



# BUILDING SOLIDARITY



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# About Nocrich Scout Centre H.C. Habermann



# Who are we?

Nocrich Scout Centre – H.C. Habermann is an **educational youth centre** developed since 2010 as an initiative of the **National Organisation of Romanian Scouts**.

The aim of the Nocrich Scout Centre is to **offer non-formal educational programs for children & young people**, contributing to their **development** as agents of their own personal growth and as active citizens of their community.

In this educational process, we are working together with the local community, helping each other, for an enriched cultural experience. The scout centre is located in the **Nocrich village**, 35 km away from Sibiu, in the old parochial house of the Evangelical church, a house built in 1797, restored and developed with the help of volunteers from all around the world.

Nocrich Scout Centre **is a place that belongs to everyone**. Together with the volunteers, we built the Nocrich Family and a place where young people can **develop activities and experience scouting in a unique place**, a traditional saxon village full of history.

# What do we do?

## EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

At Nocrich Scout Centre we make **scout activities with the children from the village**, from weekly meetings to **trips and camps**.

We use the **Scout Method** that helps us follow the personal progress of the children that we work with. The main element here is the **local community** and the impact we aim to have in answering its needs.



## SCOUT CENTRE AND CAMPSITE

We aim to **bring scouting closer to young people** all over the world, both scouts and non-scouts. We **organize camps, training courses, events, workshops**, we offer half cooked programs or just the campsite and the facilities, according to what each group needs.

We do all this so that young people have **unique experiences** that inspire them and help them discover new possibilities.

## HOSPITALITY

Related to the point above but not only, **we welcome travelers all year round**. We like to do more than show them around and host them. We like to **share stories, discover, learn and live experiences** that show our visitors what makes the area, **the local culture**, the **people** here and **scouting** so special.



## CULTURE AND COMMUNITY

Nocrich is located in a **historically** and **culturally rich area**. Over the years, people from different ethnicities have learned to live together and prosper, sharing each other's traditions and culture. It is up to us now to **preserve their legacy**.

**We do this through our pottery workshop**, maintaining and **turning every day the mechanical clock from the Evangelical church** and our **restoration projects** with traditional techniques and materials. These are just a few examples of our mission in the local community, together with our educational work presented above.



## ENVIRONMENT

Situated in Transylvania, in the Hârtibaciu Valley, our village is crossed by the Hârtibaciu river and surrounded by forests and hills. It's a **Natura 2000 protected area** with a rich habitat, being **home for numerous species of flora and fauna**.

It is part of our mission to **act responsibly towards nature**. Moreover, we work towards **raising awareness** in the local community of its importance, especially through our **non formal educational activities** with the local children.



## VOLUNTEERING PROGRAMS

In our organization, **volunteering is our second nature**. Our team of volunteers, the Nocrich Family, how we call it, is the Centre's superpower. They are enthusiastic and motivated young people from all over the world who **share our vision, values and passions**.

This is why we develop programs like **ESC, Service Civique, Erasmus+** and many others, to nurture their personal development and empower them, as our scout motto says, **To Be Prepared and leave the world a bit better than they found it**.



# Pottery Workshop

One of our goals here at Nocrich Scout Centre is to **revive the interest for traditional crafts among the young generations.** Pottery is one of the traditional crafts from Transylvania and our ancestors have left us extremely valuable techniques in this region.

Thus, we worked hard to start a pottery and ceramics workshop. **Our pottery workshop has been running since 2014** and is constantly growing in quality, developing as a social business since the beginning of 2021. Everyone who comes to Nocrich Scout Centre can become a craftsman for a day or more in our pottery workshop.

