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### **Workcamps Programme**

Camps: 8 camps in different parts of Russia

Group: international group of 5-15 volunteers are sometimes mixed with Russians

Age: 18+

Duration: two-three weeks

Work: will be 25-35 hours per week Camp leaders: 1-2 camp leaders per camp Camp language: English, Russian is welcome

## **Special projects** (teenage, seniors, family camps...)

no

**Technical details** (Alliance website use, Friday list and infosheet)

Friday Lists and info-sheets will be sent to the partners by e-mail.

We use the new placement tool "PLATO".

## Explanation about fees for incoming vols

No fees

### What else important....

As the most of the foreigners need an **entrance visa**, we recommend international volunteers to send their applications 1 or 2 months before the project starts. Please keep in mind **huge distances** in **Russia** and encourage your volunteers to plan the arrival to Moscow 2-3 days prior to get to the meeting point in time.

# List of "World4U" workcamps 2020



Camp Code	Name	Location	Dates	Туре	Vols	Age	Remarks
W4U-01	Alice-camp 1	Vologda	June 29 – July 10	KIDS	5	18+	
W4U-02	Alice-camp 2	Vologda	July 13 – July 24	KIDS	5	18+	
W4U-03	Tolstoy World	Museum-estate "Yasnaya Polyana", Tula region	August 18 – August 31	ENVI/ CULT	9	18+	
W4U-04	Solovki Botanical Garden	Solovetsky Islands, Arkhangelsky region	August 17- September 5	ENVI	12	18+	
W4U-05	Perspective	Pereslavl-Zalessky, Yaroslavl region	July 25 – August 8	RENO	6	18+	
W4U-06	Melikhovo	Chekhov, Moscow region	July 7 – July 16	RENO/ CULT	10	18+	
W4U-07	Khmelita	Vyazma, Smolensk region	July, 28 – August, 11	RENO/ CULT	12	18+	
W4U-08	Sodruzhestvo	Ryazan	June 20 – July 10	KIDS	8	18+	

## «World4U» workcamps 2019

Camp code: W4U-01

Name of the project: "Alice-camp" - 1

Location: Vologda



Start date: 2020/06/29 End date: 2020/07/10 Type of work: KIDS

Number of vols: 5 international vols

**Age:** 18-99

**Partner:** The mission of the project is intercultural and linguistic education of primary and middle school students from different parts of Russia. All the activities will be organized in cooperation with the local Center of education "Alice"

**Work:** This project is for those who love kids and would like to help them, as all the activities are based in local camp for kids aged 7-13. Kids are supervised by Russian group leaders (fluent English speakers). Volunteers will accompany kids throughout the day (in different excursions, quests, competitions, etc.), give master-classes and organize activities in English related to intercultural learning for kids, so that they could improve their language skills and learn about different countries the volunteers are coming from. If desired, volunteers can attend/participate/give lessons at the language centre (9 a.m. – 9 p.m.). We will be busy 5 – 8 hours a day 5 days a week, but time can be split between morning master classes and evening events.

**Accommodation & Food:** Participants will live in a flat, with beds, blankets and bed linen, free Internet access. Meals 3 times a day will be provided in a local canteen.

**Location & Leisure:** During free time participants will be able to learn history and culture of Vologda - one of the oldest and historical towns in Russia.

Language: English

Airport, train/bus station: 7-8 hours by train from Moscow and 11-12 hours from Saint-Petersburg.

Camp code: W4U-02

Name of the project: "Alice-camp" -2

Location: Vologda



Start date: 2020/07/13 End date: 2020/07/24 Type of work: KIDS

Number of vols: 5 international vols

**Age:** 18-99

**Partner:** The mission of the project is intercultural and linguistic education of primary and middle school students from different parts of Russia. All the activities will be organized in cooperation with the local Center of education "Alice"

**Work:** This project is for those who love kids and would like to help them, as all the activities are based in local camp for kids aged 7-13. Kids are supervised by Russian group leaders (fluent English speakers). Volunteers will accompany kids throughout the day (in different excursions, quests, competitions, etc.), give master-classes and organize activities in English related to intercultural learning for kids, so that they could improve their language skills and learn about different countries the volunteers are coming from. If desired, volunteers can attend/participate/give lessons at the language centre (9 a.m. – 9 p.m.). We will be busy 5 – 8 hours a day 5 days a week, but time can be split between morning master classes and evening events.

