

## EVS Opportunity in Palermo

*Long Term EVS: 9 months – (1<sup>ST</sup> of October 2017 – 30<sup>TH</sup> of June 2018)*

### Who we are ?

Our organization is based in Palermo, whose goal is to spread information about Europe, European Union and European funding programs.

#### GOALS OF THE CENTRE

- To provide information and assistance about the EU and its policies and programmes;
- To educate local citizens and organizations to be responsive to the challenges and opportunities offered by the EU;
- To actively promote debate about the EU and its policies, supporting Participatory Citizenship;
- To foster the concept of European citizenship through educational activities as well as international mobility and cultural exchanges.

### PROJECT “PASSWORD”

#### What ?

The main objective of this project is to promote the European Union and European citizenship at the local level by forging the European identity of young generations.

Young students attend non-formal learning workshops and lectures about European geography, European countries and their diverse cultures and traditions, European institutions and their functioning and responsibilities, European policies and Fundamental Rights.

There is an occasion in each workshop and lecture for reflecting about international issues, exchanging views on diversities, sharing experiences and opinions.

#### TASKS OF THE VOLUNTEERS:

- Taking part in activities and workshop about Europe and European Union in primary and middle schools
- Designing and carrying out workshops about their country and culture
- Dissemination of the Europe Direct pedagogical resources
- Participation in Public events (seminars, festivals, fairs)
- Developing activities for the Europe day celebrations
- Promoting EVS and Erasmus+ Programme

Activities will take place mostly in primary and medium schools. Some schools are located in deprived areas and we often face children with socio-economic disadvantages, a migrant background or mental disabilities (intellectual, cognitive, learning).

## Where ?

The EVS will take place in Palermo, on Sicily's north-west coast, in South Italy. As capital of the region, Palermo guarantees an easy access to all shops, public services and transport.

The project involves local mobility, which means that the workplace will be in different schools of the city on different days of the week.

## When ?

The volunteers will start their service in the beginning of October 2017. The service will last 9 MONTHS until the end of June 2018.

## Who ?

Number of volunteers hosted: **2** (N.B. 1 volunteer has already been selected)

*We are sorry but Euromed and schools in Palermo have not a physical environment suitable for volunteers with physical, sensory or other disabilities.*

### PROFILE OF THE VOLUNTEER:

The volunteer should be an open-minded and active person with an interest in working with children and young people and who feels comfortable taking part in activities in schools, even in the presence of children with disabilities. He/she must have interest in organizing non-formal education activities about his/her own culture, country and language.

We are looking for a volunteer who is really motivated to participate in the project during its duration and is aware of his/her commitment to the project. Volunteers should be highly motivated to learn Italian.

Knowledge of Italian is not compulsory, but it would be a plus.

Driving license is not necessary.

## How ?

Volunteers will be expected to work 30 hours/week (including language and other training activities relating to the project). Working hours will correspond to the opening hours of the organization (9-13 – 14-16 from Monday to Friday), except for those situations in which there will be activities taking place in schools or the necessity to work in the week end for some special events.

Volunteers have two consecutive free days per week and two days of holiday per month.

## Training

- Pre-departure preparation (provided by the Sending Organization)
- On-arrival training (provided by the Italian National Agency)
- Mid-term evaluation (provided by the Italian National Agency)

- Task-related support and guidance to carry out the tasks (provided by our organization)

## Support

- **Tutor/Supervisor** within the Hosting Organisation. Volunteers will work closely with the staff and the school teachers.
- **Mentor** from the local Erasmus Students Network section, with whom the volunteer will have regular meetings throughout the service period.
- **Language support:** volunteers may follow an online language course to improve their competence through the Online Linguistic Support (OLS) platform of the European Commission. Beside, we will look for a person to provide volunteers with support and information about Italian language.

## EVS covers

- **One return travel ticket between the sending country and the host country** (travel to arrive to Italy and go back at the end of the project)
- **EVS group insurance plan set up by the European Commission**
- **Accommodation:** In a fully equipped flat rented by our organization. Electricity, water, gas will be covered by us. Volunteers could share the flat with local or international students or volunteers.
- **Local transport** (in Palermo)
- **Food money and Pocket money**, provided on a monthly basis

## How to apply ?

If you are interested in applying, please complete the **application form** before the 31<sup>st</sup> of March.

After completing the application form, please also send your resume to [erasmus@servicevolontaire.org](mailto:erasmus@servicevolontaire.org) and the respective Commitment you will find enclosed.

After a first selection, a Skype interview will be organised.