Besides experiencing this unique traditional craft, in this workshop **people are encouraged to manifest themselves through art, to be bold and innovative.**



# Nocrich Family

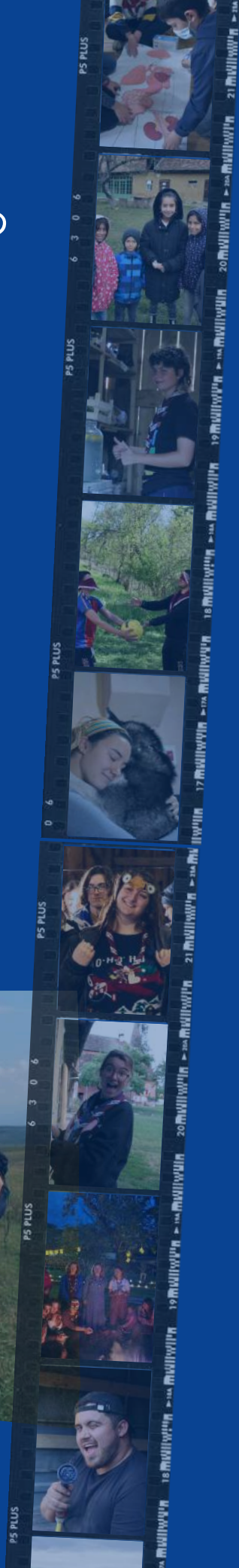
## VOLUNTEERS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

Instead of using the term “staff” we are calling our team **“Nocrich Family”**. The idea of this concept is to welcome our volunteers in a warmer atmosphere, where they can find older brothers and sisters to trust in and to ask for advice every time they need.

It also signifies the fact that **life with scouts is like in a family**. Nocrich Scout Centre promotes **youth empowerment** by **receiving young volunteers**. Depending on how long they want to stay in the centre, the youth develop different kinds of projects, making decisions and assuming new responsibilities.



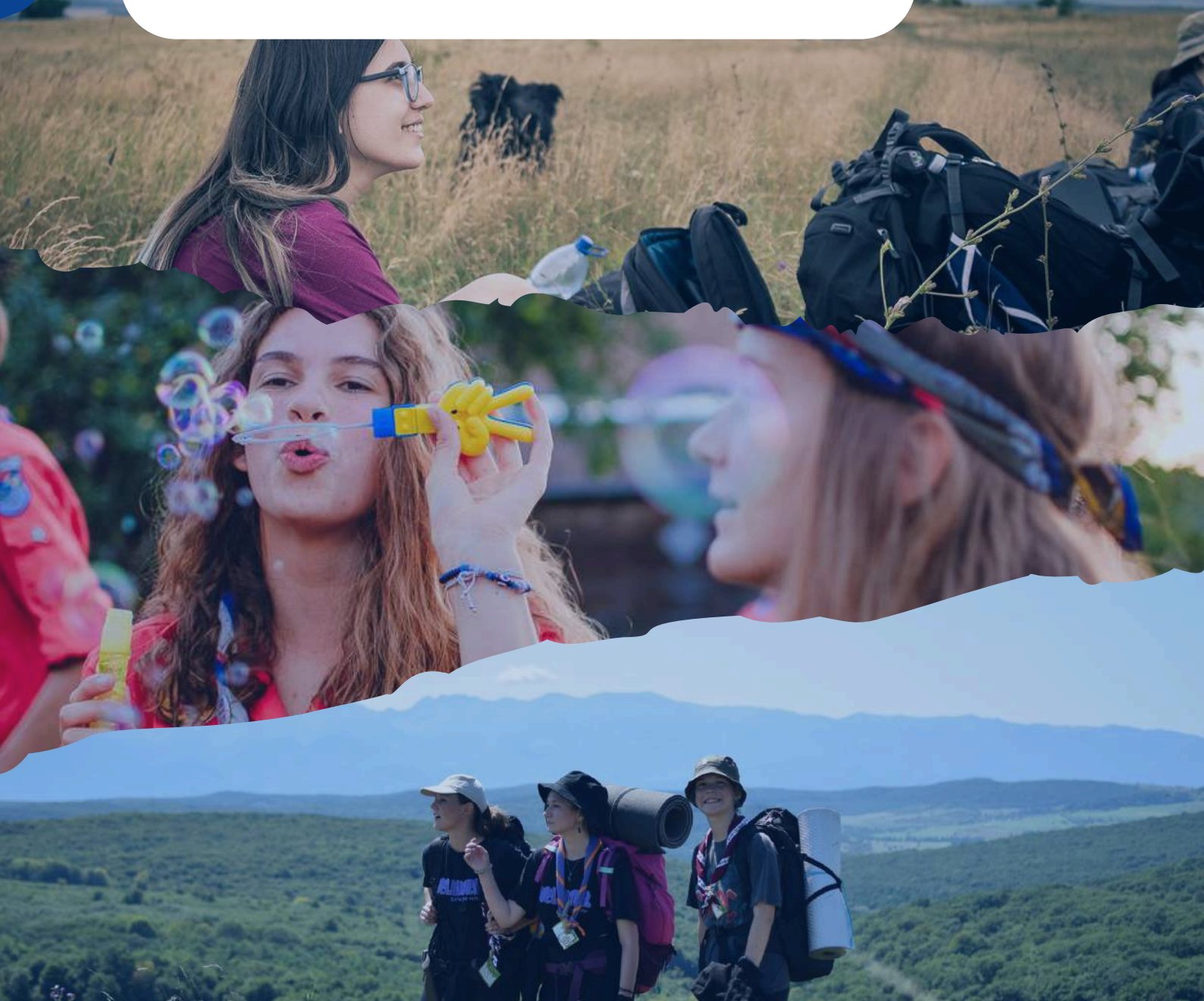
Listen to there story  
in the first person





