ACTING LOCAL CHANGING GLOBAL (3 CALL)



PORTUGAL
10 MONTHS
8 MONTHS
7 MONTHS





GENERAL DESCRIPTION

HOSTING ORGANIZATION

. Portuguese Red Cross youth

PROJECT TITLE

. Acting Local, Changing Global

PARTICIPANTS

. 17

TIMELINE

May 2024 - February 2025 June 2024 - March 2025 September 2024 - March 2025

PLACEMENTS

- Braga 4 placements;
- Guimarães 3 placements
- Sanguedo 2 placements
- Vale de Cambra 2 placements
- Bragança 2 placements
- Cucujães 2 placements

COUNTRY

. Portugal



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PROJECT PRESENTATION

The Portuguese Red Cross Youth is going to host seventeen young volunteers for 10, 8 and 7 months starting in May/June and September 2024 in the cities of Guimarães, Cucujães, Braga, Vale de Cambra, Bragança and Sanguedo in an European Solidarity Corps volunteering called Acting Local, Changing Global. During these months, these volunteers will carry out different activities that aim to foster solidarity in children and youngsters, not only amongst themselves, but also towards every human being, regardless of nationality, gender or race. Volunteers will carry out activities in order to work effectively in the social inclusion of children and vulnerable young people living in these communities. At the same time they will develop their own personal and social skills. Our aim is to include the volunteers in the projects of these Portuguese Red Cross youth structures if they feel motivated, but also allow their participation when it comes to event planning, social media and communication activities and even motivate them to create their own projects and develop their ideas among our communities.

All the activities will deal with topics that are of prime concern in the youth field: health promotion and education, such as eating habits, alcohol and drug abuse, or promoting physical activity. They will also promote school inclusion especially through digital skills and non-formal educational activities. Volunteers will promote actions in schools; develop leisure activities; develop and help organizing sports and learning activities during holidays, free time, but also during school time. As one of our volunteers you will be given the structure and support to completely shape your volunteering experience as you see fit.

The organization will empower and enable the volunteers to empower and enable others in order to promote diversity. They will be allowed to **implement their skills** to best effect whilst also being afforded the opportunity to develop new competences. As well as participating in the work already implemented here, the volunteers will also be encouraged to **develop their own ideas** and personal projects to further enrich the organization in line with the **six areas of intervention**:

- **Health Promotion and Health Education:** adoption of healthy habits and behaviors as part of individual and social development of young people;
- Intervention for Inclusion and Gender Equality: inclusion of children and young people in situations of social exclusion through programs and projects based in different social realities;
- **Education for Development and International Cooperation:** promotion of Humanitarian Values and International Cooperation through social awareness, Human Rights and Children and Education for peace and development.;
- **Employability**, **entrepreneurship and active citizenship:** skills development, entrepreneurship and the exercise of one's own role in society, especially through volunteering;
- **Environmental education:** adoption of environmental habits and attitudes through programs and projects that raise awareness towards a more ecological planet;
- . **Humanitarian education**: adoption of civic behaviors and development of personal and social skills and attitudes that respect diversity and human rights, through projects and activities that raise awareness on humanitarian values for young people towards a culture of peace and non-violence.

The work carried out by the Portuguese Red Cross Youth and its different local branches is **continuously developing**, meaning new possibilities will constantly arise in which the volunteer can participate, therefore they will be required to be **FLEXIBLE** in order to meet the changing needs of the organization as well as highly motivated to try new things and get involved.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Financial Conditions

- . Accommodation
- . Food
- . Pocket Money
- . Portuguese Language Course
- . Local transport training opportunities
- . Travel Costs*

Totally covered, according to the programme rules

*100% of travels cost will also be reimbursed by bank transfer according to the maximum budget approved by the European Commission for every country

Selection Process

- . The Candidates must send:
 - a Curriculum Vitae in Eng or PT*
 - a personalized Motivation Letter in Eng or PT*
- .The Candidates apply until the 30.06.2024, by 23:59 pm;
- . The Candidates will receive a form that they must fill in After they will be contacted with the results.
- .*All documents must be submitted in PDF format

Working Language

. **English**. Availability to learn Portuguese is also welcomed.

