

# EVS VACANCIES

- ODEMIRA 2018 -



## 1. Município de Odemira (Odemira Municipality) **YOUTH WORK, MEDIA & COMMUNICATION**

Date: 15/10/2018 - 14/10/2019

Place: Odemira - Portugal

Hosting organisation: MUNICÍPIO DE ODEMIRA

### Short description

The volunteering project in Odemira Municipality intends to approach the young people of Odemira, with a view to captivating them with the potential of becoming involved with the various programs promoted, in the scope of international opportunities, entrepreneurship, training, etc. For this, it is intended to create a new approach, using the various digital and / or existing relationship tools. One volunteer will be hosted for 12 months and will live in the town of Odemira.

Full description of project (Page 4)

## 2. Município de Odemira (Odemira Municipality) **YOUTH, ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND CREATIVITY**

Date: 15/10/2018 - 14/10/2019

Place: Odemira - Portugal

Hosting organisation: MUNICÍPIO DE ODEMIRA

### Short description

One volunteer will be hosted for 12 months by Odemira Municipality and will live in the town of Odemira. The volunteering project aims to approach the local organizations and different sectors of the municipality as environmental education, that work with and for young people from Odemira, to the potential to become involved in the various programs promoted, as well with the voluntary participation of young people in the development of their action plans.

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## 3. Rota Vicentina - Association for the Promotion of Nature Tourism in the Alentejo **ACTIVE TOURISM AND NATURE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, MEDIA**

Date: 15/10/2018 - 14/10/2019

Place: Odemira - Portugal

Hosting organisation: ROTA VICENTINA - Association for the Promotion of Nature Tourism in the Alentejo

### Short description

Rota Vicentina is a non-profit association founded in 2013 to manage, maintain, integrate, empower and promote the "touristic product" that Rota Vicentina represents. One volunteer will be hosted by Rota Vicentina for 12 months

to get involved, actively participate and give support to the Volunteering and Maintenance Program in place within the Rota Vicentina Association, designed to ensure the effective maintenance of the actual and future network of walking and biking paths. Volunteer will support to produce rich and emotional media contents – chronicles, photography and video – about all outdoor dimensions of the project, including the maintenance of the trails and volunteer actions, member companies' lifestyle and businesses, tourists and journalists while enjoying the trails and local community identity and culture.

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## 4. GAIA Alentejo **ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES**

Date: 15/10/2018 - 14/10/2019

Place: São Luís - Portugal

Hosting organisation: GAIA Alentejo

### Short description

GAIA is a Portuguese environmental NGO, working in Alentejo region with local rural communities. This EVS position focuses on Environment and Sustainable communities, aiming at supporting the initiative of local citizens who are aware of current global environmental and social challenges and are active in their local community.

One volunteer will be hosted by GAIA Alentejo in the village of São Luís, for 12 months, and will support the regular activities lead by local associations and ecological projects, as well as support one-off events promoted by GAIA Alentejo. The focus of this EVS vacancy will be permaculture, local production and eco-consumption, ecological lifestyles.

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## 5. GAIA Alentejo/ Ateneu do Catorze **CREATIVE SÃO LUÍS**

Date: 15/10/2018 - 14/10/2019

Place: São Luís - Portugal

Hosting organisation: GAIA Alentejo

### Short description

GAIA is a Portuguese environmental NGO, working in Alentejo region with local rural communities, together with local entities and informal groups. This EVS position focuses on arts and comprehends the partnership between GAIA Alentejo and "Ateneu do Catorze", collective of artists in São Luís. One volunteer will be hosted by GAIA Alentejo/ "Ateneu do Catorze" for 12 months and will support the maintenance of the space, the creation process of resident

artists and the events of contemporary culture promoted by "Ateneu do Catorze". The volunteer will also carry out a creative project with the local community of São Luís and will be encouraged to develop her/his own artistic work.

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## 6. Sociedade Recreativa S. Teotoniense CULTURE & ARTS

Date: 15/10/2018 - 14/10/2019

Place: S. Teotónio - Portugal

Hosting organisation: Sociedade Recreativa S. Teotoniense

### Short description

SRST Sociedade Recreativa S. Teotoniense is a non profit association that offers support and protection activities for children, youth and families. The association coordinates a nursery (children aged 3 to 36 months) in S. Teotónio, as well as cultural activities and a School of Music and Arts. One volunteer will be hosted by SRST for 12 months, in the village of São Teotónio. The project consists in a diverse and dynamic program of activities, in the area of expressions (dramatic, musical, body) and in the production and promotion of events, enhancing the sharing of experiences and acquisition of new competences.

