



Vacancy for European Voluntary Service in Italy, Altamura

- + **Name of The Project:** Step Forward, Make a Difference
- + **Receiving Organisation:** Associazione Culturale Link
- + **Location:** Altamura, Italy
- + **Start Date:** 25/01/2016
- + **End Date:** 24/03/2016

About Altamura

Link is located in Altamura (Bari). The city has about 70,000 inhabitants and is one of the most culturally active city centres in the province. Its importance is due to its history, its monuments, including the Romanesque cathedral of Federico II di Svevia, which dates back to the XIII century, Its area within the Alta Murgia National Park and its archaeological finds including man fossils dating back to 200,000 years ago and nearly 30,000 dinosaur footprints. The city has an excellent geographical position: it's located 45 km far from Bari - Puglia capital - and only 17 km far from the city of Matera, with its historic centre, the "Sassi", declared World Heritage by UNESCO in 1993. The tourism coming from this geographical position, enriches the city of Altamura and contributes to the development of its economy joining the main economic activities: agriculture and breeding, food products export and sofa industry. An important aspect of the city is represented by a significant number (about 3.000) of non-EU citizens from Albania, Tunisia, Romania, Poland and Ukraine. Altamura is a city with a strong presence of young people and many informal groups and youth organizations engaged in cultural and sports activities.

About Associazione Culturale Link

Associazione Culturale Link has been established in 2003 by a group of young people wishing to promote non formal education, intercultural learning activities and human rights education in the Region of Puglia. During the years the association has offered mobility opportunities to hundreds of young people, focussing on Youth in Action activities such as youth exchanges and European Voluntary Service. Link is since 2007 a hosting, sending and coordinating organization in the frame of Action 2 and offers a variety of activities for young people from all over Europe. Beside exchanges and EVS, Link is also involved, both as organizer and as co-promoter, in many other projects supported by the program: partnership building activities, training courses, feasibility visits and projects supporting innovation and quality in youth work. Link is also dealing with other European programs such as Europe for Citizens and Lifelong Learning Program, with the aim of offering also opportunities to better understand other cultures to young people and adults. Link is very focused on inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities.

At local level the main activities are: supporting young people searching for educational projects abroad, organizing information campaigns for young people and for adults, running creative workshops with pupils and with youth (including those for disadvantaged background), promoting projects of non-formal education in collaboration with schools and local associations, implementing workshops with disabled youngsters, promoting volunteering and giving support to informal groups and organizations interested in European programmes.



Tasks of The Volunteer

- # **International Activities:** support Link in the realization of international projects, sector of involvement depends on interest and abilities; for example-logistics, realization of non-formal workshops, hosting arrangements, documentation via photo and video with promotion online of daily activities
- # **Meetings:** Interactive meetings with associations, youth groups and teachers to promote the Erasmus+ Programme and volunteerism
- # **LINK CLUB:** Friday workshops with local youth – assist to workshops organized by the youth workers of the organization
- # **Local activities:** Link offers constantly support for local organizations during the realization of cultural events (music festival, artistic performances, sport events etc.) Volunteers help in logistics, promotion and realization of this events, in the hosting city and other cities of the surrounding.
- # **Online Point:** Help local youth to use internet point of the organization, promote a positive and conscious way of using internet for young people
- # **Personal Project:** Create a personal project with the help of the youth workers of the organization, in the interest of the volunteer.

Criteria

We are searching for **2 volunteers** who are experienced in voluntary work and motivated to work with children and young people. From the perfect candidate we expect experience working with groups, making presentation.

How To Apply?

Please send your English CV to Ms. Basak Uslu basak.uslu@yasar.edu.tr and fill the application for on the link below before **20th of November 2015**. Application Form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1tZm_CKOFxvbeZHFhZMQPBclk4iUiNqszFLMi4pXITKg/viewform?usp=send_form

About European Voluntary Service

European Voluntary Service (EVS) is a subprogram of European Union Erasmus+ Programme. In EVS, youth between the ages of 18 to 30 voluntarily works in a European Country related to social responsibility jobs for 2 to 12 months in a host organization.

What Are The Conditions For Applying?

To be able to apply for the EVS the main condition is to be 18-30 years old and to have a sending institution. There are no conditions regarding knowing a foreign language or to be graduated.

What Does EVS Provide For the Volunteers?

EVS will provide you the following opportunities:

- # Some part of your travelling costs
- # Visa Costs
- # Accommodation in the host country
- # 3 meals a day or the money that will allow you to purchase your own meal.
- # Pocket money for your basic needs
- # Language course for the language of the country that you are visiting.