

≡ European Solidarity Corps

Volunteering in Alfa Albona

↓ Labin, Croatia
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☰ Dear future volunteer!

We are always open to all volunteers without any prejudice, giving them opportunity to work in team and individual. All our volunteers have space to create workshops for young people and participate in youth activities for which they are getting support all the time. We want to ensure that anyone who joins our team is feeling good, motivated and to ensure all possible support and help. As for you, this project is going to be a challenge for us as well, we will try to give our best to be here for you, but the most important for us is that you are honest, communicate with us and respect our association and also the local community you will be part of. Motivation of young people to join EVS service is mostly to make new friends, acquire new skills, learn new things, learn more about our and other cultures and after all to have fun. Working together we can achieve all of this and much more, but we have to be open minded, ready for new challenges and not to be afraid of new things, asking for help or any questions that you may have. In the following pages you will find some information about our association, about our town, region and Croatia in general, as well as some additional things we thought it can be useful for you. We hope that you are going to enjoy working with us and that we will WELCOME YOU IN ASSOCIATION ALFA ALBONA!

Alfa Albona Team



≡ Project description



Project is focused on non formal education with a combination of different activities in order for participants to gain knowledge and to be able to share and express their views, experiences and opinions related to the project's theme, but also to deepen their understanding about the importance of environment, different cultures as a resource for enhancing social and personal skills.

Project is providing youngsters with fewer possibilities an opportunity for participating in an interesting project in another country by involving them in various activities which have the goal to make positive impact on volunteers, as well as to give them possibility to work in multicultural environment, to foster social cohesion, be aware of European citizenship and their rights, foster their creativity and different skills, in order to prepare them for the future life and labour market. All activities and tasks will be in agreement with volunteers. Our aim is to establish good contact with volunteers, in order to understand better volunteers own needs. They will be treated equally as our own members and local volunteers.

Volunteers are welcomed to suggest their own project, activity or workshop to implement it alone or with our members or local volunteers.

They will be involved from Monday to Friday in the activities for a maximum of 35 weekly hours. Usually weekends will be free. Sometimes, anyway, there will be events that will take place during the weekends, in these cases, volunteers will have day-off during the week.





≡ Main role and tasks

Tasks are divided by months:

Starting from September and October volunteers will be helping with cleaning and deconstructing Alfa Albona summer camp, help with ideas for upcoming campaigns and for implementing Time to move activities. In November, December and January volunteers will help in implementation of the youth activities (holding workshops, digital work, research, help with writing projects, implementing different youth activities in the local community).

Apart from that, the tasks will also be focused on doing different graphic designs, help with promotional pictures and videos, help with different projects our ngo has with other ngo's in the local community... The months of February and March will be focused on volunteer personal projects.



≡ Project Venue

The medieval town of Labin is situated on the hill above Rabac. Its old name of Albona was first mentioned in 285 AD. The birth-place of Matthias Flacius Illyricus, the reformer and collaborator of Martin Luther, it is a cultural and administrative center today. The rich cultural and architectural heritage of Labin is enlivened by number of art ateliers scattered around the old town. The Sculpture Park in nearby Dubrova features over 70 forma viva stone sculptures. Labin is located 4 km from the nearest beach. Population of Labin is around 12 000 people, while in the old town 350 people are living. Just 3,5 km by walking there is a small fishing place Rabac, that can be reached through nature. This place is famous by it's amazing beaches and place for recreation in the nature.



≡Accomodation and Working place

Alfa Albona will provide an appropriate accommodation in a safe environment. Volunteers will be placed in their own flat in Labin which they will share with other ESC volunteers and Workaway volunteers.

Volunteers will have sharing rooms, kitchen and other facilities in the flat that is equipped with all necessary things for everyday life. The flat is situated in the old town Labin, just 1 minute walking from the ngo office. Other part of Labin, called downtown is just 10 minutes walking from the old town. Although, in the old town there are bars and restaurants, there is just one small shop, so for doing bigger shopping one must go downtown (Lidl, Plodine, Konzum, Jedinstvo...), but we often drive our volunteers to shopping in order to help them.