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## 7. A Copa da Vida - Association for Culture and Nature ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE ECO-COMMUNITY

Date: 15/10/2018 - 14/10/2019

Place: Colos - Portugal

Hosting organisation: A Copa da Vida - Association for Culture and Nature

### Short description

A Copa da Vida is a non-profit-association, running an ecological community immersed in nature, a seminar-place and environmental activities, as well as providing retreat places in Vale Bacias – Alentejo. The Intention is the manifestation of a sustainable, conscious and loving way of life. One volunteer will be hosted by A Copa da Vida ecological community for 12 months, near the village of Colos. We ask the volunteers to be interested in nature, community, communication and a simple and alternative lifestyle.

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## 8. Zut! ARTS & RURAL COMMUNITIES

Date: 01/03/2019 - 14/10/2019

Place: Santa Clara-a-Velha - Portugal

Hosting organisation: Zut!

### Short description

Zut! is an association working with contemporary performance in Santa Clara-a-Velha, with established artists who develop their own work and work with local elder population. One volunteer will be hosted by Zut! for 7,5 months to support the association's creation and presentation period, in close contact with the local community. The volunteer will support the production processes of performances, workshops and events.

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# YOUTH WORK, MEDIA & COMMUNICATION

Date  
15/10/2018 - 14/10/2019

Place  
Odemira – Portugal

Host organization  
Município de Odemira

## HOSTING ORGANISATION

Odemira Municipality is the local authority in the county of Odemira, located in the Alentejo region, South of Portugal. "Odemira Acredita em Ti" is a project in the field of youth that aims to affirm the youth and their role in the municipality of Odemira, promoting territorial competitiveness for the young and their mobilization for civic participation active. A cross-sectional design to various areas (participation, citizenship and bond; economy and innovation, housing, culture and leisure, education and environment, employment and initiative, eco-tourism, sustainable and adventure, energy efficiency, sport adventure...) that is developing.

Resulting from several projects in various areas expressed, it is intended that the volunteers, can not only help create new dynamics of the use and enjoyment by the community, develop related experiments aimed at improvement of implemented projects, promotion of projects with the various public, add value and knowledge to technicians who will interact, absorb knowledge that can carry into our reality. Presentation of new solutions and practical measures of valuation of projects.

## LINKS

<http://www.cm-odemira.pt/>

## LOCAL CONTEXT

The county of Odemira is characterized by its immense landscape diversity, extending between the plain, the mountains and the sea, in a total of 1720,25 km<sup>2</sup>, to which the river Mira and the dam of Santa Clara, give a special color. In area, this is the largest county of the whole country, despite having only a little more than 26 thousand inhabitants. Its territory is divided by 13 parishes, each one with its particularities: Relíquias, Sabóia, São Luís, São Martinho das Amoreiras, Vila Nova de Milfontes, Luzianes-Gare, Boavista dos Pinheiros, Longueira / Almogrove, Colos, Santa Clara-a-Velha, São Salvador and Santa Maria, São Teotónio and Vale Santiago.

Odemira is the largest municipality in the country, with an economy based on the primary sector, namely agriculture, forestry, livestock and forestry. At the level of the tertiary sector, we highlight retail and services. Manufacturing is practically nonexistent, but Odemira is a county of great agricultural production, namely of irrigation. The population density is 14.9 inhabitants / km<sup>2</sup>, with a total population of about 26 thousand people (2011).

The present volunteering project takes place in the town of Odemira, head of the county.

## DESCRIPTION OF EVS PROJECT

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## TASKS

- Photo and video coverage of all promoted activities to share through social media;
- Production of small video clips about all aspects of the project, including partners and their work;
- Maintenance of a Blog about his/her experience and the other volunteers, during the volunteering experience;
- Accompany and produce a 'Making of' of the promotional videos to be produced;
- Create/participate in a Web Radio.

## ACCOMMODATION/ FOOD/ TRANSPORTS

The volunteer will be housed in Odemira in a T0 or T1, leased for the purpose. Food will be provided through a monthly payment to the volunteer and s/he prepares her/his own meals. For travel within the scope of the activities carried out in the EVS, the transport shall be provided by the organization. The remaining trips will be provided by the local transport network.

## PROFILE OF VOLUNTEER

- Has never done EVS before
- Interest in participating in the promotion of youth policies;
- Interest in radio (web) and Social Networks
- Responsibility, autonomy, dynamism and creativity
- Ability to adapt and communicate
- Teamwork

- Flexible hours
- Technical interest in photography, video and creative writing
- Knowledge of photo and video editing

#### **APPLICATION**

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## 2. MUNICÍPIO DE ODEMIRA (ODEMIRA MUNICIPALITY)

# YOUTH, ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND CREATIVITY

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15/10/2018 - 14/10/2019

Place  
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Host organization  
Município de Odemira

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To this end, it is intended to establish local partnerships that allow the volunteer to integrate and collaborate in the activities defined by the organizations, but also to present projects and actions that may be of value to organizations and young people working with them or get involved. The volunteer is expected to be involved and actively involved in supporting the „Odemira Acredita em Ti“ youth sector project, to collaborate in a timely manner in the various activities promoted by other sectors, as mentioned, but also to submit proposals for activities for young people.