# Scouting in Romania

**The National Organization of Romanian Scouts** was founded in 1912-1914, but it was inactive between 1937-1990. After the communist regime, scouting was activated again and today there are about **6000 scouts** in **75 scout groups** spread across the country. There are 4 age groups: **Lupişori** (7-10 years old), **Temerari** (11-14 years old), **Exploratori** (15-18 years old), **Seniori** (18-24 years old).



# About the ESC Project

## “Building Solidarity”

## Project Purpose

The purpose of this project is to take action in three main areas where the community of Nocrich needs help: **discrimination, school dropout and pollution** in a strategic plan by doing what we know best: **non-formal education** with the help of 6 young people aged 18 to 30, together with the **centre’s local, national and international volunteers** who are motivated to have a positive impact wherever they go and to learn constantly, gaining abilities, attitudes and knowledge in the process.



# Activities

The main activities you will be involved in are structured in **7 categories**. You will be encouraged to **choose what you are primarily interested in**. In order to make all of these and more a reality, **you will benefit from specialised trainings on each subject**.

## Educational Activities

Here you will make scout activities with the children from the village, help organising scout camps and events, help develop new programs and improve and grow the existing ones.

The main element here is local community and the impact you could have in it. More than this, you will meet scouts from all around the world, developing programs for and with them.



## Pottery

In the pottery team you will have the chance to discover or develop your imagination and artistic side, getting at the same time an insight on planning and running a social business.

You will work both on producing beautiful and unique ceramic products that you will present and sell in fairs all around Romania and even in Europe and on delivering educational pottery workshops to children of all ages, from 5 to 95 and above.





## SCOUT CENTRE & CAMPSITE

The first thing people see and are impressed about when they open our gates is the huge yard which sends you to a fairytale world. Giving this charm to it requires the right people and a good amount of passion about taking care of everything in and around the Scout Center.

Examples of activities: managing a tools room, landscape design, wood craft, building with brick and stones and many other interesting outdoor projects.

## IMAGE AND COMMUNICATION

You can have the best project, the best team and the best intentions, but if you don't have visibility, you can't generate the impact you're aiming for.

Being part of the Center's Image Team means working with cameras, editing and graphic design tools, social media, wordpress and many others, bringing the beautiful things that we do in the eyes of our target audiences. It's a fun and creative team and you can use your skills or develop them in this area, simply learning by doing.



