



EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS IN IOANNINA, GREECE

Offre réservée aux ressortissants des Bouches du Rhône,
âge 20-30 ans

2 months

1st of March 2020 - 29th of April 2020

1st of May 2020 – 29th of June 2020

1st of July 2020 – 29th of August 2020



THE HOSTING ORGANIZATION YOUTH CENTER OF EPIRUS

Youth Center of Epirus is a nonprofit, non-governmental youth organization in Ioannina, Epirus region of Greece. The organization is active since 2011 and its main aims are to improve environment, promote coexistence and to develop the region of Epirus. Therefore, YCE organizes and implements local, regional and international level events/ projects, regarding to non-formal education on various topics like environment, LGBTQ issues, social inclusion, human rights, volunteerism, refugee integration and policies, health and wellbeing, EU awareness, cultural awareness and others.

Our volunteers and youth workers offer leisure and educational activities to local youngsters and young adults. At the youth center volunteers offer various courses and workshops, informative events and various leisure time activities. YCE runs a web channel for the local youth, organizes several annual actions such as environmental actions, festivals, celebrations and informative actions for EU and other community events. YCE organizes and participates in international educational projects such as youth exchanges, training courses, seminars and research projects.

Since 2016, our volunteers work at several asylum seeker accommodation centers to ensure a better stay of the children by providing recreational activities and psycho-social monitoring.

Since January of 2018, YCE host Europe Direct of Epirus office and is more involved with EU topics, promotions and informative community events.

EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS 2 MONTH PROGRAM

Youth Center of Epirus will host volunteers during our ESC project “Volunteering at Youth Center of Epirus”. The project will host in total 16 volunteers – 4 long term volunteers and 12 short term volunteers from various countries. We are currently looking for young Europeans aged 20-30 who would like to take part in the 2 month programs:

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We will also support volunteers for realization of their own ideas at our youth center and we will offer voluntarism opportunities regarding their skills and interests.

Aims of the project

- To improve the non-formal education, intercultural dimension, creativity and general capacity of our organization.
- To promote the values and activities of our organization to an increased amount of young people from our local community.
- To improve our organizations’ quality in youth work, international cooperation, intercultural awareness, care, integration and activities for asylum seekers
- To promote intercultural cooperation, to build experiences and capacities of all involved partner organizations.
- To increase the employ-ability of young people (of the volunteers and the local youth benefiting from the project's activities)
- To increase the impact and accessibility of youth work in our region.

EXPECTED IMPACT ON THE PARTICIPANTS

This project is a unique way to improve and change lives of volunteers, organizations and our local community. Participants might change or influence their goals in life and attitudes to life values due to exposure to social issues and humanitarian and social work. Through all types of activities which will occur during the project, participants will learn the ways to work with children and youth, sometimes with not well defended part of society and in general to access needs of community and to act through events for community. The project will help the participants to grow as personalities and will rise their level of social responsibility. Also this experience and influence of the achieved learning during the project might influence participants' future job career or choices of studies.

BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING WITH US

Youth Center of Epirus is experienced organization that works with international volunteers since 2015 and we have hosted 33 volunteers since then. We offer full support, integration, mentoring and we encourage volunteers to create their own projects of events or activities depending on their interests, experiences and skills. We help our volunteers to assess their learning and growth process as well as volunteers will enjoy the international atmosphere of our organization.

Ioannina city is traditional, historical city and is capital of Epirus region of northern Greece. It's surrounded by great mountains and green nature and it's about an hour away from the most beautiful beaches of northern Greece. Ioannina is a student town with various possibilities for young people and it's 3 hours away from Thessaloniki and 5 hours away from Athens.

Volunteers' health insurance, travel costs, accommodation and food will be covered by the Erasmus+ program according to the rules and volunteer will receive pocket money each per month. The pocket money and food allowance in total is 300 Euros per month, volunteer will receive this amount in the beginning of each month.

SELECTION OF VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested to take part in the project, you are welcome to send your **CV** and **short motivation letter** to **y.c.epirus@gmail.com** and we will get in touch with you to arrange a Skype meeting. The selection will close as soon as we find motivated candidates, so hurry up!

Visit our Facebook page

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For any questions and application, contact us via e-mail

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