

DESCRIPTION OF THE VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

Name of the Organization: Associação Mais Cidadania

Venue: Rua do Teixeira, n° 13 1200-459 Lisboa

Availability: January until June

Field of the volunteering: Youth work, citizenship

About the organization:

Associação Mais Cidadania (AMC) is a European Non-profit NGO that operates in Bairro Alto, Lisboa (Portugal), since 2003.

Their mission is:

- to promote Citizenship through cooperation with local and international partnerships;
- to train youngsters and young adults to share competencies and skills as a tool to serve society;
- to contribute for a responsible and active involvement of citizens in civil society and in the construction of solutions for the challenges of modern society.

They believe:

- in the strenght of non-formal education as a methodology to acquire new competences and know-how both at personal and professional level;
- in the potential of cooperation with an efficient and active network;
- that every individual can and should contribute for a better world, to turn the society more participative, solidary, inclusive, democratic and human.

Volunteer profile:

The way we define the profile for the volunteers is based more on motivation than on skills. We believe motivation to be the driving force of someone who intends to be an international volunteer: motivation to learn, to share, to listen, to acquire skills.

The volunteer should:

- be interested to live and work in a multicultural and cooperative environment;
- respect all times the ways of work and methodologies of the organisation;
- available to learn about the work developed by AMC under the framework of Non-Profit Organisations and Non Formal Education;
- able to work with everyone (all people involved from different teams and projects) with kindness and availability;
- interested in developing intercultural and intergenerational learning and dialogue (in daily life during the project at local and international levels);
- interested in acquiring experience in local, national and international youth projects;
- willing to share personal interests, skills and values with other youngsters;
- interested in learning new languages and different cultures;
- able to communicate and work in English;
- be empathic with others (whithin the team, volunteers, youngsters or other participants in local activities and daily life of the organisation but also in common living arrangements – the more personal side of the project at EVS flat);
- interested and able to find solutions for the common good;
- able to understand and accept the consequences of his/her behaviour;

- willing to develop her/his autonomy.

Description of the activities and tasks:

- actively participate in Portuguese Language Course (30 hours);
- attend the meetings with the mentor and the project supervisor;
- actively take part in the trainings provided by AMC (On-arrival training, Youthpass, Conflict Resolution, Volunteering, Human Rights, Global Education, No Hate Speech and others that the organisation believes to be relevant according to the work led);
- be part of the day-by-day of the organisation and actively be part of all activities and dimensions of AMC's work (in the office, with the youth centers, with local partners...);
- actively take part in the local Food Bank (once a month);
- create and implement sessions of promotion of mobilities and human rights in local schools;
- use video and camera to collect evidence of the local activities implemented by AMC and/or local partners;
- develop and implement intercultural activities and/or workshops on topics that interest you and are in line with AMC's values and activities;
- cope with office tasks (at times more repetitive) and embrace the work led by a NGO, learning by doing and being available for whatever needed;
- elaborate a self-assessment (Youthpass) on recognition and validation of volunteers experience;
- working with the social media platforms of the organization.

Working hours: Monday-Friday, 6 hours a day (10 am – 5 pm)