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Language: English

Airport, train/bus station: 7-8 hours by train from Moscow and 11-12 hours from Saint-Petersburg..

Camp code: W4U-03

Name of the project: "Tolstoy world"

**Location:** Museum-estate "Yasnaya Polyana", Tula region, Russian Federation



Start date: 2020/08/18
End date: 2020/08/31
Type of work: ENVI/CULT

Number of vols: 9 international vols

**Age:** 18+

**Partner:** This project is organized in cooperation with the State memorial and natural reserve «Museum-estate of Leo Tolstoy «Yasnaya Polyana» which is one of the largest museum-reserves in the country. This is where the famous writer Leo Tolstoy wrote his masterpieces such as «War and Peace» and «Anna Karenina». The territory is huge; there is a genuine manor house of XVIII-XIX centuries, Leo Tolstoy's grave, parks, gardens, forests, meadows and agricultural land.

**Work:** Volunteers work from 9 till 15.30 with a break for lunch. They do environmental work for preservation of a large historical garden of the reserve – collect branches, work in yards and greenhouses.

Accommodation & Food: Volunteers will stay in a hotel, 15 minutes walk from the museum. There are showers, bathrooms, beds and tables in each room. Three meals will be provided for the volunteers.

Location & Leisure: On the territory of the estate there are unique historical buildings surrounded by forests, gardens and picturesque landscapes. Walking in this place transports visitors into the world of Russian noble estate of the XIX century.

Museum organizes a cultural program – excursion to the museum of Leo Tolstoy, a biking tour around the estate, tour to the exhibition of folk art, master-classes in ceramics and floral design, etc. There is a hall in the hotel where volunteers will meet up in the evenings to relax and have fun. There are more areas outside where they can also spend free time or visit cities around during free days.

**Language:** English, Russian

Airport, train/bus station: Tula, can be reached from Moscow by train or bus (approximately 3-4 hours trip).

**Summary:** Volunteers will help in the museum-estate of Leo Tolstoy. For those who enjoy culture, history, literature and wonderful landscapes.

Camp code: W4U-04

Name of the project: "Solovki Botanical Garden"

**Location:** Solovetsky Archipelago, Arkhangelsky region, Russian Federation



Start date: 2020/08/17 End date: 2020/09/05 Type of work: ENVI/CULT

Number of vols: 12 international vols

**Age:** 18+

**Partner:** This project is organized in cooperation with Solovki State Historical and Architectural Museum-Reserve, which is well-known due to Solovetsky Monastery. Since 15th century Solovetsky Archipelago with its monastery was a religious citadel in the Russian North before being closed by Soviet government in 1920 and turned into a special Soviet prison and labour camp (1926–1939), the Gulag, - for some people the site still reminds of this horrible period in USSR history, a symbol of Stalin's repressions.

**Work:** The project aims at assisting in preservation of the World Heritage site by doing environmental physical work at the Botanical Garden that is a part of the Solovki heritage. Volunteers themselves will learn about history and uniqueness of the Solovetsky Islands Ensemble and help enrich biodiversity of the Islands' ecosystem. During the project volunteers will work at the Botanical Garden founded by the monks in 1822, namely: digging ditches, plant, weed and fertilize trees, herbs and flowers of cultural and historical significance (more on that will be provided in the information list). Additionally, international volunteers are welcome to organise raising awareness activities on the importance of heritage preservation among locals, tourists and visitors.

**Accommodation & Food:** Volunteers will live in tents in a well-equipped camping of the garden. Food will be provided; volunteers will cook by themselves as a group: every day we will have a cooking team, which will cook on the fire; products will be provided. Please, bring your sleeping bag!

**Location & Leisure:** The Solovetsky archipelago comprises of six islands in the western part of the White Sea less then 100 miles south of the Arctic Circle. They have been inhabited since the 5th century B.C. and important traces of human presence from as far back as the 5th millennium B.C. can be found there. Since 15th century Solovetsky Archipelago with its monastery was a religious citadel of the Russian North, there are several churches dating back to 16th-19th century.

**Requirements:** Volunteers are going to live on the campsite of the Botanical Garden. There you'll need some regular clothes for work and rest. But as soon as we decide to have an excursion and visit some monastery or church you will have to follow the rules of the place. Girls should wear long skirts, which should cover their knees. Their heads should be also covered by headscarf or something like this, also your arms should be covered with long sleeves. Boys shouldn't wear T-shirts and shorts in the monastery, their legs and arms should be covered. They don't have to cover their head while visiting church.

