

CALL FOR ESC VOLUNTEERS IN SPAIN

RURAL EQUAL

The Association IMAGINA is looking for **3 ESC volunteers** motivated to work in Imagina association supporting different activities designed to promote equality in a rural area. The work will be mainly in youth work (promoting european mobility, learning opportunities and activities based on non-formal education); inclusion of people with disabilities and promotion through digital tools.

The 3 international volunteers will be sharing activities and cohabitating for some periods with 2 in-country volunteers (from Spain) with fewer opportunities (people with disabilities included in social inclusion programmes of Imagina).

In RURAL EQUAL project will be working on youth dynamization with different goals and target groups. Each of the volunteers will work with similar activities and sharing some of the tasks working in teams, but each of them will be more focused in one of these fields (in relation with their skills) for some of the activities developed within the organization:

- INCLUSION: working with people with disabilities in rural development activities.
- MEDIA AND DIGITAL WORK: photos, videos of promotion of activities, digital tools for youth and inclusion work.
- YOUTH WORK: youth and children activities to promote learning opportunities in rural areas.

Project title: Rural Equal

Project dates: before 10th october 2022 (305 days, 10 months)

Location: Málaga province, Spain. Town of: Álora



Castle of Álora



Caminito del Rey-El chorro

Coordinating and HOSTING Organization:

ASOCIACIÓN DE DESAROLLO SOCIAL PARTICIPATIVO IMAGINA

The Association IMAGINA is a non-profit association with the main aim of promoting youth participation in our region of the interior area of Málaga, with the idea of enhancing civil participation in the social life of the town, promoting also learning opportunities and mobility for young people.

Social Innovation applied to Local development is our way of working, considering people like the key to solve their difficulties, whether they are social, environmental or economical. We believe in the power of young people to be active and innovative. Thanks to Erasmus + we have a path to transform our dreams in projects, allowing us to grow in a multicultural learning process.



Our association is integrated by people with different profiles (students, young people who are starting to work, youth workers, volunteers...) that have met thanks to the participation in other Erasmus + projects, discovering that we have common concerns and also common values that can be developed through this kind of projects and also with local activities, having also an impact in more local youngsters who can become part of this movement, so we can charge our batteries of energy, new ideas and youth initiatives that can motivate young people, make them learn, grow, improve their skills and act!

We have a wide experience organizing **youth exchanges** and **training courses**, we are also a sending, hosting and coordinating organization for **Volunteer projects**, having a really good experience implementing projects about different topics through non-formal education.

Here you can see a video about volunteering in IMAGINA:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bQDUUGgB2b4>

The AIMS of Rural Equal in IMAGINA association

The goals of this ESC project is to dynamize our territory, increasing the opportunities for young people, their job, training and mobility opportunities but also giving value to their own resources and the positive aspects of living in a rural area, while we open our minds to multiculturalism and enhance the value of different capabilities.

The following activities are proposed to address that situation:

- INCLUSION WORK: To support young people with disabilities and their families, through activities and workshops developed in rural neighborhoods and small villages, making possible the necessary assistance so these youngsters could take part in the dynamization activities organized by volunteers with equal opportunities. Within this project, 2 people with disabilities that have been following Imagina programmes for independent life will also be in-country volunteers, sharing volunteering activities and time of living together with the 3 international volunteers of the project.
- YOUTH WORK: To promote the active participation of young people of the territory, improving their employability, training and mobility opportunities, promoting also the relationships between people from different cultures and intercultural dialogue by organizing youth mobility projects, language workshops and other cultural and recreational activities for young people and children from the province.
- MEDIA AND OFFICE WORK: edition of videos, photos during projects, promotion of activities in social media, creating digital content for online activities with young people and disable people.

COVID INFORMATION:

All our activities are now adapted to covid-19 situation, including outside activities, in small groups and using all the hygienic measures to guarantee safety.

During periods with higher number of cases of covid-19, our activities are adapted to the need of staying at home, so our volunteers have also tasks that allow our users (mainly people with disabilities) to keep having activities at home, as for example: creating digital content to adapt the activities to digital tools, to have video-calls with the participants, to bring materials to their homes, etc.

All our volunteers have completed their projects even though in the most difficult moments of the pandemic and they have been a key for the association to keep our work with the people that most need it, so be sure that if you are a volunteer of our project, your role during all the months that you will share with us will be active, involved and key for our inclusive work; in this sense, we also ask from our volunteers to have the full vaccination complete to guarantee the safety of everyone, included people with higher risk that we work with.

Some IDEAS of the Fields of Work that we will develop during this project...

1. INCLUSION WORK: To support to young people with functional diversity

To support young people with functional diversity and their families, through activities and workshops, developed in rural neighborhoods and small villages, making possible the necessary assistance so these youngsters could take part in the dynamization activities organized by volunteers with equal opportunities.

The activities for inclusion of people with disabilities include innovative methodologies based on non-formal educational tools such as music/dancing, activities with animals, activities in the orchards, digital activities, painting and other crafts activities.

Profile of volunteer:

- Competences in working with young people, social skills.
- Some experience in the fields of occupational therapy, education, social work and youth work will be well-valued.
- Motivation to help, patience and open mind.



