



2010 Gdynia Business Week Volunteer Application

- August 20-26, 2010
- Gdynia, Poland



2009 Gdynia Business Week Advisors with Jerzy Buzek,
President of the European Parliament (center)

Thank you for your interest in becoming a volunteer advisor for Washington Business Week's program in Gdynia, Poland. Since Business Week was created by AWB in 1976, over 50,000 students have experienced the in-depth, hands on experience in business, teamwork, free enterprise and career exploration. This program will include: One hundred Polish high school students, eleven business volunteers from the US, ten American high school students, and 2-3 Business Week and Seattle-Gdynia Sister City staff.

Each summer, more than 100 business volunteers dedicate a full week to mentoring students at Business Week with full support of their employer. The Business Week volunteer role is viewed as a professional development course unlike any other. Volunteers gain valuable business experience while enhancing their leadership, communication and group facilitation skills. The volunteers that accompany us to Poland will come back with new ideas, stronger leadership and management skills, and a global perspective that will infuse new motivation into their daily performance. Stan McNaughton, CEO of PEMCO, describes Business Week as a "Virtual Leadership Laboratory".

Travel Dates: Depart Seattle approximately August 17, 2010.
Return to Seattle approximately August 27/28, 2010.

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Gdynia Poland Business Week 2010 Volunteer Information

WBW and Poland

Through a five-year partnership with the Seattle-Gdynia Sister City Organization, a handful of students from Poland have attended WBW Summer Programs each year. The Polish students shared their experience and enthusiasm with educators and government officials upon their return to Poland. In 2008, a formal request was issued from the Gdynia Mayor's office inviting WBW to Poland. The 2009 Gdynia Business Week Program was a huge success.

Benefits Of Bringing WBW To Poland

This is an amazing opportunity for all involved. Given our regions importance in the global economy (we are number #1 nationally for exports per capita), students, volunteers and business partners have a unique opportunity to practice diplomacy, educate others about free enterprise, and form new personal and professional relationships abroad. The Polish students and educators who participate learn about the practice of capitalism beyond theory. They view this collaboration as sharing America's long history of free enterprise and democracy with their region, and want to establish a long term relationship with Washington Business Week and the sponsoring corporations.

What will you be doing?

As a Company Advisor for Gdynia Business Week, you will enjoy one of the best professional/personal growth experiences of your life by joining a group of 8-12 English-speaking Polish high school students in our program. Throughout the week, students will be working their way through our BizSim business simulation, addressing everything from daily HR issues to project based work under a tight deadline. As a Company Advisor, your challenge is to encourage the students to take the lead, share your experience and help answer questions along the way.

How do I become a volunteer?

Complete the application with the required signatures and mail or fax back. We ask that Company Advisors be 21 or older and have completed at least one Business Week program as a CA.

Application Process:

Selection into the Gdynia Business Week Program is through an application and interview process. A selection committee will determine which volunteer applicants will be invited to participate. Applicants will be called for a brief phone interview. Upon acceptance, a welcome letter will be mailed.

Successful volunteers demonstrate:

- A sincere desire to help students reach their potential.
- An interest in learning more about the free enterprise system.
- A basic understanding of their industry.
- A desire to meet new people and have fun.
- Flexibility and a sense of humor.

What will be required of volunteers?

- A full 12-day commitment (including travel). Depart Seattle no later than August 17, return no earlier than August 27/28.
- 100% willingness to participate and assist students in developing a better understanding of the free enterprise system.
- Compliance with all rules and policies.

Company Advisor Preparation

Company Advisors will be required to attend up to three program planning meetings in the greater Seattle area to work on parts of the curriculum and to provide specific information about the week, including what to pack. These meetings are typically held on Saturdays.

Budget for Gdynia Business Week

- Corporate and Gdynia sponsors are paying the program & material costs, lodging, and food for the program volunteers during the week.
- Miscellaneous expenses: \$ amount is up to you
- Lodging during the program will be provided by the City of Gdynia.
- Transportation: Each Company Advisor will pay (or raise) approximately \$2,000 to cover their airfare and ground transportation expenses. WBW will work with you to make travel arrangements.

Other Facts for Company Advisors:

- Breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks are provided each day.
- Program attire will be addressed at a planning meeting.
- We are working on social and cultural activities to take place during the week.

Cancellations

If you must cancel for any reason, please notify us as soon as possible.

QUESTIONS?

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