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KA125 – EVS Hosting project

Educational activities for children and youngsters on risk situations of social exclusion

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General description of the organization:

The association Prosec was created in 1987 once analysed the situation in the Historical Centre of the city of Lleida and seeing that it was necessary an intervention with the young and boys, mostly of etnia gitana, with few possibilities through the education in the free time.

At present, Prosec develops projects in the field of the formal education through the Centers for External Education (EEC) for boys/ace, teenagers and young with difficulties to follow the school rhythm normal. Apart from the complementary formation, they are offered cooking and technical maintenance workshops, where they

can use their social abilities and develop their creativity. Also develops projects in the field of the no formal education through two Open Centers, educative intervention in the street and sportive actions, to offer to the diverse users alternatives of leisure and free time. Finally offer a pre-labor training and facilitate the insertion of these collectives in worthy jobs, fitting to their abilities. It is carried out by means of labor courses such as workshops schools.



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EVS Project Description (activities):

While Prosec runs a wide range of projects, volunteers will spend their time in the Open Centers, where the aim is to provide educational activities for children, adolescents and young people from the historic town centre of Lleida. There are two Open Centers: Casal Compañia and Casal Remolins, as well as a Street Project, which are open from 4.00pm to 8.45pm, and the user group consists of children/youngsters between the ages of 6 and 16.

Placement of each volunteer will be determined once they have been selected and before their request is presented in order that they become engaged in activities that are most suited to their abilities and in which they have the most to offer. Within the association, the principle role of the volunteers will be to participate in the preparation and carrying out of all the activities of the centre.

These tasks may include the following:

- Attendance and active participation in activity-planning meetings, suggesting new ideas and activities, as well as at daily review sessions which will be held after activities to identify problems and propose ideas to improve programming
- Participation in leading activities for both children and youth, such as excursions, crafts, homework support, or sporting activities, and active promotion of cross-cultural activities, such as workshops dealing with countries of origin, cultural aspects, etc
- Maintain a field diary to keep a record of everything that occurs during their active participation in the various activities
- Voluntary participation on all special activities carried out by the center, such as campaigns, weekend excursions, field trips, etc



Aside from the aforementioned activities, the volunteers may participate in the design of projects of transversal motivation or in exceptional activities, such as culture workshops and popular or seasonal celebrations (carnival, Christmas, Easter etc.). In addition, they will partake in the daily activities of the centre itself, such as revision of the educational exercises carried out by the centre's users.



It is worth mentioning that the services provided by the volunteers are not substitutes for either current or potential jobs, as the maximum number of employees determined by the administrations have already been assigned in all the centers where volunteers are engaged.

The volunteers may also participate in the design of specialized projects and activities, such as culture workshops and popular or seasonal celebrations. In addition, they will partake in the daily activities of the centre itself, such as revision of the educational exercises. The association will also be offering Spanish language courses taught by a qualified Spanish teacher. If they should so desire, the volunteers will also have the opportunity to learn Catalan.

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EVS Project Description - Timetable:

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10.00–11.30	Spanish (or Catalan) lessons			Spanish (or Catalan) lessons	External Education Centre
15.30-16.00					
16.00-17.00	Activity preparation	Activity preparation	Activity preparation	Activity preparation	Activity preparation
17.00-19.00	Children activities	Children activities	Children activities	Children activities	Children activities
19.00–20.30	Youngsters activities	Youngsters activities	Youngsters activities	Youngsters activities	Youngsters activities
20.30–20.45	Tidy-up	Tidy-up	Tidy-up	Tidy-up	Tidy-up

EVS Project Description (practical info):

Dead-line: 30th September 2020

Start of activities: 1th October 2020

End of activities: 31th May 2021

Duration: Approx. 8 months

Accommodation: Rented apartment shared with European volunteers or local youngsters.

Food: Volunteer will get 170€/month

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Local transport: No needed

More information:



Accommodation: Volunteers will live in a four-bedroom apartment shared with other European volunteers. Each volunteer will have a private bedroom, with shared kitchen, living room and bathroom. The apartment is within walking distance of the Prosec office, the Open Centers, restaurants, shopping areas and parks.

Location:

The PROSEC association is located in Lleida, in the autonomous community of Catalonia, in Spain. It has a population of 137,387 and is the capital of both the province that shares its name and of the Segrià region. In Lleida, as in all Catalonia, **there are two officially recognized languages, Spanish and Catalan. Catalan is the customary language** of the region and that spoken by the majority of the inhabitants, though Spanish is also widely used and understood by everybody, as it is the second language of Lleida and of the autonomous community as a whole. The economy of the town is based around the services industries sector, followed by industry, construction and agriculture.



The PROSEC headquarters are found in the historic, old-town area of Lleida. This is the area with the highest concentration of immigrants and ethnic gypsies and the majority of the inhabitants are people with very little disposable income. In recent years, thanks to the promotion of rent-controlled housing and the revitalization of local businesses, the area has become a favorite for the emancipation of the younger age-groups.

The town has good communication infrastructures and is well connected by road and motorway. Regarding public transport, Lleida has an important train station that connects it with Barcelona (the capital of Catalonia), Zaragoza and Madrid by means of local, regular and high-speed trains. Lleida is 156km from Barcelona and the two centers are well connected, Barcelona being just a one-and-a-half hour train journey away.

Volunteer Profile & Selection:

Volunteers will spend time in Prosec Open Centers to assist in providing extra-curricular activities to local children at-risk of social exclusion. The children who attend our centers include those from minority communities, those from families experiencing socio-economic difficulties, those experiencing challenges in the mainstream education system and those with behavioral issues.

While they are not required to have previous experience working with children, volunteers should be creative, highly motivated and possess a high degree of maturity to assist in delivering activities and managing behavior. Working in the centers can be a very rewarding, yet challenging, experience. Volunteers are also required to have at least a basic level of Spanish in order to work with our staff in the centers and to communicate with the children.

Requirements:

- Available to volunteer from 1th October 2020 to 31th May 2021
- At least basic level of Spanish
- From Europe or Spain (national volunteering)
- Previous experience or motivation to lead activities with children and youth
- Previous experience or willingness to live abroad for long periods (approx. 7 months)
- Willingness to live in shared accommodation with other volunteers
- Previous experience or motivation to work with socially excluded communities
- High level of maturity to assist in managing children´s behavior

Prior to selecting the volunteers, each of the interested candidates must have already sent us a curriculum vitae and a letter outlining their qualifications and motivations.

Volunteers must have a sending organization in order to carry out the volunteer project. It is essential that the organization has personal knowledge of the volunteer who they are proposing to volunteer with our association.

Selection is performed by the volunteer coordinator as well as the supervisor of the Open Centers. Volunteers will be informed if their request has been accepted via email.

Our Motivation:

The principle motivations for our participation in the European Solidarity Corps as a coordinating and host organization are as follows:

- To offer better services to the children and young people who use the Open Centers
- To offer volunteers greater geographical and cultural appreciation through contact with other volunteers
- To enrich the activities and training provided for children and young people
- To provide the users of the centre, the teachers and the other participating volunteers with a cross-cultural experience
- To increase the awareness of European volunteers to the true nature of the problems of the underprivileged
- To provide an opportunity for young Europeans to acquaint themselves with a different culture and language, thereby increasing their sense of European citizenship and awareness and breaking down some established stereotypes
- To provide the volunteers with knowledge and training for the future, thereby improving their opportunities for integration into the work place and facilitating their own personal development

Our motivations for participating in the European Voluntary Service are both organizational - providing improvements that guarantee better services for our users - as well as individual - providing European volunteers with training that both improves their knowledge and enhances their personal development.