

EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS

OPPORTUNITIES WITH YC EPIRUS

IN IOANNINA, GREECE



YOUTH CENTER OF EPIRUS

The Youth Center of Epirus (YC Epirus) is a non-profit organisation located in Ioannina, in the heart of the Epirus region, Greece. It hosts departments of young adult non-formal education and asylum seeker integration. The organisation is internationally certified for Support Services for the Improvement of Citizen's Lives and the Upgrading of General Living Conditions, by the International Organization for Standardization and has received Certification as a provider of Primary Social Care services of a non-profit nature from the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs.

The young adult center in Kaplani 10, Ioannina is open to public during every study year. The center is an open space for all young adults who look for non-formal education, local and international opportunities. YC Epirus offers activities related to volunteerism, non-formal education, social inclusion and cultural awareness. Our international team combined of volunteers and youth workers implement various courses and workshops, informative and cultural events for youth and young adults; everyone is welcome to join our team and share their ideas!

<https://www.yce.gr/en/>



YC Epirus organizes and participates also in international educational projects such as youth exchanges, training courses, seminars, as well as voluntarism, research and capacity building projects under the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes. In addition, the place hosts Europe Direct Information Center where regional society can receive information related to EU opportunities, grants, citizen rights, etc.

YC Epirus asylum seeker integration department operates local and regional projects that provide accommodation, integration, health care, educational and other support to asylum seekers in Epirus region. This department operates at Mesologiou 29, Kaplani 10 and Perama Ioannina.



IOANNINA

Set on the western shore of the lovely Lake Pamvotis, Ioannina is one of northern Greece's most atmospheric cities, and one of its more cultured and wealthy, as it was famous throughout the Ottoman Empire for its silver artisans. The walls of its old fortified city, the Kastro, enclose a tranquil quarter, spiked with minarets, and an island in the lake is a quiet, car-free escape. At sunset the lake turns silver and the impressive mountains behind turn lilac. Ioannina is a beautiful place in every season.

The strong cultural traditions of the town, home to a number of great novelists and poets, and the artistic and intellectual events which are organized throughout the year, give visitors the opportunity to get to know the roots of the intellectual life of Epirus.

Ioannina was always multicultural, dominated mainly by Christian, Islamic and Jewish influences. This coexistence of cultural influences is clearly evident in the historic city centre.





SUPPORT FROM THE HOSTING ORGANISATION

Reimbursed travel costs

Shared accommodation

Monthly financial support for food and pocket money

Individual support during preparation and integration

Training sessions on all activity related themes

Weekly individual and group tutoring. Mentor to support with local life



PROFILE OF THE VOLUNTEERS

- At least 22 years old.
- Fluent in spoken English.
- Autonomous and very responsible.
- Ready to propose ideas and lead activities.
- Being able to work in a multicultural environment.
- Genuine interest in youth work, social and educational issues.
- With previous experience or education in youth work or non formal education or digital content creation or anything relevant.



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LAKE FRONT

ΕΝΔΟΧΩΡΕΣ
ΕΞΟΧΕΣ
ΜΟΝΑΞΕΡΕΣ

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OPPORTUNITIES

ACTIVITY I

Mobility duration: 6 months

Start: July 2022

Within this activity, we would continue our approach of integrating international voluntarism in local young adult activity sector of our organisation.

Participants would help to run the youth center, offer daily activities to young adults, plan and manage small scale events, assist the work on large scale events and work on online content creation on social themes addressed to local young adults. They would be working in teams together with a local youth worker and local volunteers.





Management of the activities

Informing local young adults about their opportunities within our organisation

Workshops

Participating in local volunteer teams

Preparing and leading small scale events related to annual celebration or awareness days

Youth department social media

All these tasks would be done with support from Youth Worker and International Project Manager on daily basis.



We expect that participants will influence their life goals and overall attitudes to life because of the exposure to youth work, non formal education, cultural awareness and social issues. During the various types of tasks, participants will learn how to work with young adults including disadvantaged youth and how to reflect on and address youth social issues. We expect that participants will experience a rise of their social awareness and responsibility, higher appreciation and experience in using non-formal education with young adults, improve their understanding about various local social issues.



ACTIVITY II

Mobility duration: 6 months

Start: July 2022

The volunteers will be supporting the Youth and Asylum Seeker department of the Youth Center of Epirus.

Participants will be volunteering at a facility accommodation for unaccompanied asylum seeker minors aged 12 to 17 years, coordinated by our organisation since 2020. The volunteers will plan, prepare, implement, and report the non formal educational activities at the facility in Perama, Ioannina.

Moreover, they will be engage in research and content production about asylum seeker issues within their activity, therefore being actively involved in the civic life and promote awareness about humanitarian crisis which affects the whole Europe and not only.





We expect that participants will improve or influence their life goals and attitudes to life values due to exposure to social issues and humanitarian and social work. Through all types of activities which will occur during the project, participants will learn the ways to work with children and youth, with not well defended part of society and in general to access the situation and needs of community. The project will help the participants to grow as social personalities, it will rise their level of social responsibility, improve their understanding of dangers of marginalization of asylum seekers and worldwide political and migration processes.



APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Apply via our email by sending your CV and motivation letter to y.c.epirus@gmail.com. Applicants must clearly indicate to which of the two opportunities they apply. The workers of the Youth department will contact you in a period of two days.

It is important to read carefully the following document with the descriptions of the activities, both I and II, in order to choose the option that suits the best with the skills and interests of the applicant.

Afterward, the applicant will enter into the selection process in which she or he will have to pass 2 online interviews and fill a questionnaire in order to be selected for the vacancy.

For further information related to the vacancies don't hesitate to contact us.



Before applying you can click on the following link, <https://www.yce.gr/en/international-volunteers/>, to read previous volunteer experiences.

I find myself writing these first lines wrapped in the dense and fragrant air of the Greek summer, just over a week after my arrival in Ioannina. Every day here is an emotional and creative storm, the desire to do and the enthusiasm are many, and ideas crowd my head, fervent by a renewed vital drive. With every smile of the boys, my heart bursts with joy and love, the real one, bringing to mind the reason why I am in this land so ancient, primordial, archaic mother of the West.

-Gaia-

Although it was a short lived project, I learned a lot about how to deal with teens and people from cultures completely different from mine.

-Beatriz-

All the photos that are included on this document are part of content creations of international volunteers that participate in the activities of the Youth Center of Epirus.

