

CALL FOR ESC VOLUNTEERS IN SPAIN

RURAL EDUCATION

THE BEAUTY OF THE VALLEY

The Association IMAGINA is looking for **6 ESC volunteers** motivated to work in Imagina association supporting different activities designed to promote rural development and youth dynamization. The work will be mainly in youth work (promoting european mobility, learning opportunities and activities based on non-formal education); educational activities in schools and high schools and activities related with the enhancement of the value of our rural area (environmental protection, promotion of local products, etc.).

These projects will focus on youth dynamization with different goals and target groups. Each of the volunteers will work with similar activities and sharing some of the tasks working in teams, but each of them will be more focused in one of these fields (in relation with their skills) for some of the activities developed within the organization:

- RURAL EDUCATION: workshops with children and young people from rural areas.
- THE BEAUTY OF THE VALLEY: environmental protection, promotion of local products and activities related with nature as environmental education.

Project dates: from february 2023 (305 days, 10 months)

Location: Málaga province, Spain. Town of: Álora



Castle of Álora



Caminito del Rey-El chorro

Coordinating and HOSTING Organization: ASOCIACIÓN DE DESARROLLO SOCIAL PARTICIPATIVO IMAGINA

The Association IMAGINA is a non-profit association with the main aim of promoting youth participation in our region of the interior area of Málaga, with the idea of enhancing civil participation in the social life of the town, promoting also learning opportunities and mobility for young people.

Social Innovation applied to Local development is our way of working, considering people like the key to solve their difficulties, whether they are social, environmental or economical. We believe in the power of young people to be active and innovative. Thanks to Erasmus + we have a path to transform our dreams in projects, allowing us to grow in a multicultural learning process.



Our association is integrated by people with different profiles (students, young people who are starting to work, youth workers, volunteers...) that have met thanks to the participation in other Erasmus + projects, discovering that we have common concerns and also common values that can be developed through this kind of projects and also with local activities, having also an impact in more local youngsters who can become part of this movement, so we can charge our batteries of energy, new ideas and youth initiatives that can motivate young people, make them learn, grow, improve their skills and act!

We have a wide experience organizing **youth exchanges** and **training courses**, we are also a sending, hosting and coordinating organization for **Volunteer projects**, having a really good experience implementing projects about different topics through non-formal education.

Here you can see a video about volunteering in IMAGINA:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bQDUUGgB2b4>

Some IDEAS of the Fields of Work that we will develop during this project...

1. INCLUSION WORK and ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

To support young people with functional diversity and their families, through activities and workshops, developed in rural neighborhoods and small villages, making possible the necessary assistance so these youngsters could take part in the dynamization activities organized by volunteers with equal opportunities.

The activities for inclusion of people with disabilities include innovative methodologies based on non-formal educational tools especially related with environmental care and occupational therapy, but also some others like digitalisation or artistic therapy.

Profile of volunteer:

- Competences in working with young people, social skills.
- Some experience in the fields of occupational therapy, education, social work and youth work will be well-valued.
- Motivation to help, patience and open mind.



2. YOUTH WORK and EDUCATION: Youth and children dynamization and promotion of mobility programs

As a youth organization, we develop different activities in order to promote training, educational and mobility opportunities to young people from rural areas. To do that, we try to promote local and international mobility projects for youngsters within Erasmus + program. Some of the tasks to develop will be:

Support in the implementation of youth projects in our region (youth exchanges, training courses, Mediation project, etc.).

Promotion of mobility programs such as Erasmus + and ESC: organizing workshops and dissemination activities, counselling young people, preparing them to go abroad challenging their fears...

Workshops and activities in schools and high schools enhancing the use of Non Formal Education related with multiculturality.

Support to the activities of the YOUTH council at the town: organization of activities for young people and children (youth camps, sports activities, activities to promote healthy lifestyle, recycling and other environmental values).

To develop language workshops to promote linguistic skills among young people and children from rural areas, especially in listening/talking.

Profile of volunteer:

- Good English level (B2) will be well-valued.
- Competences on youth dynamization. Interest in working with young people and passion for sports and active lifestyle.
- Digital Skills will be well-valued (video edition, photography, use of social networks, basic computer skills...).
- New ideas and motivation to create activities for youngsters will be appreciated!
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Some common competences very important to us are for his project:

- Motivation to work with young people from rural areas and to be involved in our organization.
- Interest in Rural Development.
- Capacity to build a trusting relationship with the youngsters.
- Capacity to work in a team with the other volunteers and the staff or the association.
- Some experience in the Erasmus + Program and the organization of youth projects would be valued.
- Capacity to adapt to a rural environment.
- Flexible with the work, since some of our activities will be developed during the afternoon or weekends.
- Creativity, enthusiasm, new ideas are welcomed!
- Capacity on working with paperwork, being flexible.
- Interest in teaching and educative system.
- Good English level (B2).

Technical Information:

Accommodation and Location of activities:

Volunteers will be living in a flat with other volunteers, in shared rooms. The flat also has a big dining room, kitchen, 2 bathrooms and a common terrace.



More information regarding Álora can be found following this link:

Álora: <http://www.alora.es/Inicio/>

This situation will allow the volunteer to live in a **rural lifestyle**, with the benefits that we have wonderful weather, fresh products and a quiet lifestyle, but we also count on all the facilities like shops, supermarkets, sport centers, restaurants, etc.

BUT, for the people who need to live in a city or who don't tolerate the problems related to rural areas (limited means of transport and limited availability of schedules, limited modern facilities like cinema, big shopping centers, etc.), think well about this before applying!

Food Allowance and Pocket Money:

Each volunteer will receive per month: 155€ of food allowance and 5€ per day (e.g. month with 30 days =150€, total 300€) for pocket money.

Transport money:

Each volunteer will receive the quantity according to the distance from the origin country to Málaga:

From 500 to 1999 km: 275€ maximum return travel (Italy, Portugal...)

From 2000 to 2999 km: 360€ maximum return travel (Romania, Poland, Türkiye...)

YOU NEED TO PAY FOR YOUR TRANSPORT TICKETS TO COME AND WE WILL REIMBURSE YOU WHEN YOU ARRIVE AND GIVE US THE TICKETS! Remember to keep all your boarding passes and original travel tickets so we can reimburse you the travel costs!!

We also have the possibility to cover VISA COSTS.

APPLICATION:

To apply for this project, the volunteer have to send their **CV in English as well as MOTIVATION LETTER to participate in this specific project** and send to esc.imagina@gmail.com

After that, we will also communicate the results of the selection process by email.

Deadline for Application: 20TH JANUARY 2023

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