2. YOUTH WORK: Youth and children dynamization and promotion of mobility programs

As a youth organization, we develop different activities in order to promote training, educational and mobility opportunities to young people from rural areas. To do that, we try to promote local and international mobility projects for youngsters within Erasmus + program. Some of the tasks to develop will be:

- Support in the implementation of youth projects in our region (youth exchanges, training courses, Mediation project, etc.).
- Promotion of mobility programs such as Erasmus + and ESC: organizing workshops and dissemination activities, counselling young people, preparing them to go abroad challenging their fears...
- Helping the organization with the work at the office related to organization of events, dissemination, promotion of activities, etc.
- Support to the activities of the YOUTH council at the town: organization of activities for young people and children (youth camps, sports activities, activities to promote healthy lifestyle, recycling and other environmental values).
- To develop language workshops to promote linguistic skills among young people from rural areas, especially in listening/talking.

Profile of volunteer:

- Good English level (B2) will be well-valued.
- Competences on youth dynamization. Interest in working with young people and passion for sports and active lifestyle.
- Digital Skills will be well-valued (video edition, photography, use of social networks, basic computer skills...).
- New ideas and motivation to create activities for youngsters will be appreciated!
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3. MEDIA WORK

Every organization needs to achieve its target groups through social media and to support all the field activities we need to do some office work essential to the organization of logistics, communication and communication with partners, target groups and other collaborators. In order to do so, we need volunteers that can support the organization with MEDIA work:

- Promotion of activities, photos and videos of events
- Design of posters and promotional materials.
- Community management of social media and web.
- Creating digital content for online workshops (YouTube tutorials, digital tools for education and inclusion).

Profile of volunteer:

- Good English level (B2) will be well-valued.
- Digital Skills will be well-valued (video edition, photography, use of social networks, basic computer skills...).
- New ideas and motivation to create digital contents for youngsters will be appreciated!



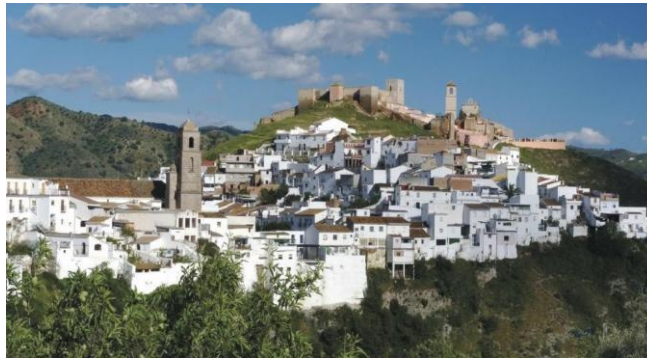
Some common competences very important to us are for his project:

- Motivation to work with young people from rural areas and to be involved in our organization.
- Interest in Rural Development.
- Capacity to build a trusting relationship with the youngsters.
- Capacity to work in a team with the other volunteers and the staff or the association.
- Some experience in the Erasmus + Program and the organization of youth projects would be valued.
- Capacity to adapt to a rural environment.
- Flexible with the work, since some of our activities will be developed during the afternoon or weekends.
- Creativity, enthusiasm, new ideas are welcomed!
- Capacity on working with paperwork, being flexible.
- Interest in teaching and educative system.
- Good English level (B2).

Technical Information:

Accommodation and Location of activities:

Volunteers will be living in a flat with other volunteers, in shared rooms. The flat also has a big dining room, kitchen, 2 bathrooms and a common terrace. More information regarding the flat is sent annexed to the infopack.



More information regarding Álora can be find following this link:

Álora: <http://www.alora.es/Inicio/>

This situation will allow the volunteer to live in a **rural lifestyle**, with the benefits that we have wonderful weather, fresh products and a quiet lifestyle, but we also count on all the facilities like shops, supermarkets, sport centers, restaurants, etc.

BUT, for the people who need to live in a city or who don't tolerate the problems related to rural areas (limited means of transport and limited availability of schedules, limited modern facilities like cinema, big shopping centers, etc.), think well about this before applying!

Food Allowance and Pocket Money:

Each volunteer will receive per month: 150€ of food allowance and 5€ per day (e.g. month with 30 days =150€, total 300€) for pocket money.

Transport money:

Each volunteer will receive the quantity according to the distance from the origin country to Málaga:

From 500 to 1999 km: 275€ maximum return travel (Italy, Portugal...)

From 2000 to 2999 km: 360€ maximum return travel (Romania, Poland, Türkiye...)

YOU NEED TO PAY FOR YOUR TRANSPORT TICKETS TO COME AND WE WILL REIMBURSE YOU WHEN YOU ARRIVE AND GIVE US THE TICKETS! Remember to keep all your boarding passes and original travel tickets so we can reimburse you the travel costs!!

We also have the possibility to cover VISA COSTS.

APPLICATION:

To apply for this project, the volunteer have to send their **CV in English as well as MOTIVATION LETTER to participate in this specific project** and send to esc.imagina@gmail.com

After that, we will also communicate the results of the selection process by email.

Deadline for Application: 30th September 2022.

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