

# *INFO-PACK*



GoodCause  
Social Co-operative Organization

**EVS IN KALAMATA, GREECE**

# What is GoodCause?

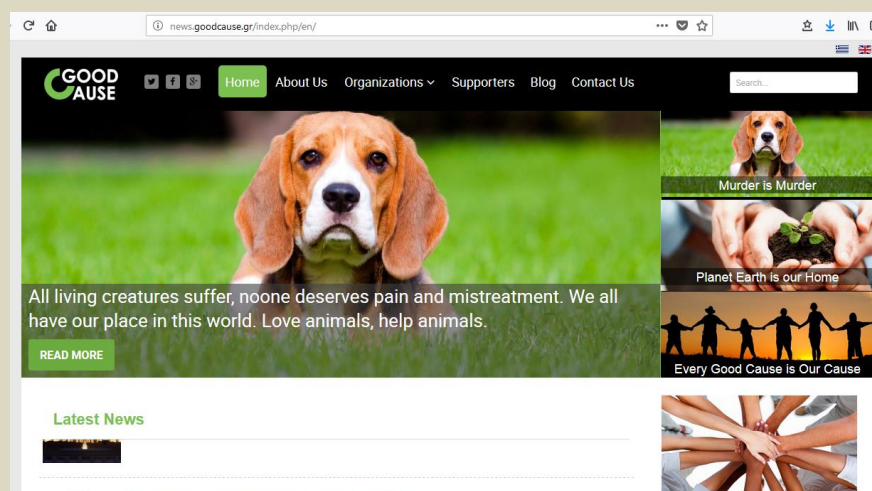
GoodCause is a Greek Social Co-operative Organization located in the center of the city of Kalamata. The organization is mostly involved in computer science projects that include the development of websites, applications and advertisements. Its main goals are to use modern technology to raise social awareness on subjects like animal care, solidarity, environmental care, social inclusion and mental health and to develop digital solutions for nowadays society's problems.



## Aim

The main aim of the project is to maintain the websites, blogs and other means of electronic communication of the organization in order to support the public awareness on social problems.

Important outcome of the project is to develop new websites and applications (like [www.pet-us.gr](http://www.pet-us.gr) and [www.meetkalamata.com](http://www.meetkalamata.com)) that will deal with animal care problems (by giving new digital tools to the public for adopting and saving animals), will promote culture and that will support the growth of the local community.



## Volunteer's tasks

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- Administrating and updating the news website of the organization
- Assist in the promotion of the organization's websites and news
- Assist in the administration of the social media profiles of the organization
- Assist in the development of graphics designs
- Assist in the development of websites
- Search for partners to include in the organization's projects and websites
- Participate in some of the local Youth Centre's activities

The project is requiring high level of commitment by the side of the volunteer, sense of solidarity, tolerance and willing to work within a team.



## Volunteer's Profile

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- Interest in technology and computer science
- Knowledge on web development (there will be given training, but at least basic level on joomla and wordpress content management systems will be highly valued)
- Knowledge on graphics design
- Knowledge of multimedia editing (images, videos, etc)
- Ability to work with deadlines
- Will to take initiatives on proposing and developing new projects
- Open to explore the culture of EVS in Greece!

### Accommodation...

Volunteers are hosted in the youth hostel/guest house, two volunteers in each room. The houses are fully equipped with refrigerator, washing machine, vacuum cleaner, heating system, oven, plates, glasses, sheets, blankets, pillows, towels etc. etc. etc.

### The Town / Life:

As you might know, Kalamata is a medium size city (a bit less than 80,000 habitants) but beautiful. You will have the opportunity to travel around the town and visit nice places, archaeological monuments, the mountain and many different beaches. The town is situated between the mountain of Taygetos and the Messinian bay.



