TimeHeroes.org Speaks English Now



If you are an expat looking for a good cause to volunteer for in Bulgaria, this is your one-stop shop. Find your mission and give it your heart and time.

Three years ago in this mystifying corner of the world called Bulgaria a shiny little website popped up. It was known by the name of <u>TimeHeroes</u> because it believed that if you give your most precious (that is, your time) to a good cause, you are a hero - because you make the world, someone's world, a brighter place. You may not have really thought about it that way, but it's a fact. Volunteer means hero.

So, TimeHeroes.org is the address where heroes find their missions. It's as simple as a message board yet way more fun. It's free, too. And now its English-speaking version is proudly up and running. For all those awesome expat people, migrants and refugees, globetrotters and international exchange kids who asked for it.

Here's how to join in.

Find your cause

The page is now loaded with at least a dozen (and counting) opportunities to volunteer in Bulgaria even if your Bulgarian is just about "Edna banitsa, molya". Sign up to get the full picture. Browse through the list of active missions and pick the one where your heart is. Click the "I will do it" button to find out exactly how to make it happen.

Let your cause find you

We're speaking Talent now. In TimeHeroes terms it means you wish to offer not just your time, but your specific professional skills and expertise to help an organization, project, or an independent citizen's initiative. <u>Just say here</u> what super powers you have to share. Is it marketing, fundraising, photography or cooking? The good people who need you will get to you.

Find volunteers to make your cause happen

Now, if <u>you have a cause of your own</u> and it needs some helping hands, the button you need is "Create mission". It will lead you to a brief questionnaire designed to help you describe the Why, When, Where and How essentials of your initiative. Whether you represent an NGO, or you are just an ordinary citizen who has a plan to change the world - hit that button.

Did we by any chance let slip the word "fun", too? See, there's this thing called <u>gamification</u>. It says you can become Gandhi at TimeHeroes.org... Or, at any rate, team up with other volunteers, score points in missions, challenge other teams and win medals.

See you around!

If that's what you were just about to ask, TimeHeroes.org has published 903 missions by 521 organizers so far. More than 20 000 volunteers have signed up 32 728 times to help at 110 places all over the country and beyond. The platform is run by the Time Heroes Foundation, currently with the support of the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation and the NGO Programme in Bulgaria under the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area.