

Dear Sir or Madam,

When I entered in the Northern (Arctic) Federal University within a field of study Nanotechnology and Microsystem Technology, I did not expect that student life was so interesting. When I became a student, I started an active social life. My first activity was volunteering. We collected toys, stationery for children from schools. Products and useful things for desolate elderly people had also been collected. I really like this job, because for me it is important to do good things for people. I gained this quality when I worked as a medical assistant.

I am a member of the university ecological organization. We are actively promoting environmental protection. Thanks to this organization, about 20 containers for separate waste collection were installed in the city of Arkhangelsk. This organization sets up an annual event, which is called the UN Climate Summit Model, where I participated as an imaginary delegate from Italy.

Since last year I have been the chairman of Club of International Friendship at the Northern (Arctic) Federal University. Our club has been strengthening friendship between participants from different countries, increasing students' interest in intercultural communication. There are over 300 people with different ethnic background in our club. I should say that we are a big international family. It is not always possible to find a common language with all foreign students, but I'm trying hard. Therefore, I want to take part to find out what are the methods for better strengthening intercultural communication. The most interesting thing for me was to study at the `school for tutors of foreign students`, which was held at my university this year. We help foreign students with adaptation process in Russia. Tutoring is the same as volunteering. We meet foreign students, help them with settling, and at first, we help with educational process. And in the future, the International Friendship Club will be engaged in their adaptation. As far as language proficiency is an important communicational success factor, we developed free language courses at our Club. For example, I teach Korean and tell about Korean culture, because my ethnic origin is Korean. I like this country very much. It is a country where engineering and education are highly developed. I especially like the fact that in Korea people pay special attention to separate garbage collection, therefore this country is very clean.

Why do I want to participate in this forum? Firstly, I would like to share my experience of working with foreign students and solving environmental issues. Secondly, I need to get the knowledge how to prevent terrorism and nationalism to develop our club properly and share my experience with our activists. Thirdly, I am very interested in the culture of Korea and I would like to know more about it. Then I will be able to introduce our students to this country on a better level.

I think that in order to make the world better one needs to start with oneself. The winter school "Volunteering in the UN Sustainable Development Goals" is an amazing opportunity to learn a lot of useful and necessary knowledge which I would apply afterwards.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and time.

Sincerely yours,

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