Language: English, Russian

**Airport, train/bus station:** Nearest terminal is Kem, a small town in Karelia. It takes 2 hours to travel from Kem to the island by boat. Volunteers should arrive in Saint-Petersburg. Meeting point will be on the afternoon of

7th of August in Saint-Petersburg, then participants will go together with camp-leaders to Kem by train (it takes 16 hours), then by boat to the island. The 20th of August is the departure day from the island itself. It means volunteers will arrive back to Saint-Petersburg on 21st August, thus please consider departure from Saint-Petersburg to your home country no earlier than on 21st August.

**Summary:** Volunteers have an opportunity to take part in a volunteering project at a UNESCO World Heritage site, visit magnificent Solovetsky Archipelago, work at the monastery garden, learn about the history of the place, see white whales and so on!

Camp code: W4U-05

Name of the project: "Perspective"

Location: Pereslavl-Zalessky, Yaroslavl region, Russian Federation



Start date: 2020/07/25 End date: 2020/08/08 Type of work: RENO

Number of vols: 6 international vols

**Age:** 18+

**Partner:** The workcamp is run in the cooperation with Department of youth, culture and sport of Yaroslavl Region.

Work: Since 2008 Perspective Camps (Перспектива) have been uniting volunteers from Russia and abroad in their sincere desire to help local communities of Yaroslavl Region in renovating social infrastructure. Over the last years the volunteers have renovated schools, kindergartens, orphanages, elderly people's apartments, parks (for the 1000 anniversary of Yaroslavl), monuments, churches and social rehabilitation centers. This year you will continue this work in Pereslavl-Zalessky, together with a group of Russian volunteers. You will participate in such activities as repairing social objects (museums, houses-boarding schools, schools e.t.c.) and monuments of architecture. You will work 6 hours a day (with a lunch-break), 6 days a week.

**Location & Leisure** Pereslavl-Zalessky is located 140 km from Moscow, on the banks of Lake Pleshcheyev, at the confluence of the Trubezh River. This camp is a great opportunity to visit one of the oldest cities in Central Russia. This city was founded by Prince Yuri Dolgoruky in 1152. An outstanding statesman and commander Alexander Nevsky was born, lived and reigned here. At the end of the 17th century, near Pereslavl, on the shore of Lake Pleshcheyev, the young Tsar Peter I began the construction of the so-called "amusing flotilla" that laid the foundation for the Russian navy.

Entertainment and competitions will be held for participants in the evenings. You can swim in the river. Days off are the time for excursions, picnics and free time activities. Volunteers may enjoy hiking around the area with a lot of museums and beautiful nature. The trip to Yaroslavl – the centre of region and one of the oldest and most beautiful cities of the "Golden Ring" of Russia will be organized.

A short course of Russian will be provided. It includes 15 hours of classes, 3 hours of practical usage (field trips) and 2 hours of guided but real communication with participants from Russia almost every evening (20 hours in total). The course covers basic grammar and such topics as personal information, likes and dislikes, daily life, food, shopping, weather, illnesses, clothes.

## **Description of accommodation and food:**

Lodging, food and excursions are provided by the local host. Volunteers will live in a dormitory, located not far from the work place, toilet and bathroom on the floor. We will have a bus to reach the working place if necessary. Meals 3 times a day will be provided in the canteen. Alcohol is prohibited in our camp.

Requirements: Interest in Russian culture

Language: English, Russian

**Airport, train/bus station:** 2-3 hours drive from Moscow by bus.

Summary: Volunteers will renovate buildings of social importance in Pereslavl-Zalessky, which is one of oldest

cities located in the European part of Russia.

Camp code: W4U-06

Name of the project: "Characters of Chekhov's stories"

Location: Chekhov, Moscow region, Russian Federation



Start date: 2020/07/07 End date: 2020/07/16 Type of work: RENO

Number of vols: 10 international vols

Age: 18+

**Partner:** The project is hosted by Melikhovo Estate Museum of Anton Chekhov, located 60 km from Moscow. It is in Melikhovo that Chekhov, famous playwright and master of short story, wrote more than 40 of his masterpieces, including "The Seagull" and "Uncle Vanya". He was not only a prolific writer but also a practicing doctor and a philanthropist, and besides the manor house, the museum includes the schools that he built for local peasants, the

post office that he opened and the medical station imitating the one where he consulted the locals. Thus, the visitors can get a glimpse of the life in the estate at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. http://en.chekhovmuseum.com

**Work:** Melikhovo Estate Museum has been welcoming local volunteers for many years but this summer the estate will host an international volunteering workcamp for the first time. The volunteers will mostly work in the garden and their tasks will include planting, watering, weeding, pruning, cleaning.

