Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica, Slovakia and the Platform of Volunteer Centres and Organizations together with other project partners would like to invite you to the international conference held under auspices of Dr.h.c. prof. PhDr. Beata Kosova, CSc – the Rector of Matej Bel University and prof. PaedDr. Vojtech Korim, CSc. – the Dean of the Faculty of Education at the Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica

Is Volunteering Way to Employment?

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The aim of this conference is to present good practice examples in the area of volunteering that lead to the support of employability and to create a space for discussion of NGO representatives, academics, representatives of public administration, employers, and volunteers about the opportunities for the development and recognition of skills acquired through volunteering. Simultaneous interpreting from/to English language will be provided. The conference is a part of the VOLWEM Project (Volunteering as a Way for Employment) supported by the European Commission.

If you would like to attend the conference, please, REGISTER. The deadline for the registration is August 30, 2014. There is a limited number of sponsorships for foreign participants. Your registration and the amount that can be covered by the hosting organization will be confirmed by e-mail.

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Instructions on how to get to the conference venue and suggestions for the accommodation in Banská Bystrica, can be found here. Refreshments and the lunch will be provided to all conference participants.
Program

8,30 – 9,30 Registration for the conference

9,30 – 9,45 Welcome and opening speech of the rector of Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica, Slovakia

9,45 – 10,15 Volunteering as a Way to Employment – the presentation of VOLWEM Project outcomes
Alžbeta Brozmanová Gregorová, Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica
Alžbeta Mračková, Platform of Volunteer Centres and Organizations,

10,15 – 11,15 Volunteering as a tool for non-formal education and for the development of skills related to the labour market
An EU representative and foreign speakers experienced in the area of recognition of volunteering as a form of non-formal education (names will be announced soon)

11,15 – 11,30 Coffee break

11,30 – 13,00 Workshops
1. Recognition of skills acquired through volunteering (workshop with simultaneous interpreting from/to English)
   Adrian Murtagh, Volunteer Development Scotland, the United Kingdom
   Tomáš Pešek, Iuventa – The Slovak Youth Institute
2. Specifics of work with unemployed volunteers
   Lenka Černá, Volunteer Centre in Ústí nad Labem, the Czech Republic
   Jana Matejzelová, Centre of Volunteering, Banská Bystrica, Slovakia

13,00 – 14,15 Lunch

14,15 – 15,45 Workshops
1. How to sell skills acquired through volunteering to a potential employer?
   Representatives of employers and HR managers from various companies and HR agencies (names will be announced soon)
2. How to cooperate with various stakeholders in the area of support of volunteering and its recognition? (workshop with simultaneous interpreting from/to English)
   Alžbeta Brozmanová Gregorová, Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica
   Alžbeta Mračková, Platform of Volunteer Centres and Organizations

15,45 – 16,00 Coffee break

16,00 – 16,30 Presentation of workshops outcomes and closing remarks