

# EVA

**EMPOWERMENT THROUGH  
VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES**

**ERASMUS+ VOLUNTEERING**

**Summer 2021**



**Erasmus+**

# SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT

The project “EVA - Empowerment through Volunteering Activities”, supported by the Erasmus + programme, aims to stimulate the participation of young people in European democratic life through the commitment to social volunteering initiatives.

The project is aimed at young people aged between 18 and 30 with the aim of:

- spread the culture of volunteering among young people
- raise awareness among young people on the opportunities for personal or professional growth offered by European programs of international mobility and volunteering abroad
- strengthening the role of NGOs in their interventions in support of the local community and the most vulnerable social categories.

The last phase of the project will involve 10 young people with fewer opportunities (e.g. young migrants, NEETs, unemployed) in short-term activities abroad lasting about 30 days during summer 2021 (July-August).

The short-term activities will allow volunteers to support the staff and local volunteers of the hosting organizations in the initiatives organised in favour of their local communities, children and young people.

Volunteers will acquire transversal skills useful for their path of human and personal growth, and at the same time the knowledge and practical skills, directly linked to the planned activities, which will help to improve their employability and facilitate their insertion into the world of work.

Furthermore, everyone will play a role of "bridges" between their own culture and that of the communities they come into contact with in the host countries, and everyone will have the opportunity to expand their network of friendships with other young people from different countries.

The project is coordinated by Associazione InformaGiovani.

## GENERAL CONDITIONS

Travel, board and lodging expenses are covered by the European Solidarity Corps programme.

Volunteers will receive a pocket money to be managed autonomously.

Volunteers will be enrolled in the CIGNA insurance system.

## LEARNING RECOGNITION

All the activities foresee a first short period to introduce volunteers to the new context, and a final period dedicated to the evaluation and elaboration of the acquired competencies.

Each volunteer is entitled to receive the YouthPass certificate, created by the European Commission to certify the knowledge and skills acquired in non-formal learning setting.

## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- motivation to undertake a volunteer experience abroad
- attitude to team work, open-mindedness and flexibility
- creativity and interest in the specific topics of each activity
- basic knowledge of English or Italian

## DISSEMINATION

Each participant will contribute to promoting the volunteering experience:

- by writing a blog article on the InformaGiovani website
- by creating small videos/photo collection to publish on social media
- by participating in public events organised by InformaGiovani or host/supporting organisation

## PROJECT COORDINATOR: Associazione InformaGiovani

Associazione InformaGiovani is a no-profit organisation active since 2001 in the field of youth by promoting the right to information, local and international volunteering and youth mobility with a focus to young people with fewer opportunities. In the frame of European Programmes we have been implementing training, seminars, youth exchange, etc about interculturalism, inclusion, volunteerism, active participation and media literacy through non-formal education. We regularly involve young people in volunteering projects as coordinating and supporting organisation for Erasmus+/ESC projects. Also we run local international workcamps for promoting tolerance, diversity and cultural understanding. Since 2014, we coordinate the EU-informal network supported by Erasmus+, which count nowadays 16 organisations in 14 European countries.

# I GIRASOLI ONLUS

The non-profit organization "I Girasoli" was founded in 2004 and, as pointed out by its certificate of incorporation, it has always been involved, through its activities, in solidarity and support towards people who are in difficult situations and social marginality, promoting respect, autonomy and overcoming obstacles to the achievement of full and inviolable human dignity.

"I Girasoli" is a non-governmental organization which, at present, is in charge of several reception projects for asylum seekers, refugees and migrants.

ASSOCIAZIONE  
**I GIRASOLI**



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## LOCATION

Mazzarino, Italy.

Nearest airport: Catania (115 km); Palermo (190 km)



## DATES

19/07/2021 - 20/08/2021

(33 days, travel included)



## VACANCIES

n. 2 volunteers



## **VOLUNTEERS' ACTIVITIES**

The volunteer will support the work done by Associazione I Girasoli and its local partners. The activities will be the following:

- support for recreational activities for young people in the centre for unaccompanied minors, for children of young mothers or migrant couples;
- support in the management of volunteering camp in an almond grove confiscated from the mafia;
- support in the implementation of the ludo-bus project for making small artistic events (theatre performance, juggling...) on the themes of multiculturalism and inclusion;
- share testimonies about volunteering experience through video, photos, post on social media (Facebook etc) and article on InformaGiovani volunteers' blog.

The service will be approximatively 30/35 hours per week.

## **VOLUNTEERS' PROFILE**

The vacancies are open to young people with socio-economic, cultural or geographical disadvantaged background:

- aged 22-30 years
- strong motivation for working with children and young people
- ability to team working, open-minded, sociable, creative, interest in multiculturalism
- artistic skills (e.g. juggling, drawing, playing musical instruments) and digital skills are welcome (i.e. Photoshop or other graphic software, video-editing, MS Office Word, Excel, Power Point)
- flexibility on moving in different places for the activities and, if needed, possibility to change accommodation (periodically or for some days) in order to respect the activity plans
- ready to live in small village far from main cities (i.e. distance from Palermo, around 190 km; from Catania, 115 km)
- drive licence (optional)
- be enrolled in ESC database [https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity\\_en](https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity_en)

## SERVICE CONDITIONS

### Travel costs

Outward and return tickets covered up to Euro 275,00 after providing supporting documents (booking confirmation, boarding passes, local tickets).

### Accommodation

Volunteer will be hosted in double-room shared with another volunteer, within the reception centre. Volunteers will share their daily life with young people hosted by the organisation. Reception centre is equipped with all needed (water, electricity, heating, furniture). Free wi-fi is available.

### Food

Provided by the organisation or through cash allowance.

### Pocket money

Cash allowance for the volunteering duration (Euro 4,50 per day)

### Insurance

Volunteers will be enrolled in CIGNA insurance scheme provided by EU Commission

## LINKS

Click on the link and check what former volunteers said about their volunteering in I Girasoli:

- Gizem ["EVA: volunteering in Sicily in refugee centre"](#)



## HOW TO APPLY

Send the following documents in English to [infogio.info@gmail.com](mailto:infogio.info@gmail.com):

- Curriculum Vitae
- Motivation letter (specific for the project)

Put as e-mail object: ***EVS I Girasoli***



Or apply through the European Youth Portal at the following link:

[https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity/placement/14212\\_en](https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity/placement/14212_en)

**DEADLINE: 25/06/2021**

