

## **PARTICIPATING IN AIESEC FOR COMMUNICATION AND SELFDEVELOPMENT**

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AIESEC is the world's largest student-run organization with more than 86000 members present in over 113 countries and territories. AIESEC's vision – peace and fulfillment of humankind's potential. The aim of the organization is to develop individuals who have the knowledge, skills and determination to develop their communities. A necessary development experience consists of opportunities to develop leadership and managerial skills while at the same time enabling the development of a global mindset, social responsibility and active learning.

Each year AIESEC runs international exchange programs, like Global Development Program, that provide short-term volunteering projects for students and recent graduates in areas of the world where help is most needed on the purpose of experience exchange among countries. By this program young people go to other countries to work in companies, non-government organizations or schools and local institutions to run volunteer.

“World Without Borders” is a two month project held in form of trainings, working groups and activities during which young foreigner specialists share their knowledge and experience with pupils. This socio-educational international project for pupils aimed at introducing another cultures to expand their vision, improve their level of English by special classes held by delegates from abroad and discover their potential, develop leadership skills and motivate to be socially active.

To gain a holistic experience AIESEC offers you the opportunity to take on a membership and leadership role to learn how to work in a team, manage large projects and run a local or national organization. While running the projects a member learns how to manage team-work, how to communicate and gains all the necessary qualities a good manager should possess.

As for me, I'm a member of Vinnytsia local committee since autumn 2013. Apart from running the projects, we organize different trainings English clubs for the members of our committee in order to develop some personal skills, human qualities, friendship and improve the level of English.

Moreover, there are many conferences organized by AIESEC. For example, this autumn I participated in Ukrainian National Conference “New Horizons” in Kyiv. There were almost 200 participants – youth from all the Ukrainian cities and even the representatives from Moldova and Belarus. The whole conference was held in English so it was a good chance to practice the language.

So, as you can see participating in AIESEC organization gives young people a good chance for self-development and becoming confident, proactive leaders with a high sense of professionalism and social drive.