young people (but the whole community of Idrija is coming here).
- It was formed as an umbrella organisation by 3 local NGOs (Scouts' Association Rod srebrnih krtov Idrija, Idrija 2020 Association and Students' Association Idrija).
- Youth volunteers renovated the spaces and furnished it with second-hand and DIY furniture, donated by inhabitants and businesses of Idrija.
- in 2018 we also established Youth Hostel within our Center



WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

CREATIVE PEOPLE

We are looking for **creative, proactive, innovative, open-minded, motivated and responsible candidates who like to work in teams, but are also independent at work.**

ENGLISH

A good understanding of English

18 - 30 YEARS OLD

The volunteers must be **between 18 and 30 years** old. We gladly welcome people with all social, geographical, economic, cultural, educational, and other backgrounds.

WHEN ARE YOU STARTING?

Project duration:
around **185 days** (+ 2 travel days)

The project will take place
**between January/February
and July/August 2027**

The exact dates are **flexible
and will be defined
in a later stage.*

YOU MIGHT ENJOY THIS PROJECT IF YOU:

- are interested in youth work and working with young people
- enjoy teamwork and sharing ideas
- are creative and willing to try new things
- are interested in social media, storytelling, or creating photo/video content
- would like to contribute your own ideas, interests, and skills to the community



TRAVEL

Slovenia is easily accessible – the most popular way of reaching our country is **by plane** to Ljubljana (LJU), Graz (GRZ), Zagreb (ZAG), Trieste (TRS) or Treviso (TSF).

Shuttle buses are available from the airports in neighboring countries to Ljubljana, where the main bus station offers hourly **bus connections to Idrija**. Another popular transport option is **Flixbus**, GoOpti, (a shuttle company), or **train** from all major European cities to Ljubljana.



TRAVEL GREEN!

- see more
- get extra travel days

POCKET MONEY

Pocket money: 5€/day

Money for groceries: 240€/month

You will receive it gradually, month by month.

APPROX AMOUNT PER MONTH: **390€**

INSURANCE

European Health Insurance Card (**EHIC**) is mandatory.

The volunteers will also be insured through **Henner insurance scheme**.

TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENTS*

reimbursement rates for travel expenses (in EUR per participant)		
travel distance	the amount (standard)	the amount (green travel)
from 0 to 99 km	28	56
from 100 to 499 km	211	285
from 500 to 1999 km	309	417
from 2000 to 2999 km	395	535
from 3000 to 3999 km	580	785
from 4000 to 7999 km	1188	1188
from 8000 km or more	1735	1735

*FOR BOTH WAYS

Make sure you **keep all travel documents!**

Online boarding passes and tickets can be forwarded by e-mail as well.

The accommodation will be provided at Hostel Idrija, a youth hostel managed by Idrija Youth Centre. Hostel is located a 5 min walk from the historical town centre and features an amazing view with spacious summer terrace.

Each volunteer will have their own room
and share the kitchen and bathroom.



Hostel Idrija, Ulica IX. korpusa 17, 5280 Idrija
E: hostel@mcidrija.si T: +386 40 808 022
<https://booki.ng/2IkL12G>

A photograph of a hostel room interior. Two wooden beds with blue bedding and yellow patterned blankets are visible. A small wooden table with books sits between the beds. A wooden headboard with a window and potted plants is in the background. The word 'ACCOMODATION' is overlaid in large white letters with decorative marks.

ACCOMODATION



ARRANGEMENTS AND WORK

- You will be able to participate in an introductory language course of Slovene (organized only for you), costs will be covered by host organization.
- The volunteers will take part in an on-arrival and mid-term trainings organized by the National Agency.
- Volunteer will work **6 hours per day** (half-hour break for lunch), **5 days a week**.
- There will be a work-related mentor who will oversee defining work tasks and other work-related arrangements. Another mentor will be there for reflections and discussions when needed. There will also be a free-time mentor who will be responsible for helping with free time activities and you will be able to turn to them for personal support and reflection.

YOUTHPASS

Volunteering activities can prove as a great source of experience. The volunteers will have an option of obtaining a Youthpass certificate by Idrija Youth Center to prove their newly acquired skills & competencies.

More about Youthpass certificate:
www.youthpass.eu/en



ARE YOU ALREADY CONVINCED?

Do you find the project Beyond the Feed interesting and would like to contribute to the local life in Idrija?

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

If you have any additional questions after reading the infopack, you can contact us at [**info@mcidrija.si**](mailto:info@mcidrija.si)

Important: please check your e-mail spam folder regularly, as a message from our side might as well end up in there :)

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Applications are
open till
10. 9. 2026

Can't wait to meet you in Idrija on

BEYOND THE FEED

JOIN US!



BASIC SLOVENIAN

NUMBERS

Ena (1), dva (2), tri (3), štiri (4), pet (5), šest (6),
sedem (7), osem (8), devet (9), deset (10)

BASICS

dobro jutro	good morning
dober dan	hello, good day
dober večer	good evening
lahko noč	good night
živijo!	hi!
se vidimo!	see you
dober tek!	bon appetit
na zdravje	cheers/bless you
Koliko je ura?	What's the time?
Moje ime je	My name is ...
Kako si?	How are you?
Eno kavo / sok / pivo prosim	One coffee / juice / beer, please
da / ja	yes



IMPORTANT ADDRESSES:

Idrija Hospital: Ulica Otona Zupančiča 3

Pharmacy: Arkova ulica 4

Hostel/Youth Center: Ulica IX. korpusa 17

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

- Police: 113
- Ambulance: 112
- International code for Slovenia: 00 386
- Youth centre phone number: 00 386 51 231 049
- Hostel phone number: 00 386 40 808 022