



# EVS volunteering opportunity

# Long-term volunteering in Armenia: Botanical Garden

Voluntary Service of Armenia HUJ, Armenia

# Languages of the voluntary service

English

## **Topics**

Education and training, Sociocultural activities, Social challenges, Environment and natural protection, Health and wellbeing

#### Start date

Between 1 October and 1 Nov 2025

Duration of the voluntary service 6-12 months

## About the organisation

HUJ (Armenian Volunteer Exchange Network) is a nonprofit organization that promotes voluntary service and non-formal education through international work camps, 12 long-term ESC projects, and youth exchanges. Founded in 1965, HUJ empowers young people to engage in community development, cultural exchange, and social inclusion both in Armenia and abroad.

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#### Description of the activity

The volunteer will assist the staff of the National Botanical Garden of Yerevan in various environmental maintenance tasks, including caring for plants, clearing paths, removing weeds, cultivating trees, collecting seedlings, and ensuring the cleanliness of the grounds. They will also help with irrigation work and support the organization of workshops and events.

In addition, the volunteer will have opportunities to engage with visitors—especially children—through informal chats and games to promote environmental learning. They may also contribute to creating articles about the Botanical Garden for websites and, under guidance, participate in paleobotany research with an experienced specialist.

#### Further information

The volunteer will be provided with free accommodation in a dormitory in Yerevan, located within reasonable distance from the HUJ office. The volunteers will stay in twin rooms (2 people per room) and the dormitory will be equipped with basic furniture

and kitchen facilities.

The volunteer will receive a monthly allowance for food, transport and other expenses. The volunteer will benefit from language support and mentorship throughout the project. In addition to their regular project activities, HUJ also organizes a variety of cultural and social events for volunteers. These may include visits to museums, ballet and opera performances, as well as excursions to explore areas outside the capital.

# Desired volunteer profile

We are looking for a motivated and adaptable volunteer who enjoys working outdoors and with plants. An interest in nature conservation, environmental education, and ecological issues is highly valued. The volunteer should be ready for hands-on work such as gardening, maintenance, and assisting with educational activities for visitors. Creativity and the ability to present environmental topics in engaging formats (games, exercises, workshops) are an advantage, as is the ability to write short articles or promotional materials. Good communication skills in English and/or Russian will help with integration into the team and interaction with visitors. No specific gender, age, or professional background is required - motivation and genuine interest in the field are the key factors.

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