### TASKS

- Active participation in the projects / programs defined by the youth sector;
- Participation in projects related to environment and environmental education promoted by the Municipality of Odemira;
- Development and participation in cultural activities promoted by the Municipality of Odemira;
- Planning and organizing activities for young people;
- Collaboration with different organizations.

### ACCOMMODATION/ FOOD/ TRANSPORTS

The volunteer will be housed in Odemira in a T0 or T1, leased for the purpose.

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### PROFILE OF VOLUNTEER

- Has never done EVS before

- Interest in participating in the promotion of youth policies
- Interest in subjects related to environmental education, culture,...
- Responsibility, autonomy, dynamism and creativity
- Ability to adapt and communicate
- Teamwork
- Flexible hours

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### 3. ROTA VICENTINA - ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF NATURE TOURISM IN THE ALENTEJO

# ACTIVE TOURISM AND NATURE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, MEDIA

Date  
15/10/2018 - 14/10/2019

Place  
Odemira - Portugal

Host organization  
ROTA VICENTINA -  
Association for the Promo-  
tion of Nature Tourism in the  
Alentejo

#### HOSTING ORGANISATION

Rota Vicentina – Association for the Promotion of Nature Tourism in the Alentejo and Vicentina Coast, is a non-profit association, responsible for the management, promotion, maintenance and development of Rota Vicentina (RV) and the tourism products it represents.

It is made up of a network of walking routes in SW Portugal, totaling 400 km to walk, along the most beautiful and best preserved coastline of Southern Europe.

Comprising the Historical Way, the Fishermen's Trail and several Circular Routes, RV was inaugurated in 2012, having strongly contributed to the increase of region's notoriety as an international destination of nature tourism and to reduce the effect of tourist seasonality, attracting visitors, tourists and hikers throughout the year. This dynamic translates into a continuous and growing influx of visitors outside the high season and an increase in revenue for local economic operators and those from other regions and countries who are engaged in economic activity in the region.

Conceived as a public structure, the Rota Vicentina intends to establish itself as a defining characteristic of the region, made possible via the most natural of human practices – walking – and contributing unequivocally towards to the sustainability of rural areas through the promotion of economic activity, stimulation of existing activities and services, maintenance and enhancement of local culture and traditions, encouraging new business creation and promoting the destination out of season.

There are currently 200 partner companies, a team of 11 people working daily at the Association's headquarters, more than 150 volunteers and several public entities that are part of the broad partnership created around the project.

#### LINKS

<http://pt.rotavicentina.com/>

#### LOCAL CONTEXT

The Rota Vicentina is a network of walking routes in the Sw of Portugal, fully signalized, totaling 400 km to walk, along one of the most beautiful and well preserved coastal areas of southern Europe and formed by the Historical Path, Fishermen's Trail and several Circular Paths.

The Sw of Portugal are 110 km of wild coast and about 75 thousand hectares of protected area, inserted in the Natural Park of the Southwest Alentejo and Costa

Vicentina, constituted by a varied set of habitats, some of them still little altered, where diverse species occur endemic plants and a large number of animal species, especially amphibians, birds and marine fauna. United by two Portuguese regions of particular beauty, this coast combines the romanticism and tranquility of the Alentejo with the only truly authentic and wild coastline of the Algarve. Nature, rurality, authenticity and a mild climate, tempered by more than 300 days of sunshine per year, make this region an unforgettable destination for lovers of nature tourism.

#### DESCRIPTION OF EVS PROJECT

One volunteer will be hosted by Rota Vicentina for 12 months and will live in the town of Odemira, head of the county. The volunteer will have the following objectives:

- To get involved, actively participate and give support to the Volunteering and Maintenance Program in place within the Rota Vicentina Association, designed to ensure the effective maintenance of the actual and future network of walking and biking paths.
- To continue the blog „Stories through Rota Vicentina“ created in 2017, breathing new life into it (distinguishing the authors), always with a storytelling dimension.
- To produce rich and emotional media contents – chronicles, photography and specially video – about all outdoor dimensions of the project, including the maintenance of the trails and volunteer actions, member companies' lifestyle and businesses, tourists and journalists while enjoying the trails and local community identity and culture.

