

Mostar Summer Youth Programme 2026

Teacher – Job Description

About MSYP

The Mostar Summer Youth Program (MSYP) is a unique, free English-language educational summer program that provides youth aged 14-19 from Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina and the surrounding area with opportunities to improve their self-confidence and key skills. MSYP aspires to be a hub for youth leadership, volunteerism, and entrepreneurship. The program empowers participants in their educational, social and professional ambitions by connecting them with a uniquely diverse group of peers, as well as organizations and businesses working in and around Mostar. It includes courses that encourage critical thinking, creativity and practical skills including: spoken and written English, leadership, teamwork and creative and strategic thinking. In previous years, MSYP has featured workshops and courses on a diverse range of subjects including: Art History, Media Studies, International Relations, Social Activism, Business Development, Creative Writing, Critical Theory, Economics, Human Rights, Mathematics and Logic, Philosophy, and Sustainable Development.

In January 2023, we completed registration as a non-governmental organization based in Bosnia and Herzegovina, under the name UčiMo Fondacija. UčiMo aims to equip youth with skills and academic knowledge that will empower them in their educational, social, and professional ambitions and engage them as active members of the global community. By working with educators from across Bosnia and Herzegovina and around the world, we foster the exchange of ideas and knowledge across cultures. Our multidisciplinary programs - including our flagship program MSYP - are learner-oriented, drawing on the UčiMo Educational Model: Learn, Engage, Create, Explore, Connect.

MSYP 2026

MSYP will run this year from Monday 22 June to Friday 10 July 2026. Workshops, courses and the majority of extracurricular activities and events will be held at UWC Mostar, 09:00-15:00, Monday to Friday throughout the program. Some off-site day trips are also expected to be organised during the program.

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Time commitment: All pre-program team-building and training meetings (times and dates TBC), 08:45-15:30 throughout MSYP, plus an evening closing event on the final day, staff meetings, planning time.

Program dates: Monday 22 June - Friday 10 July 2026

Location: UWC Mostar, Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Position reports to: MSYP Program Manager/s

Main responsibilities: Facilitate and support all workshops/activities during week 1, prepare and teach at least one 2-week course, support a small 'tutor group' of participants throughout the

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program through regular meetings, attend all staff meetings, attend and support the facilitation of extracurricular workshops and activities.

Remuneration: As this post is voluntary, you will not be remunerated for your time working with the program, however we offer all teachers and program managers at our summer programs the option to opt-in to receive a volunteer stipend of 100 KM per week of program delivery, a total value of 300KM for MSYP. We offer these stipends to support our volunteers with the costs of travel, food and drink during their time volunteering with us. If you intend to apply to grant-giving or educational institutions for funding to cover part or all of your time with the program, we encourage you to do this alongside completing your application to work with us and we are happy to provide references as required.

Role Description

Requirements and Expectations: Ahead of MSYP, during May 2026, two online team-building and training sessions will be held for all MSYP staff (dates TBC) and on Sunday 21 June there will also be a final, in-person training session for all staff. You will be expected to attend all three of these sessions.

As a teacher at MSYP, you will be responsible for co-facilitating workshops covering a broad range of subject areas, as well as independently designing and delivering at least one thematic course, to be taught in English. You will also be expected to support a 'tutor group' of participants and staff extracurricular activities. It's important that you have prior experience of working with young people (some teaching experience is preferred) and that you are passionate about your taught subject/s of choice. During the first week of the program, you will work alongside other members of the staff team to lead participant discussion groups during workshops on topics spanning politics, economics, social entrepreneurship, science and the arts. You will be given details on this program of workshops and your expected contributions to it in advance. Courses will run over the two final weeks of the program (for 9 days in total) and will be made up of a total of approx. 9 hours of teaching (approx. 1 hour per day). Courses should be designed with this timeframe in mind and, whilst content is flexible, the subject matter and format must be agreed upon in advance with the program management team via email exchanges and virtual meetings. You will deliver your courses to groups of 10-20 pupils aged 14-19, all with a good knowledge of the English language. Participants are encouraged to attend all classes daily, with an expectation that they will attend at least 6 out of 9 lessons of a course in order to receive a certificate in recognition of their completing it. All staff will also be expected to attend and contribute proactively to the program's opening and closing events, as well as staff meetings.

You should also expect to contribute to some day-to-day program operations as requested by the program management team (e.g. setting up classrooms, collecting printing) and to support the rest of the staff team as needed. Throughout the program, you will be supported by the program management team, who will be able to help you organise and facilitate your course/s.

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Contractual Commitment: Staff are expected to commit to work over the three weeks of the program, and to undertake prior preparation and training (including a number of fixed staff meetings) as necessary, as per the working hours and expectations set out above. In order to carry out this role effectively, you will be required to independently plan and organise your course/s and any other workshop/events you are due to lead both prior to and during the program. You will receive support from the program management team, who will require progress updates from you.

Code of conduct and safeguarding checks: You will need to comply with UčiMo's staff code of conduct regarding appropriate staff behaviour for the duration of your work with the program. This will be given to you in advance of the program and will be covered in full during training. In addition, after your acceptance as staff member of MSYP, you may need to provide us with a criminal record certificate.

Flexibility: For MSYP to run efficiently, it is important that all staff remain flexible and willing to be called upon to work outside the remit referred to above where it is deemed by the program management team to be in the best interests of the program.

This document summarises the purpose of the job and lists its key tasks. It is not a definitive list of all the tasks to be undertaken as those can vary from time to time at the discretion of the program management team, in consultation with the member of staff.

If you need any additional information or if you have any questions please get in touch with us at mostarsyp@gmail.com

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