



### STEP Bulgaria 2010 Summer Academy – Volunteer Opportunities

*Step for Bulgaria Foundation is recruiting volunteer teachers for this year's edition of our summer academy. To be selected as a volunteer, you need to commit your presence at the camp site during the entire duration of the academy: Aug 21 and Sept 04. Eligible applicants are at least 16 years old and have a good spoken and written level of English.*

STEP Bulgaria Summer Academy is the right option for you if:

- **You want to develop your leadership and team work skills**
- **You want to practice your creativity and independent thinking**
- **You want to meet new friends, develop deep relationships of trust and exchange experiences with international volunteers**
- **You want to inspire and help other young people to make the most of their lives**
- **You believe that every young person deserves quality education and support for their personal and professional development**

*STEP Bulgaria Summer Academy* is a summer educational program for Bulgarian youth living without parental care. For a fourth consecutive year, the program will take place with the participation of international and Bulgarian volunteer teachers and underprivileged youth from across the country. The summer academy aims at the successful social integration of the young participants (14-18 years old), who need to prepare for their life outside of the orphanage. Our focus is on teaching English, computer literacy and professional skills to support the youth's independent life as university students or young employees. We also support the career orientation of our students through discussions with professionals from various fields and individual career guidance sessions.

As a volunteer teacher, you get to be part of a team of 3 volunteers, who design their own English and computer skills classes and work with a set group of 8-10 students during the academy. Depending on your personal interests and talents, you are expected to design and run after-class workshops or sports sessions. This year our volunteers will also guide the students in setting up and developing their student companies. Apart from teachers, our volunteers are also mentors of their young students. Being a mentor requires a mature sense of responsibility and a willingness to listen to the other, to pose the right questions and to support the student in discovering new horizons and opportunities.

*To be considered for a volunteer position, please submit your application by May 15, 2010 to [stepbulgaria@gmail.com](mailto:stepbulgaria@gmail.com). Applicants who pass the first selection round will be invited for an interview by early June. All selected applicants are eligible for accommodation and food funding.*

*For further questions, please contact us at [stepbulgaria@gmail.com](mailto:stepbulgaria@gmail.com). You can also read about past summer academies on our website: [www.stepforbulgaria.org](http://www.stepforbulgaria.org).*