

European Volunteer Revolution 2

Long term EVS project of 6 months
01/02/2015 - 31/07/2015
San Sebastian - Donostia (Gipuzkoa), Spain

Youth organisation KAEBNAI offers European volunteers intercultural experience through its integration in KAEBNAI's activities developed in the city of San Sebastián along with timely collaboration with other local partners and the city Council preparing European Capital of Culture 2016. Volunteers are given an excellent opportunity to take part in a preparation phase of European Capital of Culture 2016 and work in various places in and outside of San Sebastian during 6 months.

This EVS project with the name "European Volunteer Revolution 2" under the "Preparing 2016... Objective Donostia-San Sebastian. European Capital of Culture", represents a follow up project of previous EVS project of two volunteers, realised during 2014. New project, of 9 young people coming from 9 different EU countries, is straight connected to the "European Capital of Culture 2016" hosted by San Sebastian city. A big number of volunteers will give a significant value to the event from different angles.

The volunteers will participate in various activities of the organisation and at all stages of the service the learning experience of the volunteers will be evaluated and assessed to focus on the acquirement of skills, competences and foster behavioral changes. The planned activities for volunteers are:

- Participation in the weekly meetings of the Pedagogical Coordination Commission.
- Designing projects, programs and activities; educational materials; informative brochures; specific calls information articles; courses; workshops; etc.
- Supporting team of "Foundation 2016" in preparation of the "European Capital of Culture 2016"
- Organising non-formal activities for local volunteers, elder people, disabled people (considering the skills and abilities of the volunteer)
- Supporting to organise local celebrations in San Sebastian
- Active participation in spreading information about Erasmus+ Programme by making presentations in universities, schools and in public places.
- Participation as support for monitors and instructors in specific local and international activities
- Help in energizing conferences and seminars
- Design and development of an English language workshops
- Active presence in training courses and seminars
- Preparation of materials for monitors and other educators
- Assisting internal training sessions, meetings and informal association activities (dinners, trips, video club, etc.)
- Development of intercultural activities by organising intercultural evenings
- Development of a personal project according to volunteer's preferences, skills and abilities

The working places are:

- kaebnai office
- Youth Centre of local municipality
- Foundation 2016 – organizing "European Capital of Culture 2016"
- Mundo Nuevo – local partner youth organisation
- Goienetxe – local partner organisation working with disabled people
- Plus 55 - local partner organisation, organizing activities for old people over 55 years old
- Haritzalde - local partner organisation, working on environmental issues

In order to realize all the activities with a high quality, in the very beginning of service, volunteers will be provided an intensive language courses of Spanish (80%) and Basque (20%) as both are official languages in Spain and very necessary for proper integration in local society.

It is expected that, through the Service, the volunteers will learn, acquire and develop the following skills that will contribute to their professional, social and personal development:

- Acquire teamwork skills with other youths and professionals.
- Learn to speak and write correctly in Spanish. An approach to the Basque language, one of the oldest languages in Europe, will also be provided.
- Acquire knowledge of the Basque culture.
- Learn about the activities and services offered by the KAEBNAI association, Donostia - San Sebastian 2016 Foundation and other local partners.
- Learn about the Erasmus+ program, its possibilities and opportunities offered to Youth.
- Learn about how to prepare and implement informative activities.
- Actively participation in the planning of different activities.
- Initiate and organize new activities.
- Learn about how to plan, implement and evaluate intercultural activities.
- Learn about how to present own culture.
- Gain a deep understanding of a new culture in all its aspects.
- Learn about how to make public presentations.
- Develop working skills on Microsoft Windows, MS Office and Internet.
- Develop photography and video editing skills
- Learn about being more patient, more open-minded and more independent person.
- Understand the importance of knowing other realities and cultures for future personal and professional development.

Practical arrangements

Foreseen daily schedule & weekly schedule:

The activity will take place 5 days a week: from Monday to Friday and will have two consecutive free days per week, Saturday and Sunday.

The volunteer's general schedule will be 35 hours per week organized as follows: from 09:00 to 14:00 and from 16:00 to 20:00, but the timetable varies from day to day between the given working hours.

Saturday and Sunday are days off. Week-end working hours may occur and are compensated in proportion 1 to 1 with weekday working hours.

Accommodation

The accommodation will be provided in San Sebastian. From the flat will be easy to reach most important destinations of the city, like food shops, hospital, working and intertaining areas. We are renting 2 flats to accommodate 9 people. Each volunteer will have an individual room (but in case flat does not give a possibility to have individual room for each, volunteer has to be ready that s/he might have to share a big room with other one volunteer for some time) in a flat of 4 or 5 bedrooms. It will be a medium class Spanish flat composed by individual rooms, one kitchen, one living room and toilet/bathroom.

The more detailed information about the programme activities and accommodation will be given a bit later. If having any questions about any part of the information above please, contact us on: kaebnai2016dss@gmail.com

Thank you very much!

We are delighted to welcome you to our land!