#### TASKS

- Organization, support and field work during trail maintenance campaigns and specific actions like garbage collection or acacia clearing;
- Photo and video coverage of all group maintenance actions to share through social media;
- Production of small video clips about all aspects of the outdoor dimensions of the project, including partner companies and their work; events, inaugurations and public sessions happening during the volunteering period, among other occasions;
- Continue the blog „Stories through Rota Vicentina“;
- Creation of a Blog about his/her experience during the voluntary experience;
- Accompany and produce a 'Making of' of the promotional videos to be produced.



## PROFILE OF VOLUNTEER

- Passion for the countryside and living in a rural area
- Interest in active nature tourism and sustainable development
- Filming
- Travel photography and writing
- Outdoor sports – hiking, biking, surf
- Social Media

### Personal Skills:

- Responsibility, autonomy, dynamism and creativity
- Excellent interrelation skills and high communication ability
- Team work
- Good English spoken and written
- Flexibility to work on weekends
- Interest and technical abilities in photography, video, writing in native and English language and for maintaining a blog and feed social media platforms (it is mandatory to send a portfolio or evidence of previous works). Must have own material: camera/video camera and laptop
- Know-how on photo and video editing software

### Other:

- Has never done EVS before.

## ACCOMODATION/ FOOD/ TRANSPORTS

The volunteer will be housed in Odemira in a T0 or T1, leased for the purpose.

Food will be provided through a monthly payment to the volunteer and s/he prepares her/his own meals.

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## APPLICATION

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### Extra application documents:

- Mini presentation video of yourself (2-3 min)
- Portfolio



# ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Date  
15/10/2018 - 14/10/2019

Place  
S. Luís – Portugal

Host organization  
GAIA Alentejo/

## HOSTING ORGANISATION

GAIA is a Portuguese Environmental NGO. Since 1996 we've conducted numerous campaigns on local and national level and have been involved in international campaigns, mainly at European level. GAIA is presently active in Lisboa and Alentejo region, aiming at raising awareness on environmental issues such as eco-consumption, food sovereignty and freedom of seeds, nonGMO and the transition movement to a future without oil. Two work spaces are open in Lisboa and São Luís (Alentejo).

GAIA Alentejo's objectives are: awareness raising on environmental issues and global environmental challenges; promoting the active involvement of local communities through the use of participatory techniques; promoting ecological lifestyles. Target groups are the local people of all ages in the village of São Luís, where GAIA Alentejo operates.

In Alentejo region GAIA works with rural communities since 2006. GAIA Alentejo currently supports the OFICINA (Workshop) project for young people in São Luís, RECO network of local producers and consumers and "Ateneu do Catorze" collective of artists - these projects are lead by citizens and are focused on local sustainable development. In São Luís regular activities happen in OFICINA, offering continuous support to youth and youth associations and one-off events lead by local young people.

## LINKS

<https://gaiaalentejo.wordpress.com>  
Facebook SVE GAIA Alentejo

## LOCAL CONTEXT

São Luís village, where the EVS activity occurs, is located in Odemira municipality, region of Southern Alentejo. Odemira is the largest municipality in Portugal, in what concerns the size of the territory, with a significant dispersion of the population. It is mainly rural, in particular in the interior part. It has a large coast by the Atlantic ocean, with many beached and an accentuated touristic activity in Summer.

São Luís is located 14km away from the sea and 17km away from the head of the municipality, Odemira. There is public transportation to Lisboa and to the Algarve (ca. 2 times a day) and to Odemira (ca. 3 times a day). São

Luís has about 2000 inhabitants, one primary school, one pharmacy, elders' care, health centre, bank, one traditional market, bakery, a couple of mini markets and a lot of coffee shops and restaurants. It is a traditional community of Alentejo and the main economic activities involve agriculture, cattle, cork, forestry, small commerce and services. The local cultural context is dynamic, with a combination of traditional cultural and contemporary art, typical events throughout the year and an arts exhibition in Summer. Local population has mainly older people, as young people tend to move to the cities looking for opportunities of higher education and employment.

## DESCRIPTION OF EVS PROJECT

This EVS position focuses on Environment and Sustainable communities, aiming at supporting the initiative of local citizens who are aware of current global environmental and social challenges and are active in their local community.

The EVS position will explore ecological lifestyles, implemented by different people and entities in the region of São Luís. It is suitable for young people wishing to explore alternative lifestyles and reflect about their own, while supporting the initiative of the local community. One volunteer will be hosted by GAIA Alentejo in São Luís, for 12 months, and will support the activities lead by different local work groups and associations. The focus of this EVS vacancy will be permaculture, local production and eco-consumption, ecological lifestyles.

