

Welcome to “SDL in the EVS cycle”

International Training Course

16th – 22nd September 2013, Mollina (Málaga), SPAIN

EVS is a complex and challenging learning experience within Non Formal Education, not just a mobility program. One of the characteristics of the Non Formal Education is how important is to be aware of our own learning, and learn how to take responsibility of it.

It is, at the same time, an empowerment and entrepreneurship experience.

Quality EVS experience automatically is based on Self Directed Learning (SDL), which volunteers generally aren't prepared for. Neither are many mentors or the organizations supporting them. Guiding and supporting this new process requires a specific approach from mentors and trainers in EVS cycle, as well as other actors that can directly influence this process.

Therefore **this training course aims to explore what does Self Directed Learning mean, how to prepare the volunteers, how to guide & support this process to get to a full and rich learning experience owned by the EVS-volunteers themselves.**

Because of the background of this training, a second result could be to improve the quality of the EVS program, as we will be sharing information and best practices from the different participant countries, and helping to create networks and support systems between mentors, organisations and trainers.

The course methodology is based on the concept of experiential learning, in an atmosphere where participants can learn a lot from each other.

TARGET GROUP

The training course is designed for a total of 24 participants, being actors involved in the European Voluntary Service action as:

- Mentors / Tutors
- Sending organisations
- Hosting organisations
- Trainers in EVS cycle (Pre-departure, On Arrival trainings, MidTerm evaluations and Final Event)

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aim of the TC is to explore what self directed learning means in the framework of the European Voluntary Service, and how to help the volunteers to use it successfully during their EVS projects.

The specific objectives of the course are:

- 1) To understand and strengthen the practical application of SDL concept in EVS.
- 2) To promote the support of this process from the different actors involved (mentors, sending and hosting organisations, trainers in EVS cycle)
- 3) To support the quality of Non Formal Education and SDL taking into consideration present challenges and future developments and programs, also as a tool to face the youth unemployment
- 4) To promote and strengthen an international network of actors involved in EVS, and support for the EVS mentors.
- 5) To understand how supporting the process of SDL in young people during their EVS period can impact their lives, opportunities, possibilities and perspectives once their time as EVS volunteers is over.

VENUE INFORMATION

THE VENUE

This training course is going to take place in Mollina, Andalucía (Spain), in the CEULAJ facilities.

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You will be accommodated in double shared rooms.

This project is financed by the Youth in Action Programme.

Accommodation and board will be covered by the Spanish National Agency. Please contact the National Agency of your residence country to learn more about the financial of the travel details, as well as possible participation fee and other relevant rules.

ANY MORE QUESTIONS?

For any question or doubt related to this training course, please contact:

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Looking forward to your applications!!!

The whole SDL in EVS team 😊