At the links below you will find some information about the town and the area, you will be able to see some pictures but unfortunately some texts are in Greek:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kalamata>

[http://www.visitgreece.gr/en/main\\_cities/kalamata](http://www.visitgreece.gr/en/main_cities/kalamata)

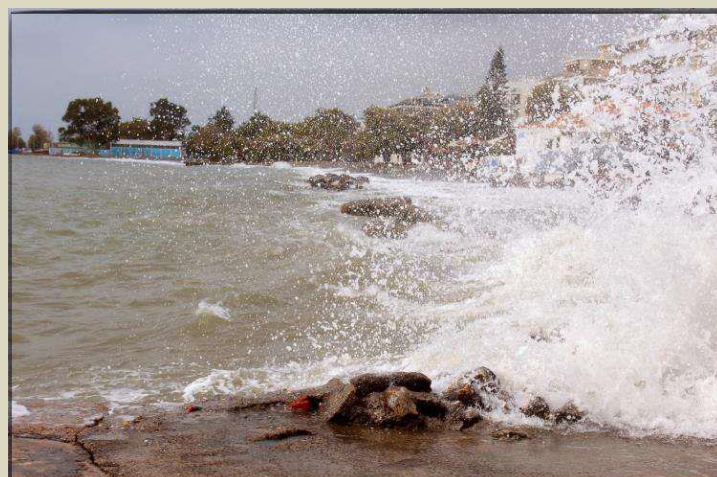


## Weather...

During **summer** (from May/June to the end of September/October) you will be able to swim (the sea is clean with variety of rocky or sandy beaches) but in Greece summer is very hot (during July and August the temperatures are between 30 to 40 degrees!), you will have to take care while staying under the sun.



During **winter** the town gets more “moody” as everywhere during winter. There can be a lot of rain, it is snowing once every 3-4 years and the temperatures are between 0 to 20 degrees. During winter you have to be careful when it gets too windy and walking near the sea. As you can understand the climate is mild during winter and a hot during summer; wearing the right clothes and being careful with the sun exposure will protect you all year. You will have to bring with you all kind of clothes, summer clothes, your swimming suit, winter clothes and light winter clothes (for months September, October, April, May-temperatures: 10 to 25).



### Leisure time...

In Kalamata you will have the opportunity to make sports, swimming, and mountain hiking (we are cooperating with the hiking club), walking around, hanging out and going to cafes, bars, clubs and parties.



### People...

One can meet in Kalamata, except from Greeks, Italian, German and French tourists, mostly older people or families. Also political and economical refugees are living here. They are coming from Albania, Eastern Europe, Arab countries and Africa. They are mostly families or workers so it will be difficult to meet young people from these countries except from Albanian youngsters.

Kalamata is a town which offers a safe environment. It is not facing serious criminality and even the robberies are not so often. Actually it is a peaceful environment and you will not face any serious danger if you take the basic safety measurements.

People are generally very helpful and have this feeling of hospitality. Older people don't speak English and this will be a challenge for you in the beginning. If you try to speak with them in Greek they are always getting smiley and more helpful to you. So the faster the volunteers learn Greek, the faster the life will get easier. Most young people, on the other hand, speak English pretty well.

### Greek Language

Volunteers have Greek language lessons, conducted by a professional teacher with years of experience teaching English as a foreign language, especially to EVS volunteers.

In case you would like to make the first steps in learning Greek, below you will find some links that can be very helpful:

<http://www.xanthi.ilsp.gr/filog/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/greek/>

<http://www.greece.org/gr-lessons/gr-english/>

### **Useful links**

#### **Volunteers in Kalamata**

EVS blog: [www.evskalamata.blogspot.gr](http://www.evskalamata.blogspot.gr)

Click here to read our EVS newsletters: <https://issuu.com/kane.kalamata>

#### **K.A.N.E. Organisation**

Website: [www.ngokane.org](http://www.ngokane.org)

Facebook page: [KANE Social Youth Development](#)

#### **Youth Centre of Kalamata**

Website: [kentroneon.wordpress.com](http://kentroneon.wordpress.com)

Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/kentroneon](http://www.facebook.com/kentroneon)

Facebook group: [www.facebook.com/groups/112750556744/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/112750556744/)

Youtube Channel: [www.youtube.com/channel/UCL3SGt3ZJQ-AgB1fHe\\_NWtQ](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL3SGt3ZJQ-AgB1fHe_NWtQ)