

## **- VOLUNTEERING PROJECT -**

### **THE YOUTH POWER: LEARNING AND SOLIDARITY**

#### **SOLIDARITY TEAM**

#### **AURYN ASSOCIATION**

#### **PROJECT DETAILS**

“THE YOUTH POWER: LEARNING AND SOLIDARITY” is a project which involves a total of 6 European Volunteers who will develop their activities in different organizations in León city at the same time but with different objectives.

“SOLIDARITY TEAM” is one of these activities. It will take place in Auryn Association with the aim of promoting children and youth integration throughout a leisure time and educational program focused on values linked with Human Rights, tolerance, respect and solidarity.

In this Volunteering Project 3 volunteers will participate on the daily activities that the Association develops with children, youth and families.

#### **INFO ABOUT AURYN ASSOCIATION**

Auryn started in November 2001 with the aim of creating an educational and leisure space, to empower children, youngsters and elderly people possibilities in the city of Leon. The association works in the field of prevention, leisure time education, human rights education, theatre promotion, intercultural education, environmental education, youth entertainment and sociocultural development with a personal identity and pedagogical approach.

There is a team of workers and volunteers, who are properly trained and with at least one certification on areas related to education, leisure leadership and social intervention. The

team both prepares and develops youth entertainment activities and carries out administrative tasks so as to promote the growth of the association as a reference point for the community and the city.

## **EUROPEAN VOLUNTEER'S PROFILE**

- Young people aged between 20 and 30.
- Young people interested in volunteering in a non-profit Association of local community which develops projects of educational intervention with youngsters and children at social exclusion.
- Young people, preferably with some training or experience in the field of children and young people education.
- Young people with some knowledge of Spanish.
- Availability and compromise to participate along the whole Solidarity Project.

## **VOLUNTEERING PROJECT**

### **VOLUNTEERING TASKS**

The volunteer will participate, with two other European Volunteers, on the activities that Auryn Association develops, divided on the mentioned projects. The volunteer will have an active role about the implementation of the activities. The main tasks of the European Volunteer will be:

- Inform about the different topics and themes that are related to the interests of the youth.
- Research and distribute interesting information for the collectives from the Association.
- Participation in the project management related to youth exchanges and shared experiences with other countries from the European Union in which the youngsters are protagonists.

- Promotion and support the development of the activities in which the different groups are involved, mainly about the educational support, leisure time activities, artistic projects, environment education, etc.
- Programing activities for the different projects.
- Promoting the training activities for the youngsters in the area of associations, European programs, etc.
- Create educational materials related to the Association activity and linked with the intercultural and human rights education.
- Evaluation of the activities carried out and their own learning process.
- Planning, implementing and monitoring the activities developed by the Association related to the capacity development of the youngsters (informatics, job search, etc.).
- Supporting the coordination of the available resources.
- Organizing and distributing the rooms for the weekly activities.
- Participation on the special and punctual activities that the Association develops throughout the year (trips, weekend camps, summer camp, etc.). Create the materials and activities that can be necessary for them.
- Supporting the management and the maintenance of the webpage, blog, social networks, etc.

Related to the volunteer's role, it is important to point out that the volunteer will work in a coordinated way with the coordinator of the association and with the group of workers, volunteers and animators of the association. The volunteer will be able to contribute with his/her experience to the daily work of the association.

### **WORKING HOURS AND DAYS OFF**

The schedule distribution and free days will be specified and agreed when the volunteer arrives. There will usually be 5 days of volunteering, 7 hours a day approximately, and two free days per week. Additionally, the volunteer will have 2 days of holiday each month during the project.

In the moments of high activity or in celebrations we'll ask the volunteer to collaborate, of course taking into account the volunteers' opinion, and we'll compensate those days, for instance, with some extra free days.

If the volunteer knows in advance that at a particular date he/she must be absent for some days, he/she will have to communicate it as soon as possible to the association so that the activity can be organized taking into account his/her absence.

