

About IDEA

The Irish Development Education Association (IDEA) is a national platform for organisations and individuals engaged in the provision, promotion and advancement of development education throughout the island of Ireland. For IDEA, development education is an educational response and process aimed at increasing awareness and understanding of the shared development of our world.

About the Project for the EVS placement

IDEA is seeking a participant through EVS to work on a specific project: ‘*Challenging the Crisis – Promoting Global Justice and Citizens’ Engagement in a Time of Uncertainty*’ (the ‘Project’) which is a development education project aiming to support young adults in highly-indebted EU countries to become advocates for change for global justice at home and in communities suffering poverty and inequality around the World. The Project is implemented by 7 partner organisations from 6 countries (Greece, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Spain and Slovenia).

IDEA is seeking an EVS volunteer to come to work in our offices in Dublin from August 2015 – April 2016 (a period of 9 months). If you are interested in staying for a shorter period (6 months minimum) or longer (12 months minimum), please contact us and let us know. Any questions should be directed to elaine@ideaonline.ie

About the placement

Specific tasks for the placement will be agreed during the first weeks of the placement and will include:

1. Supporting the Young Global Advocates (YGA)

- Liaising with YGAs in Ireland for practical arrangements for meetings and sharing information – travel, accommodation where necessary, reimbursement, dietary requirements, documentation etc.
- Monitoring and updating activity in the online platform for the Young Global Advocates (NING) – across the 6 Partner countries – as well as the website and social media

2. Developing contacts with other Project stakeholders

- Attend (and draft action points of) meetings of the ‘Challenging the Crisis’ team
- With the support of the project manager, plan and initiate contact on behalf of the Project with development NGOs, youth organisations, media and policy-makers



- Assist IDEA to identify relevant media (print, broadcast, etc) to promote the campaign and create a contact database of relevant contacts (media mapping)
- Attending events or external activities that are of interest, to learn about the sector, promote the work of IDEA and to meet people working in the sector

3. Other tasks

- Support the Office Administrator in the running of the organisation across all areas, including finance, membership, website and event organisation
- Support IDEA to develop funding applications to Erasmus+ (including a potential project under Key Action 2)

4. Monitoring and Evaluation:

- Develop a placement agreement with IDEA including clear learning outcomes for the volunteer based on this initial task list and the volunteer’s own goals
- Regular meetings with supervisor (IDEA staff) and EVS mentor (external to IDEA)
- Produce a brief report (in any format – written, film, etc.) on the EVS experience to be drafted before the end of the placement and disseminated widely.

IDEA office generally opens Monday-Friday from 9am–5pm. Meetings with the Young Global Advocates (YGAs) leading ‘Challenging the Crisis campaign’ in Ireland take place on weekends (one per month) and evenings (one per month). Equivalent time off in lieu will be granted. Police vetting will also be sought for the student in line with the IDEA Child Protection policy.

It would be helpful if the volunteer had:

- Good communication skills and intermediate level of spoken/written English
- Basic computer skills such as Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, PowerPoint)
- Enthusiastic attitude and willing to learn in a dynamic team-environment
- Motivation to work with other young adults (aged 16-30)
- Interest in global justice issues

Training and Learning: In line with good practice for volunteers, IDEA sees this role as a learning opportunity. The role will be based on learning ‘on the job’ with supervision from IDEA. The volunteer will be supervised by the ‘Challenging the Crisis’ project manager (Elaine Mahon). Learning goals will be agreed jointly within the first weeks and will be reviewed on an ongoing basis through regular meetings. The position is based at the IDEA office in Dublin city centre.