Profile of the volunteers

- .Between 18-30 years;
- .Genuine interest in youth work, social and educational issues;
- .Flexible and reliable;
- .Motivated to live in Portugal for the full year;
- .Ability to work in multi-

lingual/multi-cultural environment;

- .Should be interested and predisposed in working with vulnerable and disadvantaged young people and children;
- .Able to work in a **team**
- environment but also able to take
 his/her own initiatives;
- .Genuine interest in being **useful to others** rather than just the will of
 "adventure";
- .Should be responsible, creative, curious, open-minded;
- .Should have **good communication** and **empathy skill**s with children and young people;
- Able to support and stimulate different types of leisure activity,
- .Competences in artistic expression and/or experience on sports or music field is very welcomed;
- .True will to overcome the language barrier and learn Portuguese.



THE VILAGE

Sanguedo, geographically located in the north of the municipality, fully assumes its peripheral position, through the most healthy coexistence, both with the neighboring municipality of Vila Nova de Gaia, with which it borders through the parish of Sandim, and with its counterparts municipalities of Lobão, Vila Maior, Fiães and Argoncilhe.

Sanguedo has ancient origins and is mentioned in old parchments from the year 897, when Gonsosinho and his wife Enderquina Pala founded here the no longer existing monastery of S. Cristóvão next to the Igreja Matriz de Santa Eulália.

The people of Sanguedo essentially live off industry and commerce, with few working in the fields these days. Land known to all corners of the world, where many blood people toil, who helped a lot to develop the parish by transforming old rural houses into modern villas.

Despite being rejuvenated, those who visit Sanguedo easily conclude that it was, and still is, a land of strong emigration, when observing the "Brazilianized" mansions, many "Frenchized" houses and the large "Americanized" villas.

The social tranquility, the pollution-free air, the beauty of Mount S. Bartolomeu, the color of the gardens and parks, the freshness of the Uíma river and the implementation of the Industrial Zone, took the nomadic workers from the mountains of the interior municipalities of Arouca and Castelo de Paiva, to settle in Sanguedo lands, transforming, once again, the style of housing – multistorey buildings and small houses emerged to accommodate these people who want to live here.

Aware of a historical tradition that honors and distinguishes it since the Roman occupation phase, Sanguedo demonstrates its ancestry in the oldest designative toponyms – uilla and frigisia de Sanganeto – mentioned, respectively, in documentation of nationality and in the Alfonsine Ordinances of 1220.

SANGUEDO

THE BRANCH

The Red Cross of Sanguedo, located at Rua Padre David Fernandes Coelho, no 104, 4505-644 Sanguedo, in Santa Maria da Feira, with the legal person number 500 745 749, develops a set of activities, among which, the emergency pre-hospital and transport of non-urgent patients, social support for needy families, therapies in the field of physical and psychological health, recreational and recreational actions and youth volunteer actions, through the Corpo Local da Juventude.

The emergency area is under the responsibility of a Local Coordinator, who manages all clinical services, a paid daytime team of 5 people and a group of around 60 volunteers. It has the support of a Deputy Local Coordinator, a person in charge of communications and a person in charge of a fleet of 11 vehicles for transporting patients.

The Delegation's social area is run by 4 volunteers. It comprises a Solidarity Store, which makes donated items available to the community, such as clothing, footwear, toys, school and household items, among others, and a Solidarity Market, where basic food baskets are prepared. A daily collection of food items is carried out at the Pingo Doce hypermarkets in Santa Maria da Feira and food baskets are made, which are later distributed to needy families, through the council's IPSS social workers.

The solidarity market has a partnership with the Municipality and Cooperativa Casa dos Choupos and supports, to date, around 100 families. Physical and psychological health is confined to Espaço Mente, an office open to the community, where clinical psychology consultations, acupuncture therapies, color therapy, osteopathy and life and business coaching sessions are carried out.

All leisure and recreational activities take place at Casa das Profissões, a space provided by the Parish Council of Sanguedo, equipped with a kitchen, a multipurpose room, a reading room and a toilet.