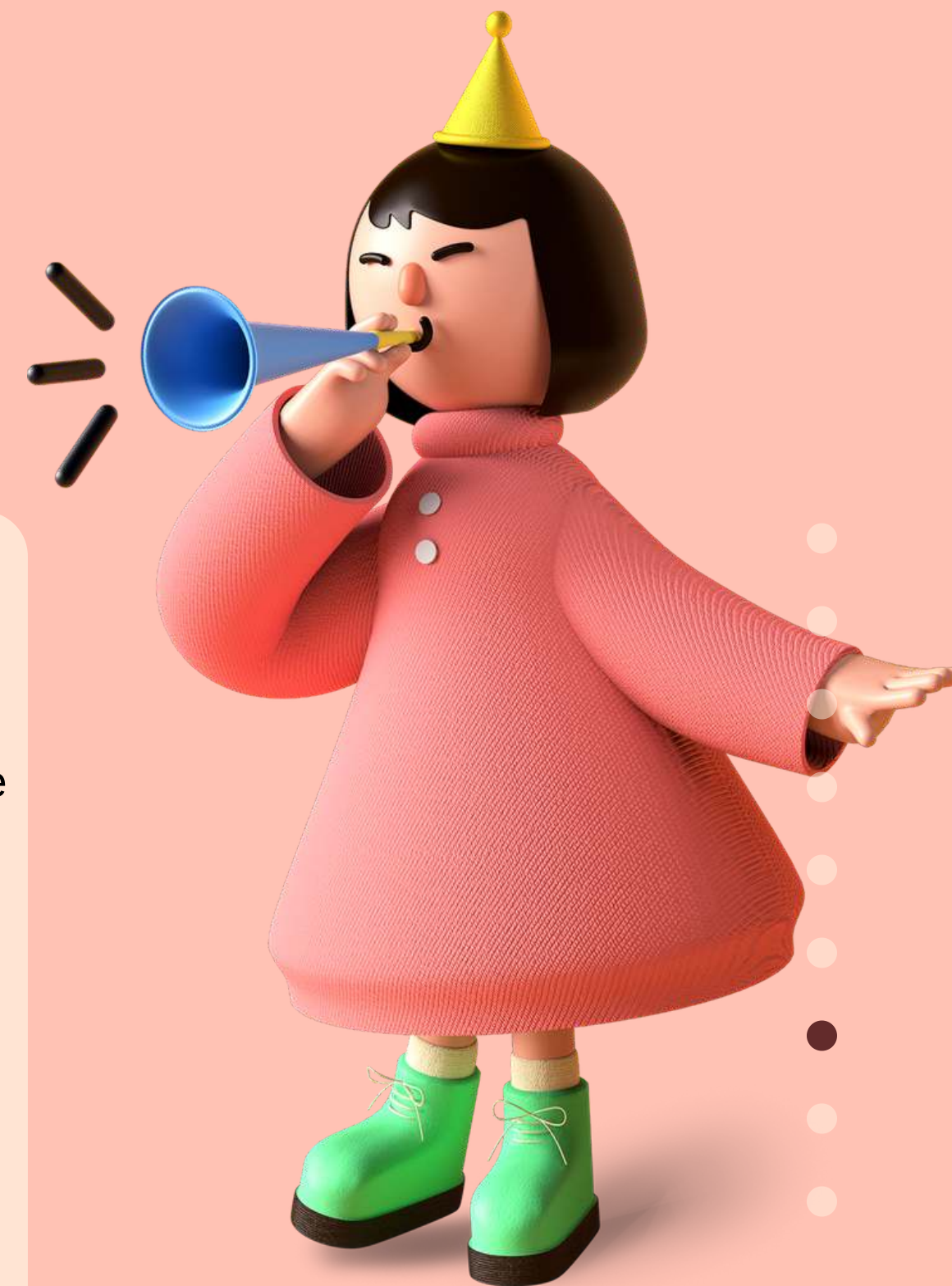


≡ Volunteers recruitment

We are always open to all volunteers without any prejudice, giving them opportunity to work in team and individual. Volunteers should have a mature, open-hearted personality. They should believe in and enjoy working with and for young people because this is the major type of person they will be working for and with. We are looking for enthusiastic, self-motivated, self-reliant, responsible, tolerant and open-minded volunteers

Volunteers should be:

- *age 18 – 30
- *mature to work and to relate to other young people with fewer opportunities and willing to develop activities with sense of responsibility
- *willing to share his/her experience and culture
- *have good knowledge of english language
- *be ready to accept challenges
- *autonomus but also willing to work in the group
- *be ready for the harder manual work in the summer camp
- *willing to share the space of living with other volunteers
- *able to organize his/her own free time
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≡ Project costs

This project is funded by Erasmus + programme, which means that there are covered expenses for volunteers. Alfa Albona will be in charge for the accommodation and utilities, food costs, pocket money as well as for the croatian language course, local transport and materials for the activities.

≡ Food and pocket money

The volunteers will have a kitchen in the flat and will take care for their food themselves. Alfa Albona will provide volunteers with food allowances every month during the service in the town, while when staying in the camp the food will be provided there. Pocket money the volunteers will receive in all months of service, too.

≡ Currency

Croatian currency is croatian kuna (HRK or KN). Volunteers will get pocket money and money for food on the beggining of each month for that month. One fun fact about kuna is that it's actually croatian word for indigenous weasel-like animal (English: marten).



≡ Insurance

All volunteers within the project are from EU countries and therefore may have or apply for the European Health Insurance Card. Instead of and/or in addition to the European Health Insurance Card the volunteers are medically insured – including third party and accidents - by the European Commission Erasmus+ European Solidarity Corps Insurance called Cigna insurance. Sending organizations will register you for this insurance and Alfa Albona will provide additional help if needed.

≡ Working language

Working language of the project is English language. Volunteers are expected to know English language in oral and written form because of the service, but also in order to understand us and to ensure good communication.



≡ Language course



Alfa Albona will provide OSL platform (online course) or Croatian language lessons for the volunteers that will be held by our local volunteers or Alfa Albona staff.

≡ Info about Croatia

It is quite safe to travel all over Croatia and mugging and thefts are not a problem.

You can safely walk in any town at night, but use your common sense, as always.

- It is safe to drink tap water in Croatia.
- Electricity is 220V, 50Hz. Croatia uses the standard European 2 point plugs.
- Croatia is 1 hour ahead of GMT, the same time zone as the majority of Western Europe.
- The Croatian language uses the Latin alphabet. There are 30 characters in the Croatian alphabet.





≡ Internet and WI-FI

Internet in Croatia these days is widely available and broadband services are now very commonplace, as well as being pretty fast. Volunteers will have flat Internet at their flat and in the office and in the camp.

≡ How to reach us?

By Plane!

The main airport to come is Pula, 40 km from Labin. At the airport you have shuttle bus to the bus station in Pula where you can reach the bus to get to Labin. Bigger airport that is often used by our volunteers is the one in Italy, Trieste. There's around 140 km from Labin to Trieste, but you have bus every day from Rijeka that goes to Trieste.

By Bus!

The bus station in Labin is situated in the northern part of town, 500 metres from the centre and 1,5 km from the old town of Labin, where is our office.



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