



VOLUNTEERING IN LATVIA REGULATION AND SUPPORT



LATVIAN LAW ON VOLUNTEERING (SINCE 2016)

Voluntary work law in Latvia is in force since 01.01.2016. This aim of the law is to promote voluntary work and motivate society to participate in voluntary work. It determines meaning of volunteering, rights and obligations of volunteers and organizers of voluntary work as well basic principles or voluntary work agreement.

<https://likumi.lv/ta/id/275061-brivpratiga-darba-likums>



HOW VOLUNTEERING IS VIEWED IN THE COUNTRY

In Latvia the government hasn't defined clear strategy for the development of voluntary work and voluntary organizations. At the moment State Employment Agency is the responsible state institution. Following the link there is a possibility to get general information about volunteers, voluntary work organizers etc. In this platform there are 4000 registered persons, more than 300 NGOs and municipalities active and supporting voluntary work.

<https://www.nva.gov.lv/lv/pakalpojumi/nodarbinatibas-valsts-agenturas-brivpratiga-darba-informacijas-sistema-wwwbrivpratigielv>

<https://www.brivpratigie.lv/>

There is no special funding eligible for organizers of voluntary work.



AWARD

State Employment Agency provides the contest for being Volunteer of the year. This contest doesn't have big publicity. In 2020 there were nominated 135 volunteers, 17 organizations and 2 municipalities active in supporting voluntary work. There is a badge "Volunteer of the year".



SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTEERING:



There are ongoing discussions between persons active in the field of voluntary work about future and needs: which state institution can become responsible for this field and how to better support the voluntarism concept. The amendments of law are being prepared and discussed.

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? VOLUNTEER!