

INFO SHEET

“A road which leads from motivation to commitment and social responsibility for the empowerment of groups, organizations and communities...”

“Through humour, intersubjectivity and social and participatory building of knowledge with collaborative tools, induced from the life-experience; for the development of competencies for social change”.



The Social and Cultural Association called "**GENTES**" was founded in Jaén in May 2003, as a non-lucrative organization aimed to promote Implicative and participatory Methodologies as well as Social Volunteering and Civic Participation. In addition, it was our goal to promote better procedures for active participation at individual, group and community levels by organizational participation. This is possible through a dynamic and systematized teamwork, which improves the socio-cultural reality of the province of Jaén.

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Our social practice work has included the following:

- Taking part in associations, platforms and social development projects.
- Participating in training and teaching processes, from formal to non-formal education, for active civic participation building common spaces.

The **AIMS** and goals of “GENTES” Sociocultural Association are:

Our Decalogue is:

1. Activating the territory of Jaen by promoting social animation activities, offering training actions, employment policies, and developing organizational and management tools for individuals, groups and communities.
2. Promoting and integrating social groups living in our territory, especially young people, women, elder people, immigrants, disabled people, and groups under social exclusion risks.
3. Drawing up measures to promote equal opportunities, access to new technologies and social volunteering service.
4. Activating programs and actions for the defence, interpretation and promotion of a suitable urban environment, natural heritage and traditional rural landscapes of the territory of Jaén as well as other areas related to it.
5. Improving public places, streets, parks, museums, town squares, sports areas and country paths, such as sharing areas, stages and landscapes for arranging meetings and providing public active participation. Recovering the streets for people as a key element to build a new model of social active participation in the territory of Jaén.
6. Promoting and recovering the "Territorial Culture" in the province of Jaén, as a new approach for the economic and cultural revitalization. It will be developed highlighting the role of the territorial system in the social and cultural relationships by promoting systems which define the territory as a spatial, environmental, social, economic and cultural continuity.
7. Developing a model of healthy way of living, based on balancing consumption habits, exercise and daily contact with the immediate environment.
8. Promoting programs to support the implementation of sustainable development experiences as an alternative model for economic, social and cultural development of the province of Jaén.
9. Our aims are to analyze, to promote, to stimulate, to train, to develop, to preserve and to introduce networks for associations, groups and territories.
10. We want to contribute to the revitalization of the province of Jaen, through the development of tools and processes that generate socio, cultural and socioeconomic products, in moments of motivation, training and organization, highlighting methodological tools, on the one hand, for diagnosis, analysis and evaluation, and, on the other hand, for animation, management, and execution at individual, group and institutional levels, meaning thereby a qualitative and quantitative improvement of the reality around us.



IMPROVING

In "Gentes" we are improving processes of non-formal education and training for social rights and educational competences. In order to obtain our aims; we understand the access to the education and civil participation as a right. Throughout our trajectory, we are improving our competences in this field organising intercultural training exchanges, learning other ways to develop strategies, creating and taking part in networks. Our organization collaborates with local and regional authorities to perform and organize activities for promoting active youth participation, thus developing the Strategic Regional Youth Planning in the province of Jaen. In regards to the EVS experience, we are expecting to improve our competences to work in the Human Rights framework with young people, as well as engaging young people within the youth policy fields of their territory.



GENTES usually leads projects with **YOUNG PEOPLE** of our territory.

Those are medium term projects to work in several fields related to young life, such as environmental affairs, independence life, culture and free time, youth leadership, communications and new technologies, overland life, living abroad, the past- the present and the future, removing linguistics barriers, employment, etc. We will perform it with implicative methodologies and applying a common method based in non-formal education, exchange experiences, meetings with expert local actors and laugh-therapy. These projects are developed for small groups who work in teamwork showing the results obtained in public places and sharing them with the community.





