

Healthy and inclusive Life – a path to a successful society Project - Italy

This is a **Programme Countries EVS Project** with a hosting partner from Italy, involving 2 Portuguese hosted volunteers, for 4 and 6 months months, respectively. This project is a cultural and inclusive program in the way that they do not only have training and language orientation, but also have the opportunity to work in different fields related to web radio broadcasting, living libraries and educational activities in schools, in an intercultural environment. This will give them an excellent opportunity to know the city and region of Palermo in detail as well as its people and cultural events. They will be prepared for the work and finally there will be a phase of evaluation.

This project will provide practice based methods which will enable the volunteers to have hands-on experience. Volunteers will be mentored and supported in their planning and executing their cultural dialogue and cultural skills development.

Projects to be developed:

Web radio 'Youth Protagonists': The volunteer will develop the content, choose themes, select the music. The radio is a sort of 'training' in which volunteers learn in depth about the subject of the radio and after create the programme. This activity is useful to have a direct contact with the city of Palermo and its people through tools such as interviews, questionnaires and video.

Living library: support in the organisation, implementation and evaluation of living libraries in Palermo. This is the most important local activity that CEIPES has been developing in these years. It is an exceptional opportunity to get in touch with the realities of the city of Palermo. It is all about putting in communication persons from really different backgrounds trying to break the boundaries built by our society, rediscovering knowledge of the other as the key tool to live better and to really understand our culture.

Visibility: Support in the creation of project outcomes and visibility tools as brochures, websites, blog, videos, and CEIPES monthly newsletter.

Educational activities in schools Currently CEIPES holds workshops in schools on the issues of human rights, intercultural dialogue, peace and nonviolence. These workshops are made through the collaboration that exists with the Provincial educational directorate, that facilitated the opportunity to come into contact with the reality of schools

The volunteers will always have an active role together with the staff of the hosting organization, but the staff will ensure a proper and progressive introduction into the respective work plan and aims.

All the activities foresee contact with the local community through: meetings with young people in schools, activities related to the involvement of the local community through the web radio, dissemination activities of the youth in action program in the centres of aggregation of the area.

Volunteer profile

CEIPES are looking for volunteers having motivation for working with international groups; Volunteer's enthusiasm and interest in order to engage with people, to work in teams but also willingness to accept personal responsibilities are highly appreciated. A

readiness to work with flexibility in changing or developing situations is essential, as well as an ability to occasionally work in high-pressure situations. English language skills are of advantage.

There are no specific qualifications or practical skills needed, as training will be given. Volunteers with an active interest in cultural activities, in learning to learning, with some ICT skills (however, appropriate training will be provided), in radio production, in reading, among other general cultural knowledge issues will take more advantage and benefits of them.

Conditions

EVS is free of charge for the volunteers, except for 10% of the travel costs.

Working hours and days off: Expected working hours: 30 hours a week; considering 5 working days, from 10:00 to 18:00 pm, (including 2 hours for lunch and Italian language and culture lessons twice a week). However, the time must be flexible depending on the external activities. In this case it can be compensated with free days/hours.

Days off: 2 days off, usually at the weekend, but could be any other day if they are needed at the weekends for a specific activity.

Food and Accommodation: The volunteer will live in Palermo, in a flat, in a twin/double room with another volunteer of the same gender, with shared bathroom, cooking, washing, laundry and social facilities. Volunteers are responsible for keeping the house clean and are also responsible to take care of the equipment inside the house. In case of damage because of wilful negligence they may be asked to pay the repairing costs.

A monthly food allowance is provided (€ 180 per month).

Local Transport: 70€ per month

Volunteer Allowance: The volunteer will receive a monthly allowance of €115.

Local transport, if necessary will be arranged.

A certificate of Volunteering Service will be given to each participant (**Youthpass certificate**).

The mentor will carry out together with the volunteer the Youthpass.

Applicants have to send their CVs and a motivation letter. Telephone interviews may also be done.