

CALL FOR ESC VOLUNTEERS IN SPAIN **BEYOND BORDERS**

The Association IMAGINA is looking for 4 ESC volunteers motivated to work with children and young people in a rural area, about youth participation and development of key competences through non-formal educational activities.

We will be working on youth dynamization with different specialties. 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:

1. **2 people in IMAGINA ASSOCIATION** → Youth Work in General, linguistic support and dynamization for Young People and Children.
2. **2 people in LOURDES SCHOOL** → Youth and Children Dynamization in a school in Coin town.

Project title: Beyond Borders

Project dates: 01.04.2019 - 01.02.2020 (306 days, aprox.10 months).

Location: Málaga, Spain. (One of these three rural towns: Álora, Pizarra or Coin)

Coordinating Organization:

ASOCIACIÓN DE DESARROLLO 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 really 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.

The AIMS of **Behond Borders** 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 possitive aspects of living in a rural area, while we open our minds to multiculturality.

The following activities are proposed to address that situation:

- 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.
- To improve linguistic skills of scholars and young people with fewer opportunities, through activities after-school and support activities, using non-formal education methodology.
- To collaborate in cultural and recreational activities organized in the town.
- To support young people with disabilities and their families, throughout activities and workshops developed in rural neighbourhoods and small villages, making possible the necessary assistance so these youngsters could take part in the dynamization activities organized by volunteers with equal opportunities.
- Media Work: edition of videos, photos during projects, promotion of activities in social media, etc.

The AIMS of **Behond Borders** in Lourdes School

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Our school has all the educative phases, from nursery, pre-primary school, primary school, secondary school/high school and bachillerato. However, our school not only has a formal education proposal but also a holistic perspective of the education, where we also integrate non-formal education and activities to promote the personal growth of our students and their improvement in key skills for their future.

The activities developed in the center would be related with:

- Promotion of mobility projects among our students in collaboration with the IMAGINA and the 3rd field of work.
- Support to the development of linguistic skills of students. Here we will develop workshops and activities to promote expression in English, so students can talk with volunteers in non-formal activities such as chat sessions, tandem clubs, etc. Also volunteers will support English teachers as conversation assistant.
- Creativity and cultural workshops with students.
- Support to the International Committee of the Center: looking for partners, organizing European projects and activities.

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

➤ Youth and Children Dynamization at LOURDES SCHOOL.



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In this way, we also have the necessary facilities in our center such as school center, 3 basketball courts, modern and ITC adapted classes, etc. In relation with staff and services, we have an integration class, speech therapist, physiotherapy, special education teacher, psychologist and the rest of the educative staff specialist in each subject.

Also we offer a high number of extra activities for students and also for parents, such as computer classes, yoga, sports, personal development and we have a sport club, a language class (since we are a Cambridge examination center) and music school.

Our school has been working for more than 30 years with staff especially focused in improving the communication between students/teachers and families. We care for offering the best service to our students and families and also the best education so they can feel listened, valued and part of the learning process.

Furthermore, our school is integrated in our region in the sense of cooperating with the people and associations which are part of it, such as the Rural Development Group of our region, the Guadalhorce's Valley. We are part of the Board of the entity and we also collaborate in activities proposed by them like the program for Peer to Peer Mediation, gender trainings, the pact for inclusive language or other youth activities proposed by local associations like IMAGINA, with the promotion of youth projects in the field of Erasmus + for young people of our center. <http://www.colegiodelourdes.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/SchoolLourdes/>

The activities developed in the center would be related with:

- Promotion of mobility projects among our students in collaboration with the GDR and the 3rd field of work.
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Profile of Volunteer:

- Good English level (B2) will be well-valued.
- Competences on youth dynamization. Interest in working with young people and children.
- Capacity on working with paper work, being flexible.
- Interest in teaching and educative system.

Some common competences very important to us are:

- Motivation to work with young people from rural areas and to be involved in our organization.
- 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 + Programme 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 and others will change (dates, change of local policies, etc. Affects us very much, so we need your empathy to organize the work having in mind these conditions).
- Creativity, enthusiasm, new ideas are welcomed!



→ Linguistic Support and dynamization for Youth and Children:

These activities would be orientated to promote the participation of young people of our villages in activities and workshops which could increase their opportunities to learn other languages and to open minds. The volunteer will develop different workshops with the aim of:

- Improving the linguistic skills of young people with fewer opportunities. Linguistic skills are one of the most deficient areas of Spanish education and it's also a big challenge for young people in Andalusia. With these workshops we want to promote learning not as an academic obligation but like a tool for communication among people from different cultures. To do this, the volunteer will be involved in Chat groups in English, French or other language, using non-formal education and dynamic activities (like cooking classes or dancing classes in other language).

Profile of volunteer:

- Good English level (B2).
- Competences on youth and children dynamization. Interest in working with them.
- Experience in fields like teaching, youth work, social work and non-formal education will be well valued.



→ Youth 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 + programme. 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 organisation with the work at the office related to organization of events, dissemination, promotion of activities, etc.
- Supporting the organisation with MEDIA work (promotion of activities, photos and videos of events, design of activities in relation with MEDIA with youngsters...).
- Support to the activities of the YOUTH council at the town: organisation of activities for young people, employability workshops, healthy lifestyle and sport activities.

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!



→ Support to young people with functional diversity

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

Profile of volunteer:

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



→ Collaboration in cultural activities

As we live in a small town, we collaborate with the town hall and help them in the cultural and recreational activities that they organize.

Some examples:



Help with the Christmas decoration



Participation in the horror walk for Halloween



Help in the design of posters



Participaione in the Halloween party for children

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- 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 + Programme 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.
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- Capacity on working with paper work, being flexible
- Interest in teaching and educative system
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Technical Information:

Accommodation and Location:

Volunteers will be living in a flat with other volunteers.

Within IMAGINA association we develop activities in 2 different towns of Málaga: Álora and Pizarra, so you will be living in one of these two towns; however the volunteers who work in Lourdes School will be living in Coín.



Álora



Pizarra



Coín

Álora: <http://www.alora.es/Inicio/>

Pizarra: <https://www.pizarra.es/>

Coín: <http://www.coin.es/>

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

BUT, for the people who need to live in a city or who doesn'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 270€ per month: 150€ of food allowance and 120€ for pocket money.

Transport money:

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

- Italy: 275€ maximum return travel.
- Portugal: 275€ maximum return travel.
- Romania: 360€ maximum return travel.
- Macedonia: 360€ maximum return travel.

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!!

APPLICATION:

To apply for this project, the volunteer have to fill this **application form**:

<https://goo.gl/forms/DxuVaQFcMABas5sy1>

Then, write the **CV** in **english** and send to imaginaerasmusplus@gmail.com together with the "Prueba de Pasión".

Prueba de pasión means for us something that the volunteer can make that really shows the motivation with this project and it tell us why we should select this person. Sometimes it can be a short video, a poster, a small article...Something creative where we can see that the volunteer are really interested in THIS particular project and that we should continue with the selection process including this person in the next step of interviews

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

Deadline for Application: 18th February 2019.

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