METHODOLOGY

We use implicative methodologies such as:

- Involving and supporting associations to take part of platforms with the aim to build projects for active social participation all together.
- Working in team as well as in social and private organizations, in order to optimize their performances and objectives.
- Training and teaching professional skills like: socio-cultural animation, management of the leisure time, emotional skills, participatory methodologies and training for trainers and officials, coach to coach skills, all of them at formal and non-formal education methods. It will be performed in volunteering spaces, enterprises and companies, associations and citizen participation structures.
- Developing Participatory Social Diagnosis through the **IARAR** methodology.
- Developing inductive, implicative, collaborative and participatory methodologies.
- Developing methodologies which use humour sense in positive.
- Designing teaching tools and materials from participatory methodologies.
- Colectivo GENTES is a Lienzos Network member, as well as a member of several networks like ENOA (European Network of Animation) and Informagiovani.

GENTES's team is trained and qualified to warrant the correct development of the EVS projects. We rely on two people of our organization to technical, teaching support and management of people and entities about international programs, specially about Youth in Action programs.

EXPERIENCE

GENTES has experience developing Youth in Action Programme projects, especially in the action 1.1 Youth Exchanges. As a member of the Provincial Volunteer Network LIENZOS (Platform for voluntary organizations in the province of Jaén,) we have designed and mentored projects in action 2, European Voluntary Service. Our experience in the European Voluntary Service has focused on the education and training of our technicians regarding the EVS programme and the JAMO project (Jeunes Avec Moins Opportunités en mobilité). Our experience has also focused on the support and the management of hosting and sending projects, for Red LIENZOS and for some entities which take part in it as well.

Currently, we are part of the Andalusian Volunteering Platform, developing Youth in Action Programme projects and leading the European Volunteer Centre (CEV). Since we are an ENOA member (European Network of Animation), and as a partner of this entity, we focus our efforts on coordinating our network entities in the technical, training and administrative process to ensure a full and open learning process for the volunteers who take part in its projects.

We support Youth in Action Programme with a method of effective monitoring and personalized mentoring support for volunteers, performing a transparent financial management and overall meeting all the provisions and duties of the Program Guide.

THESE COORDINATION TASKS WILL BE DEVELOPED, IN ANY CASE, WHERE OUR ORGANIZATION LEADS A PROJECT OR TAKES PART IN A PROJECT WITH OR WITHOUT NETWORK ORGANIZATIONS.



WHO DOES WORK WITH US?

1. Using training with participatory methodologies

- Andalusian Youth Institute. (www.patiojoven.es)
- Andalusian Volunteer Bureau. (www.voluntariadoandaluz.org)
- Public Bodies Institute of Andalusia. (www.juntadeandalucia.es)
- Formal and informal youth groups for Exchanges. Youth in Action Program.
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2. In the social participation and volunteering:

- University of Jaén (www.ujaen.es)
- City of Jaen. URBAN PLAN (www.ayotojaen.es)
- Equal & Social Welfare Area. Diputación Provincial de Jaén (www.dipujaen.es)
- Pro-Handicapped Federation FEJIDIF. (www.fejidif.org)
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3. In the development of humour sense:

- Andalusian Youth Institute. Youth Initiatives Program. (www.codigojoven.es)
- FORTALEZAS FORMACIÓN (www.fortalezasformacion.com)
- FEMAREC (www.femarec.es)
- AYUDA EN ACCIÓN Fundación (www.ayudaenaccion.org)
- VALEO MARTOS (www.valeoservice.com)
- FETE UGT Labour Union (www.feteugtandalucia.org)
- Other councils. Social Work Services Prg. (Old people, women and youth).
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4. Networks & Partners:

- Red Lienzos (www.lienzos.org)
- Andalusian Voluntary Platform. (www.voluntariadoandaluz.org)
- ENOA. European Network of Animation (enoa.ro)
- JAMO. Jeunes Avec Moins d'Opportunités. (www.jamonet.eu)
- Local Council for Participation (www.aytojaen.es)
- Informa Giovanni (www.informagiovanni.it)
- Creaktivity - Youth Asociation. (www.creative-slovakia.sk)
- Creando Futuro. Youth Participation Network. (redasociativa.org/creandofuturo)
- ANE. INJUVE. National Agency Erasmus +. (www.injuve.es)
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