

CALL FOR EVS VOLUNTEERS IN SPAIN

MULTICULTURAL TOWNS

The Association IMAGINA is looking for 1 EVS volunteers motivated to work with children and young people in a rural area, about youth participation and development of key competences through non-formal educational activities.

Project title: Multicultural Towns

Project dates: 11.03.2019 - 11.01.2020 (306 days, aprox.10 months).

Location: Álora (Málaga, Spain).

The Hosting and Coordinating Organization:

ASOCIACIÓN DE DESARROLLO SOCIAL PARTICIPATIVO IMAGINA

The Association IMAGINA is a non-profit association with the main aim of promoting youth participation in our region of the interior area of Málaga, with the idea of enhancing civil participation in the social life of the town, promoting also learning opportunities and mobility for young people.

Social Innovation applied to Local development is our way of working, considering people like the key to solve their difficulties, whether they are social, environmental or economical. We believe in the power of young people to be active and innovative. Thanks to Erasmus + we have a path to transform our dreams in projects, allowing us to grow in a multicultural learning process.

Our association is integrated by people with different profiles (students, young people who are starting to work, youth workers, volunteers...) that have met thanks to the participation in other Erasmus + projects, discovering that we have common concerns and also common values that can be developed through this kind of projects and also with local activities, having also an impact in more local youngsters who can become part of this movement, so we can charge our batteries of energy, new ideas and youth initiatives that can motivate young people, make them learn, grow, improve their skills and act!

We have a really wide experience organizing **youth exchanges** and **training courses**, we are also a sending, hosting and coordinating organization for **EVS**, having a really good experience implementing projects about different topics through non-formal education.

The AIMS of Multicultural Towns

The goals of this EVS project is to dynamize our territory, increasing the opportunities for young people, their job, training and mobility opportunities but also giving value to their own resources and the positive aspects of living in a rural area, while we open our minds to multiculturalism.

The following activities are proposed to address that situation:

- To promote the active participation of young people of the territory, improving their employability, training and mobility opportunities, promoting also the relationships between people from different cultures and intercultural dialogue.
- To improve linguistic skills of scholars and young people with fewer opportunities, through activities after-school and support activities, using non-formal education methodology.
- To collaborate in cultural and recreational activities organized in the town.
- To support young people with disabilities and their families, throughout activities and workshops developed in rural neighbourhoods and small villages, making possible the necessary assistance so these youngsters could take part in the dynamization activities organized by volunteers with equal opportunities.

Some IDEAS of the Fields of Work that we will develop during this project...

→ Linguistic Support and dynamization for Youth and Children:

These activities would be orientated to promote the participation of young people of our villages in activities and workshops which could increase their opportunities to learn other languages and to open minds. The volunteer will develop different workshops with the aim of:

- Improving the linguistic skills of young people with fewer opportunities. Linguistic skills are one of the most deficient areas of Spanish education and it's also a big challenge for young people in Andalusia. With these workshops we want to promote learning not as an academic obligation but like a tool for communication among people from different cultures. To do this, the volunteer will be involved in Chat groups in English, French or other language, using non-formal education and dynamic activities (like cooking classes or dancing classes in other language).

Profile of volunteer:

- Good English level (B2).
- Competences on youth and children dynamization. Interest in working with them.
- Experience in fields like teaching, youth work, social work and non-formal education will be well valued.



→ Youth Dynamization and promotion of mobility programs

As a youth organization, we develop different activities in order to promote training, educational and mobility opportunities to young people from rural areas. To do that, we try to promote local and international mobility projects for youngsters within Erasmus + programme. Some of the tasks to develop will be:

- Support in the implementation of youth projects in our region (youth exchanges, training courses, Mediation project, etc.).
- Promotion of mobility programs such as Erasmus + and EVS: organizing workshops and dissemination activities, counselling young people, preparing them to go abroad challenging their fears...
- Helping the organisation with the work at the office related to organization of events, dissemination, promotion of activities, etc.
- Supporting the organisation with MEDIA work (promotion of activities, photos and videos of events, design of activities in relation with MEDIA with youngsters...).
- Support to the activities of the YOUTH council at the town: organisation of activities for young people, employability workshops, healthy lifestyle and sport activities.

Profile of volunteer:

- Good English level (B2) will be well-valued.
- Competences on youth dynamization. Interest in working with young people and passion for sports and active lifestyle.
- Digital Skills will be well-valued (video edition, photography, use of social networks, basic computer skills...).
- New ideas and motivation to create activities for youngsters will be appreciated!



→ Support to young people functional diversity

To support young people with functional diversity and their families, throughout activities and workshops, developed in rural neighbourhoods and small villages, making possible the necessary assistance so these youngsters could take part in the dynamization activities organized by volunteers with equal opportunities.

Profile of volunteer:

- Competences in working with young people.
- Some experience in the fields of occupational therapy, education, social work and youth work will be well-valued.
- Motivation to help.



→ Collaborate in cultural activities

As we live in a small town, we collaborate with the town hall and help them in the cultural and recreational activities they organize.

