

Bok!

My name is Alex and I will be volunteering with Mreža Udruga Zagor in Zabok for the next year. I am from the North of England and up until now had lived in a small city called Newcastle for my whole life. You know you are there when you see the Tyne Bridge. I have decided to come to Hrvatska due to the current political climate in the United Kingdom but also to spend my time doing something more fulfilling than the work I was part of previously. My work has always been within none profit organisations and I worked in government and health environments prior to leaving England. I have always found this work to be better suited to me as the goal is to enhance civil society rather than make money, you can meet interesting people along the way and make positive changes.



I am a fan of cinema from around the world and as I hobby I enjoy learning to use my camera to take video and photographs. I am still at a basic level when I



comes to this discipline, however, practice makes perfect. I have been involved in low budget films in the past, one of which won some awards. I am also into all kinds of different music and where I can I like to see bands or DJs playing live. I am also a fan of

football, even though my team are not very good!

Currently my Croatian language skill are quite poor but I intend to change this over the course of the next year. I find Zabok and the surrounding areas to be very beautiful and have been made to feel welcome by everyone that I have met so far. I especially enjoyed watching Zabok play basketball, back in the UK we are all football mad so it is nice to observe a different kind of sport. So far, I have visited Zagreb, but intend to see as much of Hrvatska that I can over the next year.



I am looking forward to meeting new people and seeing the local sights so if you see me wandering around Zabok, come over and say hi. A lot of the work that I do will involve engaging with the local community so you may see me at Mreža Udruga Zagor,

during a workshop, or exploring at the weekend.