Due to the characteristics of the activities, it is possible that we cannot provide flexibility in the holiday dates, as normally the association stops during school holidays, which will force the volunteer to organize his/her free time according to the calendar of activities of the association and the volunteer's personal calendar. Furthermore, to avoid future conflicts or problems we'll try to make the volunteer aware of the different dates proposed by the association (it will be also important that the volunteer sees the positive side here: he/she will know in advance his/her free days and can organize himself or herself better).

## **SUPPORT**

The volunteers will have the personal support of a tutor, who will be the person in charge of doing so and helping them through the learning process. Once a month, the volunteer and the tutor will meet to evaluate their learning process. The tutor will help the volunteer in administrative tasks if necessary; and the volunteer will accept the tutor as the person responsible of his/her well-being and will have to attend the meetings the tutor organizes.

On the other hand, Auryn Association will facilitate a supervisor of the volunteer tasks, as well as providing other people who will support him/her. Those people will offer their supervision and orientation to the volunteers, and they will help him/her to fit in and integrate himself/herself in the association, the project and the local community.

In addition, from Auryn Association we'll provide opportunities for the volunteers to get to know youngsters, socialize, participate in free-time activities, etc; and we'll facilitate the contact between the European volunteers whenever possible.

## **LEARNING PROCESS (YOUTHPASS)**

Youthpass is a European recognition tool for non-formal and informal learning in youth work. Youthpass is for projects funded by Erasmus+ and by European Solidarity Corps Programs. With Youthpass the participants of these projects can describe what they have done and show what they have learnt. The youthpass is a certificate you'll develop and receive at the end of the project.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### DATES

The Volunteering project “Solidarity Team” will last 8 months.

### TRIP

The travel costs to and from the project venue are covered by the European Solidarity Corps up to a maximum. This maximum is used for the ticket to Spain and the return ticket at the end of the project. The procedure for the reimbursement would be the following:

- The volunteer will be in charge of searching and buying the tickets (plane, train, bus, etc) with the help of the sending or receiving organization if necessary.
- Once the volunteer has arrived in León, the original tickets will be verified and the reimbursement will be done (up to the established maximum).
- It will be indispensable that the tickets are original and that the prize appears on them. In the case of the plane tickets, if the prize does not appear on them, it is important to keep the e-mail from the company in which the prize and the name and surname of the passenger appear; if it is not possible the last resource should be asking the company for a receipt. For the reimbursement we need all the original Boarding Passes.

The tickets should be as economical as possible. We recommend you buying your return tickets, as it will be cheaper than buying them separately.

Taxis and other platforms such as Uber or Cabify are not covered by the project.

The trips that the volunteer may do in their vacation periods won't be covered by the European Solidarity Corps Program.

### HOW TO ARRIVE

The volunteer can travel with a low cost company such as EASYJET, RYANAIR, VUELING... They fly to Madrid and then the volunteer can move by subway or train to “Madrid-Chamartín train station”. Then, the volunteer can travel by train to Leon. For further information about times and prices you should have a look in the site: [www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es). If the volunteer prefers the bus to arrive from Madrid to León, the volunteer can check the timetables in [www.alsa.es](http://www.alsa.es). There are some buses from Madrid Barajas Airport to León. In

addition, there is an airport in León, but there are not many flights and the price is not usually cheap.

Once in León, one of the members of the association will pick you up and take you to the apartment.

#### **ACCOMODATION, FOOD ALLOWANCE AND POCKET MONEY**

We will provide an apartment appropriated for the basic needs of the 3 people that will carry out their volunteering in the association. Additionally, we'll provide a weekly allowance (35 €) for food for each volunteer. Apart from covering the apartment and the allowance, the European Solidarity Corps Project provides a quantity as pocket money for the volunteers to use for their own expenses. This quantity for Spanish projects is 5 € per day.

#### **INSURANCE**

Each volunteer will be enrolled in the Cigna Insurance Plan of the European Solidarity Corps Program that will complement the coverage of the system of the social security. The Supporting organization, in collaboration with Aurnyn Association, will be responsible for registering the volunteers. This process must be done before the volunteer depart to Spain, so that he/she is covered for the integrate length of the Volunteering Project.