Some examples:



Help with the Christmas decoration



Participate in the horror walk made in the castle of Álora



Help in the design of posters for Christmas



Some common competences very important to us are:

- Motivation to work with young people from rural areas and to be involved in our organization.
- Interest in Rural Development.
- Capacity to build a trusting relationship with the youngsters.
- Capacity to work in a team with the other volunteers and the staff or the association.
- Some experience in the Erasmus + Programme and the organization of youth projects would be valued.
- Capacity to adapt to a rural environment.
- Flexible with the work, since some of our activities will be developed during the afternoon or weekends.
- Creativity, enthusiasm, new ideas are welcomed!

Technical Information:

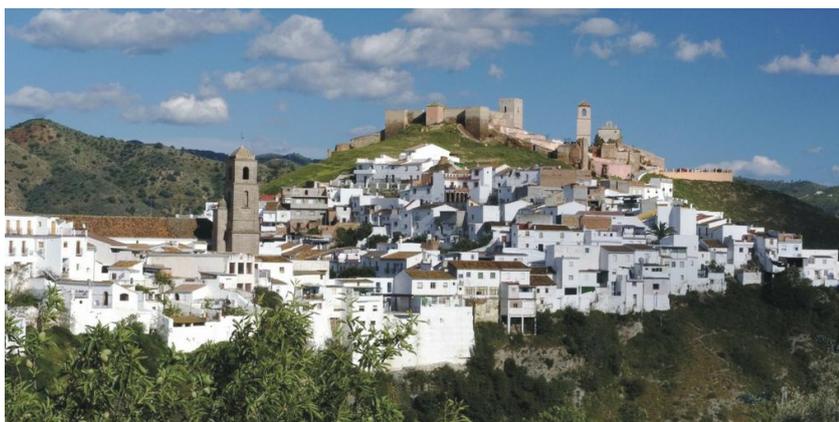
Accomodation and Location:

Volunteers will be living in a flat with other EVS 2 volunteers from Portugal and Hungary, and the new volunteers need to **share a room** with two beds.

Within our organization, we develop activities in 2 different towns of Málaga: Álora and Pizarra. In this case, this project has as main place **Álora**, which is a town of 13.000 inhabitants, located in the interior part of Málaga.

This unique situation will allow the volunteer to live in a **rural lifestyle**, with the benefits that we have a wonderful wheather, fresh products and quiet lifestyle, but we also count with all the facilities like shops, supermarkets, sport centers, restaurants, etc.

BUT, for the people who need to live in a city or who doesn't tolerate the problems related to rural areas (limited means of transport and limited availability of schedules, limited modern facilities like cinema, big shopping centers, etc.), think well about this before applying! 😊



Food Allowance and Pocket Money:

Each volunteer will receive 150€ of food allowance and 4€/day for pocket money.

Transport money:

Each volunteer will receive the quantity according to the distance from the origin country to Málaga:

- Italy: 275€ maximum return travel.
- Portugal: 275€ maximum return travel.
- Romania and Poland: 360€ maximum return travel.

YOU NEED TO PAY FOR YOUR TRANSPORT TICKETS TO COME AND WE WILL REIMBURSE YOU WHEN YOU ARRIVE AND GIVE US THE TICKETS! Remember to keep all your boarding passes and original travel tickets so we can reimburse you the travel costs!!

APPLICATION:

To apply for this project, the volunteer have to fill this **application form**:

<https://goo.gl/forms/b7R3TqQOtJOPJ5162>

Then, write the **CV** in **english** and send to imaginaerasmusplus@gmail.com together with the "Prueba de Pasión".

Prueba de pasión means for us something that the volunteer can make that really shows the motivation with this project and it tell us why we should select this person. Sometimes it can be a short video, a poster, a small article...Something creative where we can see that the volunteer are really interested in THIS particular project and that we should continue with the selection process including this person in the next step of interviews

After that, we will also communicate the results of the selection process by email.

How to ARRIVE?

Málaga has one of the biggest airports in Spain, so hopefully you will find direct flights to Málaga. At the airport, you will take the Train CERCANÍAS:

1. Go Terminal T3 in airport to take the train (it leaves every 20 minutes).

You can access T3 terminal building from the square outside arrivals and from departures. There is just a line, called **C1 RENFE CERCANIAS**, but you have to be sure that your destination is MÁLAGA CENTRO.

2. Buy a ticket at the vending machine to **ÁLORA** - just single ticket.
3. Take the train from airport (terminal T3) and make sure it is heading towards Málaga Centro.
4. Promptly get off the train at the stop **VICTORIA KENT** (which it is the 2nd stop: Aeropuerto/ Guadalhorce/ **Victoria Kent (Correspondencia Línea C-2)**/Málaga María Zambrano, Málaga Centro).
5. Once you are in the **STOP VICTORIA KENT**, you have to change the **train DESTINATION ÁLORA. Line C2**.
6. You will be on this train about 25 minutes, and then you have to get off the train at the stop **ÁLORA** (which is the 7th and last stop: Victoria Kent (Correspondencia con Línea C-1)/ Los Prados/ Campanillas/ Cártama/ Aljaima/ Pizarra/ **Álora**).
7. We will pick you up in **ÁLORA** train station and take you to the accommodation.



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