## CULTURE AND RESTORATION

The Scout Center is a historical monument and we are taking special care of the way we restore and maintain it.

We work with local craftsmen and restorers to maintain the houses and yards, to organise trainings and cultural events on the subject. You can learn how to properly restore wood, walls and tile roofs, paintings, ceramics etc.

## ECO & GARDEN



We are aiming to be an Eco Scout Center and we are always careful with the way we treat nature, animals, with the way we use, reduce, reuse and recycle our resources.

In this department you would help find more sustainable ways of carrying on our projects and day to day life, develop strategies and projects in this area and help the programs department implement them in the Center's scout activities with the children from the village, events and camps.

## HOSPITALITY

Our scout centre is offering house and camping accommodation for various guests, individual or groups. Besides accommodation, we offer services and activities.

This is an interesting and dynamic field, where you could learn a lot of practical skills, interact with people from various countries, implement new ideas. If you enjoy being a good host you can help us improve, so that we can offer even better services and experiences to our guests from all over the world.



## YOUR MISSION

Apart from the various projects that you can work on here at Nocrich Scout Centre, there is the possibility of bringing one of your dreams to reality.

Therefore, you will have the opportunity to create and develop your own personal project that can bring the positive change among the young generation of the Nocrich village, together with your personal needs.



# WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?



serious and motivated, energetic, creative and open minded;

interested in working with children and young people;

your nationality must be from a European Union country

+18 - 30 years old

interested in issues like poor education, environmental problems, digitalisation, active citizenship.

interested in developing project planning and management skills;



If, more than that, you want to **live and work** in a **multicultural environment, in a rural community**, here is where you want to be.

An important condition for this specific project is that from the volunteers involved in the project, we are planning to have 4 **participants with fewer opportunities**. Don't worry though, these categories are **generous** and **inclusive**. You can find more details about them here and if you still have questions about it, don't hesitate to contact us!

We aim to increase the participants' chances of getting a job back home after participating in this ESC project and to raise the inclusion of the young people in their communities.

# WHAT DOES THIS PROGRAMME COVER?



As volunteers, **you will have to share the housing facilities** and you will also have to bear in mind that you are coming to a **rural area**, which means that some of the modern comforts that can be found in big cities may not be available in the village. But don't despair!

The centre, where you will spend most of your time, is equipped with all these things and more, so you shouldn't be lacking in anything while doing your activity.





### **Pocket money**

You will receive a **monthly allowance** of 90 euro (3 euro/day).



### **Food**

You will receive a **food allowance** of 150 euro/month (5 euro/day), including during the holiday period.

The team usually likes to cook and eat together so we normally put money together and go shopping in the big city once per week. This is not mandatory and you can of course buy and cook your own food alone.



### **Transportation**

There is a **budget allocated by the programme to cover the transport from your own country to Nocrich.**

There are however certain restrictions imposed by the ESC guidelines depending on the country you come from. Generally the budget allocated for each volunteer is enough to cover the cost of their flight. Further details will be discussed after the recruitment stage has finished.





# MONEY MATTERS

## FOOD AND DRINKS

Milk (1L) - €1

Cheese (350g) - €3

Loaf of bread - €1

Rice (1kg) - €1,5

Tomatoes (1kg) - €1-1,5

Apples (1kg) - €1-1,5

Beef fillet (250g) - €3+

## FREE TIME

Bus ticket - €3

Coffee - €1,5

Cinema - €5

Paintball - €12-20

Spa - €12-20

## HOUSEHOLD

Deodorant - €3

Soap - €1

Toothpaste - €2

Shampoo - €4

# SELECTION PROCESS

If you like what you just read, all you have to do is **fill in this form**, then send us an **email** at **nocrich@scout.ro** with your **CV** and a **short letter** to let us know what is your **motivation** for joining us in this project.

**We look forward to getting to know you!**



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