The Local Youth Corps, made up of a working group of 14 volunteers, promotes actions in the social area, aimed at the vulnerable population, as well as boosts exchanges with volunteers from other European countries, through the Erasmus+ program and the European Solidarity Corps



VOLUNTEER TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

. Suggested activities will be scheduled from Monday to Friday, under the supervision of the Local Youth Coordinator.

The weekly workload cannot exceed 40 hours and rest periods must be respected.

A Mentor must be appointed to accompany/supervise the volunteers CVP must guarantee all travel for volunteers, as well as accommodation and food.

Daily Activities: • - Develop CVP's website; Streamline social media; Help sorting and preparing food baskets and cleaning the Solidarity Market; Collection of food when carrying out campaigns

- Screening of donations (clothing, toys, others) at the Delegation, Casa das Profissões and Solidarity Store; Cleaning, disinfection and maintenance of the state of the vehicles; Support for the Caps project; Carry out minor interventions and restoration in the spaces (interior and exterior) of CVP (painting/organization of spaces, fixing shelves,...); Collaboration with the team of Youth volunteers in the "Truz, Truz" project: Providing company to the elderly, taking short walks, doing small tasks (going to the pharmacy, bakery, supermarket), teaching how to use social networks (facebook and whatsapp, as a way of maintaining the link with families); carry out small house hygiene services, as well as small restorations (paintings); Create a small orchard in the House of Professions; Create a small Deck terrace at Casa das Profissões (for outdoor leisure time); Garbage collection on the streets/garbage collection on the beaches; Portuguese classes (through a protocol with a language institute, or with the collaboration of CVP volunteers);



THE TOWN

Braga is a city of huge beauty and heritage richness, which combines tradition with innovation, the memory to the youth, and creativity to conservatism. With over 2000 years of a very rich history, Braga possesses one of the oldest Sacro-Montes in Europe and is the representative of the Minho region, the Bom Jesus. In Braga, we can find the oldest Portuguese Cathedral and the Motherhouse of the Benedictines, the Monastery of Tibães (Mosteiro de Tibães). Braga presents places that by their intrinsic devotion and beauty, impose themselves as mandatory benchmarks to visit. The Sanctuary of Sameiro (Santuário do Sameiro), the Bom Jesus and the Falperra, settling on an appealing religious basis, are surrounded by ravishing green spaces and paradise landscapes. The Roman legacy is another of the attractive factors of Braga, often called 'Portuguese Rome', due to its origin in the Roman city of Bracara Augusta. Known by its distinct churches, splendid XVIII century houses, gardens, nature parks and recreational areas. Braga's long history is visible in the splendor of its monuments, museums and churches. Living Braga is like taking a time travel inside modernity. Old city and of traditional religiousness – always imposing on its richness and majesty – goes hand in hand with the entrepreneurship and young spirit in vital areas such as culture, commerce, gastronomy, industry and services.

BRAGA

THE BRANCH

The Youth Department of PRC - Braga was created in 2005 our goal is to involve and empower young people, promote self-confidence, cooperation and proactivity in our beneficiaries. Our target audiences are children, adolescents and young adults, who participate in the organisation as volunteers, beneficiaries or leaders/agents of positive change. We develop our work in a perspective of peer-to-peer education, using non-formal education methodologies. Our action always has in mind the promotion of Human Rights, we develop activities considering 6 main areas of intervention: Health Promotion and Education; Intervention for Social Inclusion; Education for Development and International Cooperation; Employability, Entrepreneurship and Active Citizenship; Environmental Education and, lastly, Humanitarian Action.

VOLUNTEER TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

OPTIONAL TASKS

. Assisting in the International Mobility Project, JCV in Action:

Assisting writing/implementing Erasmus+

Promoting Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps in high schools and universities

- . Supporting the Youth Department Communication team
- . Providing support in our Foster Care for Unaccompanied Children (1/2 weekends a month)
- . Support our Social Kindergarten
- . Other activities related to volunteers' individual skills and interests, as far as these are possible within the scope of the project
- Example: Planning and implementing workshops (languages/music/arts)
- . Assisting with the SAD project (Serviço ao Domicílio) working to support vulnerable elderly people with personal and home care
- . Assisting with Equipa de Rua supporting homeless/addicted people in Braga

