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Be Part of the Action

Short Term EVS in Kalamata, Greece

17/07/2017 – 08/08/2017

The project

Kalamata is one of the most cultural cities in Greece, with a long tradition in dance, theatre and music as well as a well organized municipal organization for cultural development, various museums, galleries, theatres etc. The peak of the cultural activity of the town is July where various festivals take place, one of them being our own Kalamata Street Festival.

The idea is to bring together a group of young people from different countries that, through this EVS project, will help with the promotion and implementation of the Kalamata Street Festival.

The activities of this project are structured in a way as to facilitate the learning outcomes and the skills development of the volunteers. The methods used will be based on non-formal learning and skills exchange (peer to peer, learning by doing, different workshops, experiential learning, etc). The participants will be able to suggest and implement their own activities, using elements from their own cultures and backgrounds, thus promoting the importance of cultural diversity in Europe and developing their organisational and project management skills.



The volunteers' role/tasks in the project:

- Promote the festivals (Finding and using innovative ways to promote the festivals, e.g. Flash mobs, street acts, etc.);
- prepare materials;
- assist the organizers in various tasks (e.g. preparing the places of the activities, communicating with artists and other people);
- take care of the place of the festival and of the other activities;
- set up and arrange the materials for the festival as well as gathering everything after the festival;
- help with the parallel activities during the festival (bazaar, video projections, bar, stage, skate area, etc.)
- organize their own “parallel activities” and workshops;
- document everything (taking pictures, videos, etc);
- participate in cultural and social activities of the organization;
- create blog for the cultural activities of the town promoting the Street Festival

The project requires a high level of commitment from the side of the volunteer, sense of solidarity and tolerance and willingness to work within a team.

Accommodation...



During the project you will be staying in a youth hostel. Depending on the size of the room, two to four volunteers will be sharing the same room. Each room will host people from different nationalities but only volunteers of the project.

The hostel has a fully equipped kitchen where volunteers can cook their food. It also has 2 showers and 2 bathrooms.

Food:



The volunteers will get **100 EUR** for the food for the 3 weeks of the service.



Travel costs to and from Kalamata are covered according to the new Erasmus+ lump sums, based on the travel distance per volunteer. (http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm)

Italy -- 275 EUR per participant

Estonia -- 360 EUR per participant

Bulgaria -- 275 EUR per participant

Croatia -- 275 EUR per participant

Lithuania -- 275 EUR per participant

Czech Republic -- 275 EUR per participant

United Kingdom -- 360 EUR per participant

Latvia -- 360 EUR per participant

The Town / Life:



Kalamata is a medium size city (a bit less than 80,000 habitants) but beautiful. You will have the opportunity to travel around the town and visit nice places, archaeological monuments, the mountain and many different beaches. The town is situated between the mountain of Taygetos and the Messinian bay.

At the links below you will find some information about the town and the area, you will be able to see some pictures but unfortunately some texts are in Greek:

<http://kalamata.in/index-en.html>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kalamata>

<http://www.hellogreece.gr/peloponese/kalamata.html>

http://www.visitgreece.gr/en/main_cities/kalamata

Weather...

Generally speaking, Kalamata has a Mediterranean Climate (Csa) with mild and wet winters and dry, hot summers. The maximum temperature ever recorded at Kalamata is 42, 6°C and the minimum ever recorded is -5°C. We are not really professional meteorologists, but usually June and July are quite hot, and the sun is very aggressive. That means that you will have the chance to swim in any of the beautiful beaches of the region, but you will need to be careful while being under the sun. Sometimes temperature can reach the 40°C.

Leisure time...

In Kalamata one has the opportunity to make sports, swimming, and mountain hiking, walking around, hanging out and going to cafes, bars, clubs and parties.



People...

One can meet in Kalamata, except from Greeks, Italian, German and French tourists, mostly older people or families. Also political and economical refugees are living here. They are coming from Albania, Eastern Europe, Arab countries and Africa. They are mostly families or workers so it will be difficult to meet young people from these countries except from Albanian youngsters.

Kalamata is a town which offers a safe environment. It is not facing serious criminality and even the robberies are not so often. Actually it is a peaceful environment and you will not face any serious danger if you take the basic safety measurements.

People are generally very helpful and have this feeling of hospitality. Older people don't speak English and this will be a challenge for you in the beginning. If you try to speak with them in Greek they are always getting smiley and more helpful to you. So the faster the volunteers learn Greek, the faster the life will get easier. Most young people, on the other hand, speak English pretty well.

Greek Language

Volunteers have Greek language lessons, conducted by a professional teacher with years of experience teaching English as a foreign language, especially to EVS volunteers.

In case you would like to make the first steps in learning Greek, below you will find some links that can be very helpful:

<http://www.xanthi.ilsp.gr/filog/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/greek/>

<http://www.greece.org/gr-lessons/gr-english/>

Useful links

Volunteers in Kalamata

EVS blog: www.evskalamata.blogspot.gr

Click here to read our EVS newsletters: [LiNK](#)

K.A.N.E. Organisation

Website: www.ngokane.org

Facebook page: [KANE Social Youth Development](#)

The Street Festival

Website: <http://www.streetfestival.gr/index.php/en>

Youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCThoNo6Y0dWYrx6fbLlgAw>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/streetfestival.gr>