## TASKS

The tasks of the volunteer will be built in a yearly calendar, according to seasonal needs, and the volunteer should be available to perform different kinds of tasks, responding to the necessities of the work groups.

- To document the work of local partners, concerning permaculture, local production and consumption and ecological lifestyles;
- To support the conception, preparation, implementation and documentation of one-off events (debates, films, presentation, workshops, walks...), held by GAIA Alentejo and local partners;
- To support permaculture activities: vegetable garden, food forest, construction of ecological systems;
- To support the confection of handmade cosmetics;
- To support implementing ReCo network of ecological production and consumption in Alentejo region.

## ACCOMMODATION/ FOOD/ TRANSPORTS

The volunteer will lodge in a shared house in São Luís, together with the other volunteer hosted by GAIA Alentejo. In this house, the volunteer will have an individual bedroom. The house is fully equipped, has a shared living room and a kitchen where the volunteer can freely prepare her/his meals. It is possible to host volunteer's guests. Meals are prepared by the volunteer, for which s/he receives a monthly fee.

The volunteer will have a bicycle for local transport in São Luís. Whenever necessary to travel outside of São Luís for EVS activities, GAIA assures the organisation of transports, free of charge to the volunteer.

GAIA Alentejo assures free access to Internet at the OFICINA (Workshop) space.

## PROFILE OF VOLUNTEER

The volunteer should

- Have never done EVS before
- Have a clear interest in ecological lifestyles and in reflecting upon society, thinking globally and acting locally;
- Have a clear motivation to live in a small community (2000 inhabitants) with rural characteristics, for one year;
- Have interest and capacity to learn Portuguese language;
- Be active in her/his local community and to be experienced in associations or other kind of social movements;
- Have the personal interest to develop one or more of the following competences: techniques/methodologies for self-organisation inside a community, participation, project management, permaculture activities and production of natural cosmetics; information and communication techniques;
- Be self-motivated and a dynamic person.

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## HOSTING ORGANISATION

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The present vacancy comprehends the partnership between GAIA Alentejo and "Ateneu do Catorze", collective of artists in São Luís.

## LINKS

<https://gaiaalentejo.wordpress.com>

Facebook SVE GAIA Alentejo

Facebook Ateneu do Catorze:

<https://www.facebook.com/Ateneu-do-Catorze-568605910165160/?ref=bookmarks>

## Local context

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## DESCRIPTION OF EVS PROJECT

This EVS position consists in supporting „Ateneu do Catorze“, the local initiative of artists in São Luís village. „Ateneu do Catorze“ is a cultural and artistic space open since 2017, shared by people who develop creative activities in different areas and where cultural initiatives are promoted. Located in the former house and shop of Sr. Catorze (Mr Forteen), a well-known and appreciated member of the local traditional community, the space comes back to life as a cultural hotspot in the village and a place for artistic creation.

## TASKS

- To support the maintenance of the space: painting walls, keeping the flowerbeds, decorating common spaces, ...;
- To support the work of the resident artists, helping in the implementation of creative projects and learning while doing;
- To support activities occurring in „Ateneu do Catorze“: production tasks (posting posters, preparing the logistics, supporting light and sound...), documentation, putting up cinema sessions, ...;
- To develop creative work in the community, together with a local partner (for example local school or elders home, to be defined);
- To develop a personal artistic project, based on the space and local community.

## ACCOMMODATION/ FOOD/ TRANSPORTS

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### **PROFILE OF VOLUNTEER**

The volunteer should:

- Have never done EVS before;
- Have a clear motivation to live in a small community (2000 inhabitants) with rural characteristics, for one year;
- Have a specific interest in arts and contemporary culture: poetry, dance, cinema, theatre, music, visual arts...;
- Have artistic competences (no specific area required);
- Enjoy working with her/his hands and be open to regular maintenance tasks;
- Have interest and capacity to learn and express her/himself in Portuguese language;
- Be a self-motivated and a dynamic person.

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Extra application document:

- Links to previous art works, portfolio, blogs etc...



## HOSTING ORGANISATION

The Sociedade Recreativa S. Teotoniense (SRST), IPSS is located in S. Teotónio, municipality of Odemira. It is a non-profit association and its main objectives are, through the cooperation and assistance of its members, to provide support and protection activities for children, young people and families in the field of social security, health, education and Vocational training and services taking into account the needs of the areas concerned; The concession of goods and the organization of cultural and recreational events and the promotion of associative principles and practices.

The Association is divided into two different buildings: The Nursery “Os Calculinhos” that works with children from 3 to 36 months; And the Headquarters Building where all kinds of events are promoted and where there is a School of Music and Arts promoting the local culture for the general population.