**Accommodation & Food:** Volunteers will stay in a local hotel with beds and common showers. Participants will cook for themselves.

**Location & Leisure:** Birds singing, sweet smells in the air and incredible quietness all around – in the estate you are certain to feel that you've gone back in time and you are Anton Chekhov's guest. The museum employees will be glad to teach the volunteers to play croquet and other games popular in Chekhov's time. But it is not going to be too quiet! The volunteers will have a common room and an outdoor space near the house to spend time together, and the meadows and forests around to go hiking and have picnics. On Saturdays, local theatre stages Chekhov's short stories and plays. The volunteers will have an opportunity to visit all the branches of the museum both in the estate and in Chekhov (town named after Chekhov), and other local sights including the famous 16<sup>th</sup> century monastery Davidova Pustyn.

Requirements: Interest in Russian culture

Language: English, Russian

Airport, train/bus station: Chekhov, 1,5 hour by train from Moscow

**Summary:** Volunteers will renovate buildings of social importance in a small town close to Yaroslavl, which is one

of the most beautiful cities located in the European part of Russia.

Camp code: W4U-07

Name of the project: "Khmelita" Location: Vyazma, Smolensk region



**Start date:** 2020/07/28 **End date:** 2020/08/11

Type of work: RENO

Number of vols: 12 international vols

**Age:** 18+

Partner: The workcamp is run in the cooperation with Griboedov State Historical-Cultural and Natural Museum-Reserve "Khmelita". It is the oldest surviving nobility estates Smolensk land. Khmelita represents a huge memorial, historical and architectural value. Aleksandr Griboedov is very famous Russian writer, poet, composer and diplomat. In XIX century he usually visited his relatives in Khmelita.

**Work:** Volunteers will help to clean the park and green areas of Museum's homestead and its branches.

Accommodation & Food: Participants will leave in the hotel on the territory of Khmelita. Ingredients for food will be provided. Volunteers will cook for themselves in groups of 2.

Location & Leisure: Khmelita has a big territory with barocco-styled House, church, park with pounds and Griboedov's museum. Volunteers will have an opportunity to visit all cultural objects of Khmelita and its branches. Also several excursions will be organized.

**Requirements:** Interest in Russian culture

Language: English, Russian

Airport, train/bus station: Vyazma, 3 hours by train from Moscow

**Summary:** Volunteers will clean the park in Griboedov State Historical-Cultural and Natural Museum-Reserve.

Camp code: W4U-08

Name of the project: "Sodruzhestvo"

Location: Ryazan



**Start date:** 2020/06/20 End date: 2020/07/10 Type of work: KIDS

Number of vols: 8 international vols

**Age:** 18-99

**Partner:** The Sodruzhestvo educational center traditionally holds an educational camp every July for children aged 13 to 17. We are always looking for volunteers to spend the summer with us! Our multicultural camp programme includes linguistic teaching, development of entrepreneurial skills, cultural and sports programs, multiple competitions and themed-days.

**Work:** Volunteers can help conduct academic English classes for teachers of the center, conduct workshops and classes, participate in judging art and sports competitions, and even create and run your own club and activities! All responsibility for the organization of training sessions, compliance with the schedule of classes and other events, as well as control over the participation of children in the camp life is assigned to the teachers of the "Sodruzhestvo" educational center. Volunteers help improve children's English speaking skills through accompanying children in various activities of the camp program. The schedule of events of the camp program is flexible.

As a rule, training sessions are held from 10 a.m. to 13 a.m., 4 -5 times a week. After lunch, competitive sports and cultural events are held. We expect volunteers to participate in training sessions, and in other events of the program according to their interests and opportunities.

**Accommodation & Food:** Participants will live in a flat, with beds, blankets and bed linen, free Internet access. Meals 4 times a day will be provided in a local canteen.

**Location & Leisure:** The base of the camp is located in a picturesque place of the Meshchera national Park, on the shore of a lake, 90 km from Ryazan. The base includes stationary brick two-storey buildings, sports grounds. The Russian club will work for volunteers and excursions will be organized.

Language: English

**Airport, train/bus station:** On the day of arrival at the camp, volunteers are met at the arrival airport in Moscow and escorted to the camp.