

Vacancy for European Voluntary Service in Italy, Altamura

- ✦ **Name of The Project:** Live, Act, Volunteer
- ✦ **Receiving Organisation:** Associazione Culturale Link
- ✦ **Location:** Altamura, Italy
- ✦ **Start Date:** 01/07/2017
- ✦ **End Date:** 27/08/2017

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, 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. Altamura is a city with a strong presence of young people and many informal groups and youth organizations engaged in cultural and sports activities.

Check out some information about Altamura on the internet:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Altamura>

<http://enjoyaltamura.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5jwrqZuWYoc>

About Associazione Culturale Link

Link was stabled by four social workers in 2003, and now in 2017 we are working 6 person every day together with the help of several local and international volunteers. Link is situated in the city of Altamura, but we also manage a Mediateca (multimedia library) in the town of Irsina.

Link hosts 4 volunteers for long-term periods all year long, and on local level there are about 10 volunteers working with other organisations, so its always very multi-cultural around us. Get some impressions about our work checking the pictures on our facebook page: Associazione Link

And watch our video of "A new volunteer in Link":

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jZFrp5wkyi4>

Description of the hosting activity

The volunteer hosted within Link2Continents project in Italy will become part of the staff of Link and will support them within all the activities which will happen during the month of July and August 2017. So it is necessary to be flexible and have the will to try different things and work with different people.

The main working tasks will be the following:

Working with youth (14-24 years):

- + Helping in the realisation of the Link Club every Friday in Link office: Creative activities with young people about various topics (cultures, games, recycling, painting, ect)
- + Intercultural promotion through Intercultural and movie evenings with the support of all volunteers hosted in the city, for and with young people from local community.
- + Interactive meetings in schools, associations, youth groups to promote the Erasmus+ Programme and the European awareness (preparing the meetings and the information materials, preparing support materials like photos, videos, role games and evaluation tools).
- + Workshops about the topic of diversity within formal settings (school, training courses, youth groups, ect); preparation of materials and sessions and realization of workshops.

Working with international projects:

- + The volunteer will help in the preparation and realization of group projects such as Youth Exchanges, Group EVS projects and Training courses. The tasks will be discussed together and can vary from animation, realization of activities and workshops, logistics and administration;

Working in/with the office:

- + Office work, learning how to manage a youth organisation, getting to know the Erasmus+ programm, invent new promotion ideas.
- + Cooperation with media tools like radio or newspaper (a weekly broadcast on a local radio station about music and European youth lifestyles, writing articles for local newspapers, update of website, etc.)
- + Developing a personal project (in favore of the competences of the volunteer)



During the first two weeks the volunteers will have the chance to participate to all activities regularly organized by Link. Together with the tutor, her name is Lucia Creanza (responsible for the work management) the volunteer will decide which activities to join most and the work plan will be adapted.

Every week the volunteer will meet with the mentor, her name is Birgit Atzl, to evaluate how the project is going on and if there is anything which needs clarifications, support or changes, regarding the work and regarding personal life (house, free time management, cultural discovering, ect).

During all project all staff of Link will be available for learning, sharing, teaching, confrontation about culture and volunteering work. In case of emergency the volunteer will have all necessary phone numbers to contact the mentor or tutor when needed.

Working hours and days off

The volunteer will have activities for 6-7 hours per day and 5 days per week, about 30 – 35 hours a week. The volunteer will have Saturday and Sunday free and two days per month for holidays. The holidays need to be confirmed with the hosting organisation. In case of weekend activities where the help of the volunteer is requested, the volunteer can compensate this working hours during the following week, in agreement with the hosting organisation.

Accommodation

The volunteers will be hosted in a shared flats in center of Altamura. The flat have a kitchen, living room, shared sleeping rooms, shared bathroom. The apartment is shared with other EVS volunteers, everyone is responsible for taking care for the flat - cleaning, shopping and cooking. It is not allowed to host other people in the flat, or host animals in the flat. There is no WIFI in the house available. The volunteer can you internet in the office of the organization or/and can buy an Italian SIM card with internet connection (about 10€ per month, not covered by the organization)

There is no need for transport because the working and living place is 5 min away or you drive with car and the staff to appointments.

Language Training

The coordinating organization Link will offer to all an intensive Language Training Course to help the volunteers to integrate in local environment and activity work.



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 Van Hove basak.vanhove@yasar.edu.tr and fill the application for on the link below before **23 April 2017, 23:59**.

Application Form: <https://goo.gl/forms/I9SueQlxwX7dfjr52>

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.

Link searches for a young person who is willing to give a lot of energy for the local activities of our organization and wants to learn about the management of an NGO organization.

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.