









Društvo Barka is part of the international federation L'Arche. We are a non-profit, humanitarian organization of public interest that improves the quality of life of adults with intellectual disabilities in Slovenia. For 25 years until now we provide our core members a home-like place to live in, work-like activities to become productive, friends, and numerous different innovative services (e.g art therapy, dancing, horse riding, active holidays etc.)

Each year we host 2-4 young volunteers from different countries, who live in our houses in Zbilje for 1 year. Volunteers are involved in the following activities:

- Working together

We have few different workshops, where our core-members perform unpretentious work with simple tools, and workshop assistants and volunteers turn their work into a final product. It can be a recycled fashion item, candle, greeting card, kitchen cutting board, bio organic herbs and tea etc.

Take a look at our products here: <https://www.skupnostbarka.si/trgovina/>

- Living together

Community living takes places in two houses: The Sunny House and The Rainbow house. The houses are a family-like setting, where living is organized as in any other home. Here our core-members, with the help of house assistants and volunteers, learn how to do household work, prepare a meal, maintain good personal hygiene, have leisure time activities... in one word, become as much independent as possible.

- Well-being

Besides from providing our core-members with a space to live in and a space to work in, we also create opportunities for them to maintain and further improve their physical and psychological well-being. Here, the volunteers join our core-members in diverse entertaining activities, such as: art therapy, dancing, horse riding, active holidays, yoga, workouts, bicycle riding, cooking healthy food etc.

What do we offer:

- 1 year volunteering placement in our community in Zbilje, Slovenia (near Ljubljana)
- A lot of nature and quiet surrounding
- Connections with other local and foreign volunteers
- All costs covered through the European Solidarity Corps programme (living expenses, food, travel, pocket money etc. as defined by the programme rules)
- An opportunity to experience numerous diverse activities while showing solidarity with adults with intellectual disabilities

If you are interested in this opportunity, please let us know until 31st of June 2022 on projekti@skupnostbarka.si