EMA - School of Music and Arts aims to offer partners and the community in general a diversity of artistic activities.

The offer ranges from music classes, theater, dance, sport, specific thematic workshops, event production, promotion of musical groups, theater and events with and for the community. The following classes are currently underway:

- Music / singing for adults and children;
- Guitar (different levels); Choir; Musical Education;
- Creative Dance for Children and Youth and Adult Dance Dances;
- Theater for children and young people;

## LINKS

<https://www.facebook.com/SRSTeotoniense/>

## LOCAL CONTEXT

The volunteering activity takes place in the south coast of Portugal, in a village of S. Teotónio, 7km from the sea, with more or less 3000 Portuguese habitants, and lots of different cultures (indian, tay, bulgarian, nepalese, german, holland, english) and the economics depends on the agriculture and trade. It is an immense parish, which extends from the mountainous interior to the sea. Its landscape is therefore varied and rich, marked by fields, mountains, valleys and beach.

S. Teotónio is, from the economic point of view, the richest and most productive parishes, and its main activities are small industry, agriculture, fishing, forestry, trade and

tourism. With the addition of the parish of Zambujeira do Mar to S. Teotónio in 2013, the parish has increased its tourist potential, bearing in mind that, as the name indicates, Zambujeira do Mar is located along the coast, south of Cabo Sardão, with a coast cut by the cliffs and small beaches of fine and clear sand, like the beach of Zambujeira, Alteirinhos, Nossa Senhora and Tonel, receiving thousands of vacationers in the high season.

In S. Teotónio it is customary to celebrate the popular saints, throughout the month of June, with the so-called Festival of Masts. Also noteworthy for FACECO - Fair of Cultural and Economic Activities of the Municipality of Odemira, which gathers more than 300 exhibitors, crafts, music and debates. During the first week of August, the parish is still a place of pilgrimage for thousands of young people from all over the country, who travel to the White House estate to participate in the Southwest Festival, which brings together the best national and foreign pop rock groups.

## DESCRIPTION OF EVS PROJECT

One volunteer will be hosted by SRST for 12 months, in the village of São Teotónio.

The hosting of a volunteer at SRST is part of a diversified and dynamic program of activities in the context of expressions (dramatic, musical, corporal), the production of shows and the promotion of events, allowing the sharing of experiences and the Acquisition of new skills. Due to the characteristics of the Building and the characteristics of the Association, the volunteer will not have difficulty finding space to develop his own project. The volunteer will be integrated in a friendly environment where there is no discrimination based on race, gender, religion or political ideals.

## TASKS

Headquarters Building:

- Logistic support for events / shows;
- Support for the production of shows performed by EMA - School of Music and Arts;
- Audio recording and editing of music created by students;
- Support for the dissemination of events held at SRST;
- Support for EMA activities, photographic and Footage of events.

“Os Calculinhos” Nursery:

- Development of a Dramatic Expression project with



children from 12 to 36 months.

### **ACCOMMODATION/ FOOD/ TRANSPORTS**

The volunteer will be housed in S. Teotónio in a T0 or T1, leased for the purpose.

The lunch during the weekdays, like the staff of the Institution, will be held at "Os Calculinhos". Dinner and weekend meals will be provided through a monthly payment to the volunteer.

For travel within the scope of the activities carried out in the EVS, the transport shall be provided by the Association. The remaining trips will be provided by the local transport network.

### **PROFILE OF VOLUNTEER**

- Has never done EVS before
- Interest and skills in artistic expression
- Audio recording and editing skills
- Interest in photography and film
- Personal interest in developing a dramatic expression project with children from 12 to 36 months
- Ease and availability to perform various tasks
- Flexibility in schedules and availability to work at night and on weekends
- Responsible and open to new life experiences
- Proactive and autonomous
- Interest and ease in learning the Portuguese language
- Motivation to live in a village with rural characteristics and a floating immigrant population

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Extra application document:

- Mini presentation video of yourself, max. 5min



# ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE ECO-COMMUNITY

Date  
15/10/2018 - 14/10/2019

Place  
Colos – Portugal

Host organization  
A Copa da Vida -  
Association for Culture and  
Nature

## HOSTING ORGANISATION

A Copa da Vida is a non-profit-association, running an ecological community immersed in nature, a seminar-place and environmental activities, as well as providing retreat places in Vale Bacias – Alentejo. The Intention is the manifestation of a sustainable, conscious and loving way of life.

In December 2013 the Swiss non-profit Pinú'u-Foundation acquired Vale Bacias, "One Last Time Forever" thereby liberating the land from speculative resale.