PERSONAL PROJECT

Support in our charity shop, Ponto Vermelho (2/3 shifts a week). Support in our Youth Centre for the Roma Community, Geração Tecla (2 shifts a week)



THE CITY

Guimarães is often called the cradle of Portugal because of its ancient roots and the fact that our first king was born in the town. 50 km away from Porto's airport, with great bus and train connections with the rest of the country, it's a medium sized city, with around 150 thousand inhabitants, and it is estimated that 20% are younger than 30 years old, which makes it one of the youngest cities in the country. With a variety of museums, concert rooms and outdoor activities and events, Guimarães is a very active city when it comes to culture and social activities. On another hand, it has lots of parks and green spaces where you can relax and enjoy nature. This, combined with the active historical center full of bars and restaurants and its medieval feel, has granted Guimarães many tourism and lifestyle awards.

GUIMARÄES

THE BRANCH

The Guimarães Branch of the Portuguese Red Cross is a familiar branch that works mostly on volunteering projects within the community, non-urgent transports, social innovation, health and social services. Volunteers will have a supervisor, but will also interact with coordinators and professionals of the areas they choose to integrate.

PERSONAL PROJECT

ESC volunteers will be welcome to share their visions and initiate their **own** project and develop their ideas to provide new kinds of **support to the** communities.

MAIN TASKS

Working on their own projects, supporting in social media and event planning.

OPTIONAL TASKS:

These are some of the already existing areas that the volunteers can collaborate as well, if they feel motivated:

- . Sick and elderly Hospital Volunteering1, Continuous Care Unit2)
- . **Children and Youth in Need** (Fun Hospital2, intervention with children and youth in shelter homes2, free time activities during holidays for children from endangered neighborhoods2)
- . Inmates1
- . **Education and school intervention** (Healthy Habits Eating Gamel, Alcohol consumption prevention), Sun Exposure Prevention, Youth First Aid, Violence and Gender Equality, Sexuality, Environmental Education, Non-formal Education)
- . **Homeless** (collaboration in our homeless shelter1)
- . Developing activities for the Youth Groupl;
- . **Social support** (support to the social workers, organizing food and baby bank, organizing monthly baskets for those in need, managing donations1)



THE TOWN

The town isn't really a city but more rather a village. With an area of about 10,42Km 2 and not more than 10 705 habitants, it is a small yet urban village integrated in Porto metropolitan area. Vila de Cucujães is part of Oliveira de Azeméis municipality and belongs to the district of Aveiro. It is 42 Km away from Porto and 40 Km away from Aveiro and both are easily accessible through public transportation. Although Cucujães is located in a rather small environment, make no mistake: they are very much active and promote a lot of youth activities. If you fancy the sea waves, there is also a direct bus to Ovar (which is less than 20Km away) and its nice beach areas.

Despite being relatively close to nearby cities, the village lacks a good public transportation network.

CUCUJÃES

THE BRANCH

The Portuguese Red Cross - Local Branch of Cucujães is part of the worldwide International Red Cross Red Crescent Movement through the National Society, Portuguese Red Cross. On local level, the Local Branch offers support to the community focusing on 3 main areas of intervention: Social, Emergency & First Aid and Youth & Volunteering.

The work/ tasks at the Local Branch are mostly "hands-on" and practical and the volunteer will be involved in diverse tasks/ activities (not working merely with a specific target group or project but with many); which gives him/ her the chance to try new things and learn new competences. An openmind and adaptable attitude is required as plans/ priorities often change.

- . **Food Bank:** This includes picking up and transporting food donations, storing, and organising food supplies, and then distributing them to families and individuals in need, either at the headquarters or by delivering it to people'shouses.
- . *Transportation*: If you are a driver, we might ask you to drive our beneficiaries to doctor appointments, social security institute or other places that might be necessary.
- . Active Mix: organising or supporting activities for a group of people with intellectual disabilities.
- . Dia V: Volunteers take part in environmental cleaning actions when we organise them.
- . *Permaculture Farm:* Volunteers help out at a local permaculture farm (harvesting and planting vegetables and fruits, cleaning and feeding animals, dealing with compost, etc).
- . **Social media content creation:** Taking photos, videos, and create digital content to feed the organization's social media accounts and the "new" website.
 - Cat shelter supporting the cat shelter, feeding the cats, cleaning the space and give a bit of company to the cats.

