This project enables European Voluntary Service (EVS) volunteers to engage and work with the local community. It is aimed at increasing young people’s awareness of their own rights and enables them to become active and informed citizens, living openly in society.

Tasks for volunteers vary and include amongst others administrative work, the organisation of educational documentary screenings, game evenings and other cultural and social events aimed at building cooperation between the LGBT community and society at large.

The project has been an all-round success: the participation in local LGBT community-led events has increased and confidence to live more openly is growing. The volunteers had the opportunity to gain experience working in the field of human rights and developed new skills whilst doing so.

“I’ve completed 7 months of my EVS project. Even though I found it relatively hard to fit into Lithuanian society and establish noteworthy relations, I still learnt a great deal and managed to further develop my skills and competences. I organised community events, held workshops, wrote and proofread articles, drafted applications, etc.. One of the greatest impacts, however, is that I was accepted to the MA programme I had applied for and received an individual scholarship because of my volunteering work.”