„A Copa da Vida - Nature, Seminars, Retreats" is hosting different international initiatives in Vale Bacias - since 2012 - in order to co-operate in developing a lifestyle, based on ecological and social awareness. The involved members from different nationalities and ages are caring for 99hectars of land, with native forest, located in Odemira municipality, in the rural area of Colos. The aim of the association is to create sustainable communities where people can work together in a social, economic and spiritual way in cooperation with the environment for increasing the vitality of nature, communication between people as well as peace and harmony in the world - also by organizing cultural and ecological events.

A Copa da Vida loves to connect with other regional and international eco-socio-cultural projects and works together in a partnership with „Ecointerventions" who initiated and care for a tree nursery and the reforestation in Vale Bacias. We are part of a local network of organic farmers, eco-social projects in the region and we are in supportive exchange with our neighbours according to services and products.

We are located in Southern Portugal, in the Alentejo, in a landscape of soft rolling hills, cork oaks, olive trees, wandering sheep flocks, friendly people and a lot of sun. It is also a landscape which is affected by advancing desertification. There is not a lot of water available in the summer. This is why we have already started to build two lakes / water retention space.

## LINKS

<http://www.valebacias.org/en/welcome/>

## LOCAL CONTEXT

A Copa da Vida has a renting contract for a 99ha property with a swiss foundation for 99 years. Our community is immersed in nature and we are located in the Alentejo region, in Vale Rodrigo, 5km south-west from Colos in the council of Odemira. From here it's 35km to the

atlantic ocean. There is public transport by bus available from up Colos. The next train station ( Faro = 1,5 hrs and Lisbon = 2hrs ) is called Funcheira and is in 20 km distance. Ecologically interesting in terms of diversity is, that a part of the land is the biggest remaining piece of forest in Alentejo. One of our intentions is to take land out of the cycle of speculation and to make it available long term to courageous and caring people and groups for progressive, innovative and particularly sustainable projects: independent of their financial situation. All different initiatives under the roof of A Copa da Vida share this common idea. For now there is a youth-project, a reforestation-project with tree-nursery, a permaculture-project, a horse-project and a seminar house.

## DESCRIPTION OF EVS PROJECT

One volunteer will be hosted by A Copa da Vida ecological community for 12 months, near the village of Colos. Since, from our point of view, diversity and complexity is enriching our lives - and also because we have the capacities - we wish to share our knowledge as much as we can, in order to support the development and learning of volunteers. We want to do that on different levels: besides specific knowledge in different subjects we also offer the possibility for sharing and exchanging topics and experiences in group processes, by using NVC (non-violent communication). Usually it's increasing comfortability, if more volunteers in a similar age and phase in life are part of the group. For forming that group, we can imagine to coordinate different volunteers in different projects in the same time.

## TASKS

The working time will be spent in coordination with and support from the team / group of A Copa da Vida in following activities:

- reforestation:

Helping with multiplying seeds and trees, planting and replanting trees, strimming, learning about diversity and natural habitats, pruning and grafting trees;

- horse work:

Helping to care for food, water, building fences, keeping the horse places clean and safe, riding and participating in the horse workshops and seminars;

- preparing and infrastructure, house building:

Helping on current building sites - mainly wooden houses, water- and electricity supply systems;

- supporting the youth care team:

Helping with cooking for bigger groups, accompanying activities and trips with the youth;

- garden work, permaculture:

Helping with preparing new garden spaces, weeding, seeding, watering, harvesting, learning about permaculture, healing plants, processing and conserving fruits and vegetables;

- supporting the seminar team:

Helping with preparing the Little Seminar House for workshops and welcoming seminar guests.

### **ACCOMMODATION/ FOOD/ TRANSPORTS**

The volunteer will share a room with one or two more volunteers in our Swabedou Youth House.

We offer free transport by car once a week to Odemira for the language course and at least two times a week a lift to Colos or Reliquias. We also offer free use of a bicycle.

Meals are vegetarian and are prepared in a collective way, in the common kitchen.

### **PROFILE OF VOLUNTEER**

We ask the volunteer to be interested in nature (specially tree-nursery), community, communication and a simple and alternative lifestyle. We don't have any prejudice related to ethnic group, religion, sexual orientation, political opinion, etc. Since we are a drug-, meat-, smoke- and alcohol-free place and because we want to support the youth in getting / staying free of addictions, we expect the volunteers to respect these conditions 100%.

The volunteer should be interested in living close with nature and should be open for:

- gaining awareness about their communication and action patterns

- learning, training and implementing Non Violent Communication in daily life

- sharing daily life in a group of 12/15 people

- tolerance towards people with special needs

- simple infrastructure (compost toilets, solar depending hot water supply)

- low media presence

Volunteer must have never done EVS before.