PERSONAL PROJECT

. The volunteer will also be encouraged to develop his/ her own **personal micro-project**. Something realistic, that can answer to the needs of the local community and that was fully created and implemented by the volunteer.



THE TOWN

Vale de Cambra is a portuguese cosy little town with nearly 25 864 habitants. Located in the metropolitan area of Oporto, this county is characterized by the pleasant climate and friendly people. Well known by its industrial might, notably in metalworking, plastic packaging and factory automation, Vale de Cambra presents itself as centre of industrial development. You can stroll through the wonderful valleys and mountains, rivers, century old villages and archeological trails. The volunteers can benefit from all these peaceful features of this small town during their staying time.

VALE DE CAMBRA

THE BRANCH

Portuguese Red Cross has a local representation in Vale de Cambra. There are 2 social responses which the volunteers may take part in, the Shelter's Centre receiving young people aged between 12 and 18 years and the Community Support Office whose mission is to identify community vulnerabilities and attend to their most pressing demands. The processes of orientation and supervision of those families are an absolutely primordial role of the Office.

Volunteers will be an added value on team promoting the experience sharing and reinforcing the team.

- . Take part and give some support for the *activities with the boys in the Shelter's Centre*: the young people living in the Centre is a population distinguished by learning disabilities, attention deficit and hyperactivity disorder, oppositional defiant disorder, among others. The specificity of the referred population makes all the help came from the volunteers welcome and precious.
- . Programs for *development of personal and social skills*: the volunteers may also take part in the implementation of the programs whose pretend to stimulate the development of personal and social skills usually underdeveloped in this kind of population.
- . **Food collection** initiatives: every year our Portuguese Red Cross local branch takes part in food collection initiatives in order to help the sustainability of the institution. It will also be one of the tasks of the volunteers in their mission.
- . "O Meu Sol": It is a national project aiming to prevent malign effects of the sun and heat exposure. It also pretends to **promote healthy behaviors** in general population.
- . **Youth First Aid**: We are developing also our skills (having some formation) in what concerns Psychological First Aid. One of our aims for this year is to start making this program of psychological First aid with children in schools. So, it could be also one of the activities of the volunteers.
- . **Psychossocial help**: In collaboration with the City Council, we are now developing a response for the refugees that are arriving from Ukraine. We would be very happy to count on the volunteers to help in this new project.
- . Espaço de Promoção Pessoal e Social: The *Community Support Office* provides twice a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays afternoon) a moment in which some members of the community can develop ludic activities encouraging them to work up emotions, motricity, team work, among other skills.



Bragança (<u>Mirandese</u>: Bergáncia), also known in English as Braganza is a city and <u>municipality</u> in north-eastern <u>Portugal</u>, capital of the <u>district of Bragança</u>, in the <u>Terras de Trás-os-Montes</u> subregion of Portugal. The population in 2011 was 35,341, in an area of 1173.57 km².

Of the 18 Portuguese historical district capitals, Bragança is the farthest from Lisbon, the national capital.

