

## Kick Off Creativity

**Duration of the EVS: 12 months**

all the volunteers need to be back at latest on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017

### INFORMATION ABOUT HOSTING ORGANISATION AND ACTIVITIES

<p><b>HOSTING ORGANISATION</b> (short description of the organisation)</p>	<p><b>Associazione Culturale Link</b> 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 am 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 focussed 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. <a href="http://www.linkyouth.org">www.linkyouth.org</a></p>
<p><b>VENUE</b> (country and city/village where the EVS volunteer will carry on the activities and will be accommodated)</p>	<p>City of Altamura (BA). Region of Puglia.</p>
<p><b>IDEAL VOLUNTEERS' PROFILE</b> (skills, competencies, previous experience, interests – all the</p>	<p>Sociable, open, indipendet, willing to learn Italian and contribute with his/her own skills in the projects development. Previous experience in working with young people and kids will be well appreciated as well as competences in teaching English, working with photography,</p>

<p>features that make this person an ideal candidate to do EVS at YOUR organisation)</p>	<p>arts, video-making and website administration. Anyhow, we are open to any candidates, no particular skills are required.</p>
<p><b>PLANNED DATES</b> (please clarify the starting date of the project)</p>	<p>1/02/2016 – 31/01/2017</p>
<p><b>DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT</b> (detailed information about tasks, activities and volunteer’s work at the organisation)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>English language</b> workshosp with schools during morning classes and developing a non-formal language course for young people who will go abroad for youth exchanges or voluntary service.</li> <li>• <b>Link Club:</b> Creative activities with young people (16 – 25 years) about various topics (recycling, bicycle, painting, ect) and Movie evening with intercultural background, selecting Movies of country of origin of the volunteers every week.</li> <li>• <b>Italian language training</b> twice a week for the first months. Learning italian is very important to be part of the work and the local community.</li> <li>• Help developing and implementing <b>English summer camps</b> for kids mainly in june and july.</li> <li>• Interactive meetings in schools, associations, youth groups to <b>promote</b> the <b>Erasmus+ Programme</b> and the European awareness (preparing the meetings and the information materials, preparing support materials like photos, videos, role games and evaluation tools).</li> <li>• Helping to develop the <b>on going international projects</b> of the host organisation from the preperation, implementation and evaluation of the activities (Youth Exchanges, Training Courses, local projects).</li> <li>• Cooperation with <b>media tools</b> 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.)</li> <li>• Help developing <b>partnerships</b> with local and international organizations.</li> <li>• <b>Office work</b>, learning how to manage a youth organisation, getting to know Erasmus Plus programm.</li> <li>• Developing a <b>personal project</b>. Volunteers will be encouraged to think and create small initiatives or projects with the support of Link staff.</li> </ul>
<p><b>FOOD AND LODGING</b></p>	<p>The volunteer will be accommodated together with other international volunteers in a flat which is settled close to the project and the city</p>

**ARRANGEMENTS**

centre of Altamura. Volunteers will stay in a shared room, the flat has a common space with kitchen and TV. There is a bathroom which all volunteers share. There is a kitchen where the volunteers are able to prepare meals on their own. The house has an independent heating and a washing machine. No Wi-Fi available in the flat. Volunteers can use Wi-Fi in the office. The volunteer is supposed to shop and to prepare the meals on his/her own or together with other volunteers who live in the same flat. The volunteer is obliged to take care of the house and all included furniture and objects. It is the responsibility of the volunteer to clean the house. In the case that something is broken from the fault of the volunteer, or the house is left especially dirty, it is the responsibility of the volunteer to reimburse the fixing or the cleaning.

The flat is supposed to host only volunteers, it is not allowed to host other people. However, the volunteer will have to inform and discuss with the coordinating organization about the possibility of hosting family members or friends in the flat.