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**HOSTING ORGANISATION**

Zut! was founded in 2005. It started by being a production company that was initially created to allow more fluidity in the production of her work. However it always had the wider goal of promoting the creative work of other performing artists. With a consistent and progressive growth it has been able to achieve this signing up Zut! in the artistic context. It has produced and managed dance performances, music performances, performance-installation, video-performance, site-specific. It is widening this goal even further by creating a residency and a festival without losing sight of its interest in "performativity". After some years, Zut! moved to the countryside and started to develop artistic work outside the big cities and with a social intention. Zut! has taken its productions to dozens of cities in Portugal, as well as working internationally in France, Slovenia, Russia, China, Japan and Mozambique. It enjoys a credibility and recognition from the organizations with whom it has worked and has established itself firmly in the artistic scene of Portugal.

Zut! is a member of REDE - Association of Structures for the Contemporary Dance.

Zut! works with contemporary performance with established artists to develop their own work and to work with elder population. It approaches dance as a way of healthy movement with regular classes to adults.

**LINKS**

<http://www.zut-site.com>

**LOCAL CONTEXT**

The present EVS activity takes place in the village of Santa Clara-a-Velha, municipality of Odemira, region of Baixo Alentejo. Odemira is the largest municipality in the country in terms of area of territory, with a pronounced population dispersion. It is a municipality of rural characteristics, especially in the interior areas where Santa Clara-a-Velha is. There is the Santa Clara dam, one of the largest dams in Europe. There is public transportation by train to Lisbon and the Algarve (3x a day). It currently has around 700 population and mostly elders with the level of compulsory school or no schooling. There is a primary school and a kindergarten, one pharmacy, Day Center and home for elderly support, recreational society, public health centre, withdraw money machine, 2 mini-markets, petrol pump, two cafes. In Santa Clara-a-Velha, the cultural context is poor but there is a

traditional music and dance group with regular activity (our partners) and free music classes once a week.

**DESCRIPTION OF EVS PROJECT**

One volunteer will be hosted by Zut! association for 7,5 months to support the association's creation and presentation period, in close contact with the local community of Santa Clara-a-Velha. The volunteer will support the production processes of performances, workshops and events.

**TASKS**

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**ACCOMMODATION/ FOOD/ TRANSPORTS**

- support the production of contemporary performance works;

- support the organization of performance workshops, classes and events;

- support the pre-production of several projects (apply for financial support, contact and meetings for partnerships, hiring artistic and technical staff);

- support the production and field production of ongoing

- artistic performance works and events;
- support for activities promoted by the local working groups;
  - participation in Zut! meetings with partners;
  - participation in the creation of performance works.

The tasks include: photographic and/or film documentation; facebook maintenance; support events by promoting them; support for dossiers preparation. The volunteer is in close contact with the local community. With the development of the project, the volunteer will gain autonomy to propose and realize personal ideas and projects.

#### **ACCOMODATION/ FOOD/ TRANSPORTS**

**Housing** | The volunteer will be housed in the centre of Santa Clara-a-Velha in a rented house, probably shared, in which you will have your own single room. In this house you will have free access to the fully equipped kitchen where you can prepare your meals. There will be a shared bathroom with shower, washbasin, WC. The house will be equipped with basic furniture (bed and storage in the bedroom; sofa, tables and chairs in the living room, counters and storage in the kitchen area), will have electricity, gas and heating and utilities necessary for the daily life of the volunteer. If the volunteer wants television, we will seek a reply to this request, while stressing that the Zut! members do not have television.

**Food** | For meals, the volunteer can arrange on its own kitchen and in special events (meetings, presentations outside the village) a meal will be provided or an amount will be delivered to cover extra costs. In addition to this regular strategy, of the local community will regularly invite the volunteer to socializing dinners and integration in their homes.

**Local transportation** | For transportation in Santa Clara-a-Velha, Zur! provides a bicycle, ideal for local travel. Travelling outside Santa Clara-a-Velha under the EVS activities will be organised by Zut! or partner entities, at no cost to the volunteer. For personal trips that the volunteer wants to do outside the EVS activities, we will provide information on public transport and the possibility of hitchhiking.

#### **PROFILE OF VOLUNTEER**

- Has never done EVS or has done a short term EVS before
- with a clear interest in performance and producing culture projects
- with a clear interest in rural lifestyles and how cultural works reflect on society
- thinking globally and acting locally
- with creativity and artistic skills and multimedia
- with interest and ease in learning the Portuguese language, essential for communicating with the local community
- with a specific interest in developing some of the following competences: artistic skills, social skills,

- information and communication skills
- with motivation to live in a small community with rural characteristics, for 7,5 months

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Extra application document:

- a creative element of your choice, to enrich your proposal

