

Volunteering Opportunity ESC Project “INCLUDING YOU(TH) - Small steps for a big change”



Type of project: European Solidarity Corps Volunteering Project

Hosting Organisation: Kala Onlus - Palermo, Sicily (Italy).

Duration: 9 months, April 2019 – January 2020

How many volunteers: 3 volunteers coming from Spain, Greece, France

Profile of the volunteers we seek:

- aged between 18 to 30 years old;
- willing to collaborate, communicate, take a challenge and get to know the local context and its problems;
- interest in early childhood education, migrants, social inclusion topics and in working in socio-economic disadvantaged contexts;

The volunteers will preferably be:

- open-minded, creative and able to adapt in difficult contexts;
- able to call themselves into question and reconsider their ideas about education and learning;
- able to act autonomously;
- responsible and team player.

Project Description:

The Volunteering Project “INCLUDING YOU(TH) – Small steps for a big change” – has been developed in partnership with the Spanish organization “Asociación Juvenil Intercambia”, the French organization “Hors Pistes” and the Greek organization “United Societies of Balkans”.

The mobility will last 9 months, from March 2019 to December 2019 and will take place in Palermo. It will involve 3 young volunteers aged between 18-30 years old.

The general objective of this project is to foster social inclusion processes in the area concerned, encouraging young people to become active citizens and agents of solidarity and positive change in Europe, through their commitment in volunteering activities at local level.

In particular, it aims to:

- enhance knowledge and skills of young volunteers about early childhood education, immigration and social inclusion;
- contrast educational poverty among children aged 0-6, Italian and immigrants, especially among those living in social, cultural and economic situations at risk of exclusion;
- fight prejudices, stereotypes, racism and any other behavior that cause social exclusion and discrimination;

Participants will live a socio-educational learning opportunity that will lead them to reflect upon social inclusion and marginalization that affect some neighborhoods of Palermo. We expect to multiply the impact of the project through the involvement of the young volunteers in the local community life and its public initiatives, by encouraging the interaction with youth, children and families other than those directly involved in the volunteering activities.

Activities:

The volunteers will have the opportunity to be involved and adjust, according to their own ideas and experience in the following activities:

- support the educational activities of the intercultural kindergarten “Il Giardino di Madre Teresa” (e.g.: free play and/or artistic-creative, manipulative, recycling, drawing-painting activities; reading fairy tales or story tales, etc.);
- help with the distribution of food and commodities to the needy families of the neighborhood;
- plan educative and creative workshops for the disadvantaged children of the kindergarten, according to their aptitudes;

Moreover the volunteers will be involved in the preparation and implementation of different cross activities: fundraising activities and events for the kindergarten; promotional and informative events about Kala Onlus’ activities, volunteers recruitment campaigns, city events to raise awareness about nondiscriminatory, social inclusion, integration, equal opportunities, youth participation and active citizenship topics; catchy web content (e.g. articles, “story-telling” videos) to share their volunteering experience and updating the blog of Kala Onlus’ website; participative project design activities, as well as visibility and dissemination ones.



Accommodation and working venues:

Participants will live in a shared flat with other European volunteers in the city center of Palermo (Sicily). The activities will take place mainly at:

- Il Giardino di Madre Teresa: Piazza dell'Origlione 10, 90134 Palermo (Italy)
- Kala Onlus Headquarter: Via Saladino3/5, 90134 Palermo (Italy)

Food allowance and pocket money:

Volunteers will receive a pocket money for their personal expenses and a money contribution for the food. Further information will be provided later through an info-pack for the participants.

Travel:

The outbound travel tickets will be reimbursed after one month from the volunteer arrival, the return one after the return to home. The maximum total amount for the travel costs is 275 EUR.

Application deadline: 14/04/2019

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