

VOLUNTEERING IN LITHUANIA REGULATION AND SUPPORT



REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA LAW ON VOLUNTEERING (SINCE 2011)

This Law shall establish the peculiarities and principles of volunteering, the rights, and duties of volunteers and volunteer organizers, the procedure for organizing voluntary activities, insurance for volunteers, and cases of reimbursement of expenses related to volunteering.



IMPORTANCE OF VOLUNTEERING AND NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Government emphasizes that Volunteering is an important part of society, that caters to social cohesion, solidarity, and active citizenship. Also, volunteers contribute to the creation of public welfare and promote personal expression and improvement. Nongovernmental is non-profit seeking establishments that tend to focus on influence its surroundings and push its community towards a better tomorrow.





REGISTER OF VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS -A PUBLIC RECORD OF VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS

Youth Voluntary Service (YST) – intensive 6 months. longterm volunteering programs for young people aged 14 to 29, with young people averaging 40 hours.), learns to overcome difficulties, learns to think like that and to name lessons learned, to formulate directions for improvement. www.jrd.lt

ANNUAL STATE AWARD AND RECOGNITIONS FOR VOLUNTEERING

Every year on December 5th - National Volunteering Day, Lithuania awards absolutely distinguished, accomplished, and inspiring examples. www.savanoriai.org



SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTEERING:



MINISTRY OF SOCIAL SECURITY AND LABOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

Supervises the execution of laws, duties, rights, and responsibilities that are given (and by that protected also by these laws) to Non Governmental organizations and volunteers by the Government.

http://www.socmin.lrv.lt/

LITHUANIAN NETWORK OF VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS

The purpose of the program is to strengthen the capacity of voluntary organizations for the development of quality volunteering, the development of their organizational structure, and connect all volunteers and organizations in Lithuania.

www.savanoriaujam.lt



REGIONAL HUBS FOR NGOS

Since 2017 plan include the implementation of projects in problematic regions, engaging in the analysis of and advocacy for nongovernmental sector funding, encouraging the establishment of an NGO foundation, and conducting training programs and visibility campaigns.

www.olf.lt



The government offers additional benefits for future students: additional points to their entrance score to those who volunteer at the Youth Voluntary Service Program for at least 6 months and at least 35 hours/month. Volunteers who complete more than 3 months of service acquire the skills acquired or reinforced during the service, but only for 6 months. (not less than 35 hours/month) continuous service provides recognition of 0.25 entrance points for admission to first-cycle studies.



WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? VOLUNTEER!