The seat of the municipality is the city of Bragança, which consists of the parish Sé, Santa Maria e Meixedo, and had a population of 20,309 in 2001.[16] In the hierarchy of Portuguese urban communities, Bragança is only second to Chaves in the sub-region of the Alto Trás-os-Montes.[17] Historically, the municipality has seen a demographic evolution. Between 1911 and 1991, there has been a 6.80% (1655 inhabitant) increase, mitigated by annual changes that both saw growth and decreases.[17] For example, between 1981 and 1991 there was an exodus from the interior of the region of young people, resulting in a drop of population and birth rates (which only helped the coastal communities of Portugal).[17] The city of Bragança has generally seen positive growth, being the capital of the region, and attracting a more youthful component. Sé and Santa Maria, the two primarily urban parishes, benefited directly from this, becoming the dynamic engine of growth in the territory, and developing into a pole in the interior northeast.[17]. Bragança pertains to an area referred to as the Terra Fria Transmontana (Cold Transmontana Lands). Within the <u>NUTS</u> nomenclature, Bragança is part of the Terras de Trás-os-Montes subregion, along with eight other municipalities. Its connection to this region are formalized within various associations, including the Associação de Municípios de Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro (Municipal Association of Tr's-os Montes and Alto Douro), as part of the Associação de Municípios da Terra Fria (constituted by the municipalities of Bragança, <u>Vinhais</u>, <u>Vimioso</u> and <u>Miranda do Douro</u>), the Associação Comercial e Industrial de Bragança (Commercial Association of Bragança), the district Núcleo Empresarial do Distrito de Bragança (Business Nucleus of the District of Bragança), the Região de Turismo do Nordeste Transmontano (Tourist Region of Nordeste Transmontano) and the Parque Natural de Montesinho (Montesinho Natural Park). Bragança is also affiliated with the Associação do Pacto do Eixo Atlântico, along with 17 municipalities in the northwest peninsula, whose objective is to implement policy that strategically support socio-economic and socio-cultural objectives of the communities along the Portuguese-Spanish border region with Galicia. This is an important political relationship since 1999, as Bragança is of significant size to motivate economic activity in the northern portion of the Iberian Peninsula. Its peripheral place in the urban hierarchy of Portugal has contributed to the political, administrative and populational concentration of many regional and national associations, administrative delegations and regional directorates The neighbouring municipalities are Vimioso in the southeast, Macedo de Cavaleiros in the southwest and Vinhais in the west.

Bragança

The Bragança Red Cross was created in 1978 and is based on voluntary work, nursing and social action. The Portuguese Red Cross in Bragança has 140 volunteers, with na average age of 21 years old. Youth is the driving force of humanitarian action of our organization.

Activities:

Youth projects | Volunteering | Bragança Jovem Contigo! | Bragança Acolhe Contigo! | Bragança Sustentável Contigo! | Bragança Conta Contigo | Bragança Diversidades Contigo!

Name of Project: Bragança, Jovem contigo!

Intervention Area: Social Action / Health / Volunteering / Youth

Type of Beneficiaries Involved: Seniors

General Objective: To mitigate social isolation; To promote intergenerational encounters; To increase health promotion activities, using nursing screenings.

Project Summary: The Project "Bragança, young with you!" arises from the need to mitigate the social isolation of the senior population in the rural areas of the

municipality of Bragança. The young volunteers of Bragança's CVP visit the villages periodically to promote intergenerationality encounters, orientation and support to

the most vulnerable.

VOLUNTEER TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Name of Project: **Bragança, Conta comigo!**

ntervention Area: Volunteering / Youth / Health

Type of Beneficiaries Involved: Users of the Mental Health and Psychiatry Department of the ULSNE

al Objective: Support and promote recreational and pedagogical activities in a clinical context.

roject Summary: Interventions in a clinical context with users of the Department of Mental Health and Psychiatry ULSNE, promoting recreational and pedagogical activitie

Name of Project: Bragança, Diversidades contigo!

ntervention Area: Social Action / Health / Volunteering / Youth

Type of Beneficiaries Involved: Young People

General Objtive: To accompany and support people vulnerable to gender identity expression

Project Summary: Support and accompaniment of vulnerable people regarding gender identity expression, LGBTIQ+ community in the district, delivery of essential goods,

psychological essential goods, psychological support, travel and accommodation tor consultations

Name of the Project: Bragança, Sustentável contigo!

ntervention Area: Volunteering / Youth

ype of Beneficiaries Involved: Children / Youth

Objective: To raise awareness of climate change

Project Summary: Interventions in school context, namely awareness raising actions and lectures about the mitigation of climate change. Activities in the local community, for

example waste collection walks

Name of Project: Bragança, Acolhe contigo!

ntervention Area: Social Action / Health / Volunteering / Youth

Type of Beneficiaries Involved: Refugees

General Objective: Welcome, integrate and accompany

Project Summary: As a host entity, we provide accommodation, ensure basic needs, support access to basic needs, support access to health care, education, social security, social and professional support in learning Portuguese language

APPLY NOW!

send your <u>CV</u> and <u>Motivation Letter</u> until the <u>30.06.2024</u>, by <u>11:59 pm</u>

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