

Awareness and action! Learning and participation opportunities for young Europeans
EVS PROJECT – ALIANZA POR LA SOLIDARIDAD, ASSOCIATION EDUQ, EQUI-VISION SERVICES

OBJECTIVES

“Awareness and action! Learning and participation opportunities for young Europeans” aims at promoting active citizenship among young Europeans through their participation in solidarity actions implemented by an NGO fighting for human rights all around the globe. The project is also aligned with Erasmus+ objectives. In particular, it encourages intercultural dialogue between youth from Poland, the United Kingdom, and Spain. It envisages the promotion of active citizenship while offers an opportunity to develop social and working skills.

The activities that will be described below pursue the following objectives:

- 1.- Provide the participants with an experience of international mobility
- 2.- Introduce young Europeans to Spanish language and customs.
- 3.- Develop digital skills.
- 4.- Provide young people with working experience in an NGO that is able to reinforce their values and active participation, while improving their social and working skills, teamworking, as well as communication and planning abilities.

ACTIVITIES AND PLANNING

3 phases are foreseen:

- 1.- Training on the different departments of Alianza por la Solidaridad, including 5 modules: a. Global context, b. Citizens participation, c. Women’s and migrants’ rights, and sustainable development, d. Volunteering, e. Identification and design of an awareness raising project/campaign/action. 60 hours (attendance and individual/group work).
- 2.- Integration in the working groups of the organisation, supporting throughout the management cycle of an awareness raising campaign/project.
- 3.- Monitoring and evaluation of activities, focusing on awareness raising and creating spaces of action as active and solidary citizens.

The main activities to be carried out are:

- 1.- Training on linguistic skills (1 lesson every 15 days).
- 2.- Training on digital tools to reflect on their experience and be able to share it with other (potential) volunteers. (1 monthly lesson)
- 3.- Taking part on meetings with Alianza’s Volunteering Group, in order to create a context able to foster integration and strengthen social and communication skills.
- 4.- Participation in awareness raising activities, such as museums, guided visits, etc. (at least 2 per month).
- 5.- Cultural activities.

PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

The Project will host 4 young participants (2 from Poland, 2 from the UK) between 18 and 30 years old, who will take part in the daily activities of an NGO. The organisation will try to have equal representation of boys and girls.

These Young Europeans should be very motivated to learn or improve a new language (Spanish in particular), willing to know a new country, new culture and new people, and eager to get involved in an NGO which works on development and international solidarity. They should also be willing to receive training on solidarity issues and digital tools, be interested in teamworking and develop awareness raising actions.

At least a basic knowledge of English or Spanish is required.

DATES AND PLACE

The volunteering experience will start (for all the 4 participants) in mid-February 2017 and it will last for 6 months.

Volunteers will stay in Madrid and will work mainly in the central office of Alianza por la Solidaridad. Some awareness-raising activities will take place in different locations (solidarity shop, schools, universities, street, etc.) depending to the planning.

EVALUATION

Accomplishment of objectives and learning outputs fixed at the beginning of the experience will be assessed, on an individual basis, by hosting and sending organisations (interviews to participants, plus a partners meeting).

COSTS COVERED

Travel expenses (Up to 360€).

Food expenses (food plan or specific amount of money to be confirmed, around 150€/month).

Accommodation (specific location to be confirmed).

630 € individual support.

Transports card to move all around Madrid.

OTHERS

The participants will be provided with a Youthpass certificate to prove the acquired knowledge and skills.

A mentor for the volunteers will be assigned from both, sending and hosting, organisations.