

ERASMUS+ KA1
Call for partners
STUDY VISIT + YOUTH EXCHANGE

Project title: VOLUNT - HERE

Leader: ASSOCIAZIONE FUTURO DIGITALE

Dates:

1) Study visit: Arrival day : 12 September 2016 ; Departure day : 18 September 2016

2) Youth Exchange: Arrival day : 29 October 2016 ; Departure day : 05 November 2016

Venues: Rossano (Italy) for both the activities

N° of Partners required: 5

Partner Profile: In order to present a successful project proposal we are looking for Partners with a relevant experience in social care activities with particular focus on the immigrants /refugees management. Selection will aim at gathering partners with different experiences in social field in order to broaden perspectives and get a high quality of solutions.

Participants:

For the Study Visit: 4 participants per partner of any age; youth workers of non-profit organizations with relevant experience in volunteering willing to share, act and cooperate on the issues raised during the whole project.

For the Youth Exchange: 5 participants per partner: 4 youngsters aged between 18-29 years old + 1 Group Leader of any age for each Partner.

The respect for gender equality will be ensured through an initial selection of participants: 50% women and 50% men.

Working language: English

Description:

The economic crisis first and the immigration one then that Europe as a whole is facing, meant that many volunteering organizations were born in these years aimed at responding to new emerging social needs within the European countries.

Volunteering has become a vital component in the development of each country; it works with specific characteristics and values that identify it among all the other realities of the non-profit sector.

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However, while in some parts of Europe it is well structured and involves a large number of people, somewhere else instead, it is struggling to grow especially regarding youth participation.

According to a recent survey, In Italy only the 6% of people aged between 18 and 29 years habitually carries and continuously volunteering while the 65% have never considered this possibility. It is also worrying the fact that the number of young people interested in volunteering tends to be lower than in the past and is lower than that of adults.

These figures evidence the existence of 3 significant issues:

For young people to find a social identity, and thus belonging to the community to which they live;

For volunteering organizations to involve young and ensure the replacement of its members;

For local communities to solve social problems if not addressed through a concrete commitment by its residents.

The project "Volunt- here" wants to address these 3 main subjects through a Study Visit and a Youth Exchange.

The Study Visit will consist in:

- visiting the different volunteering organizations present on the hosting territory;
- examining the visited organizations, sharing opinions and make proposals for improve their activities;
- exchanging best practices and find out ways for promoting and boosting the volunteering among young of the participants countries

The Youth Exchange instead will be an opportunity for young people to interact, sharing and experiment volunteering activities, foster their feeling and involvement in social care.

Aim: foster young people's participation in volunteering, underlining its importance for the sake of the whole EU.

Specific objectives:

- To develop in young people a sense of responsibility and active citizenship
- To Encourage the recognition and enhancement of the work of volunteers among families, schools and public institutions
- To Foster the social inclusion, dialogue and cohesion between relevant stakeholders of a local community
- To share best practices existing in the various experiences of the European Union
- Contribute to economic and social growth within European countries through the volunteering.

Selection Process:

If you are interested to be partner of this project, please send the application form attached to **t.caudullo@futurodigitale.org** within the **04/04/2016**.

Suitable candidates will be informed within the **06/04/2016**; afterwards they will be involved in the drafting of the project according to their competences, skills and relevant experiences.

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