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Ivan Trnski High School

Hrvatska Kostajnica, Croatia

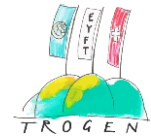
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- Short description of your institution regarding its activities and experience in out-of-school youth work:

As an educational institution Ivan Trnski High School implements secondary vocational education programs (forestry technician, carpenter and economist) and a general high school program. Education is based on the National curriculum and the school and Vocational curriculum. The school and vocational curriculum determines long-term and short-term plans and work programs of the school with extracurricular activities, additional classes and other educational activities and programs according to guidelines of the Croatian national educational standard.

The students aged between 14-19 are mostly from rural, sparsely populated areas of Sisak-Moslavina County. A significant number of students come from families of lower, below-average financial status with low incomes and low living standards, and a certain number of students depend on the social welfare system.

In recent months, life has become even more difficult for some students because our county was hit by a devastating earthquake that left some of them homeless and many suffered damage to their homes, immeasurable stress and fear. Therefore, the school strives to enable them to participate in various activities and trips that will, as far as possible, bring them back to some "normal" life. Students of different ethnicities attend school, and although it is not felt in the relations between students, the consequences of the Croatian War of Independence are still present. A lot of work is needed to develop a culture of tolerance and acceptance. Projects like this also contribute to that.

In extracurricular and out – of – school activities students are also educated and strongly encouraged to behave responsibly towards the environment. Sustainable development, ecology and care for environment are important guidelines for the school development. In order to educate forestry technicians, our curriculum plans activities around the school like planting trees, green campaigns and outdoor learning. We strive to engage our student in student mobilities where they can contribute to environmental protection and sustainable management of environmental resources. In this way, students and teachers will be introduced to examples of good European practice about the school in nature to connect even more with it and understand how important a healthy environment is for the individual and for the community.



The school also has a Volunteer Club. The aim of student volunteering is to contribute to society and its development. Volunteering helps to gain experience and develops competencies necessary and useful for later active participation in society, contributes to personal development and personal well-being.

The club is open for cooperation with other volunteer clubs / associations and other humanitarian organizations.

The Volunteer Club has FOUR areas of activity:

1. Work with children
2. Work with the elderly and people with special needs
3. Humanitarian actions in the school and the wider community
4. Environmental actions