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Associação Mais Cidadania (AMC) is a European Non-profit NGO that operates in Bairro Alto, Lisboa (Portugal), since 2003.

Our mission is...

...to promote Citizenship through cooperation with local and international partnerships

...to train youngsters and young adults to share competencies and skills as a tool to serve society

...to contribute for a responsible and active involvement of citizens in civil society and in the construction of solutions for the challenges of modern society

We believe...

...in the strength of non-formal education as a methodology to acquire new competences and know-how both at personal and professional level

...in the potential of cooperation with an efficient and active network

...that every individual can and should contribute for a better world, to turn the society more participative, solidary, inclusive, democratic and human.

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PROJECT AND NAME CONCEPT

G.I.V.E. (Global Illimited Volunteering Energy) is based on the idea of building a global community under the principles of Global Education.



“education that opens people’s eyes and minds to the realities of the globalized world and awakens them to bring about a world of greater justice, equity and human rights for all. Global education is understood to encompass development education, human rights education, education for sustainable development, education for peace and conflict prevention and intercultural education; being the global dimension of education for citizenship.” Maastricht Global Education Declaration (2002).

This **EVS** project **aims** to:

- use Global education to foster citizens’ awareness on social justice and sustainable development;
- help youngsters, organisations and communities to understand the complex realities and processes of today’s world and develop values, attitudes, knowledge and skills that will enable them to face the challenges of an interconnected world;
- promote acceptance of otherness and interdependency thus creating the conditions for others to express themselves and build behaviour of solidarity;
- promote the values that EU was built in: **“The Union is founded on the values of respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities. These values are common to the Member States in a society in which pluralism, non-discrimination, tolerance, justice, solidarity and equality between women and men prevail.”** Article 2 of the Treaty on the European Union.

DATES AND PLACE

The project will take place in **Lisbon area, Portugal**, from **January to December 2017**.

AMC is the Coordinating and Hosting organisation for **G.I.V.E. (Global Illimited Volunteering Energy)** project.

PLACEMENT: AMC (office) YOUTH WORKER

Note:

- The placement offered enables a voluntary environment where some tasks are previously determined but many other will arise accordingly the activities and partnerships established along the year. Tasks will change according to the period of the year, as a consequence of the different needs of the target groups the hosting association works with.
- The volunteer will never substitute the professional staff of the hosting organization.

TASKS:

- Actively participate in Portuguese Language Course (30 hours);
- Establish regular contact with Sending Organisation and provide written monthly feedback (both to Sending as well as Hosting Organisation);
- Regular meetings with the mentor (person appointed by AMC);
- Regular meetings with project supervisor (Tiago);
- Actively take part in the trainings provided by AMC (On-arrival training, Youthpass, Conflict Resolution, Volunteering, Human Rights, Global Education, No Hate Speech and others that the organisation believes to be relevant according to the work led);
- Be part of the day-by-day of the organisation and actively be part of all activities and dimensions of AMC's work (in the office, with the youth centers, with local partners...);
- Actively take part in the local Food Bank (once a month);
- Create and implement sessions of promotion of mobilities and human rights in local schools;
- Use video and camera to collect evidence of the local activities implemented by AMC and/or local partners;
- Develop and implement intercultural activities and/or workshops on topics that interest you and are in line with AMC's values and activities;
- Cope with office tasks (at times more repetitive) and embrace the work led by a NGO, learning by doing and being available for whatever needed;
- Elaborate a self-assessment (Youthpass) on recognition and validation of volunteers experience.

PROFILE OF THE VOLUNTEER

The way we define the profile for the volunteers is based more on motivation than on skills. We believe motivation to be the driving force of someone who intends to be an international volunteer: motivation to learn, to share, to listen, to acquire skills, to GIVE 😊

The volunteer should:

- Have between 18 and 30 years-old;
- Be available to be part of G.I.V.E. project during 2 months (September and October 2017) on a full-time project (up to 35 hours per week);
- Be a legal resident in Greece;
- Be interested to live and work in a multicultural and cooperative environment;
- Respect all times the ways of work and methodologies of the organisation;
- Available to learn about the work developed by AMC under the framework of Non-Profit Organisations and Non Formal Education;
- Able to work with everyone (all people involved from different teams and projects) with kindness and availability;
- Interested in developing intercultural and intergenerational learning and dialogue (in daily life during the project at local and international levels);
- Interested in acquiring experience in local, national and international youth projects;
- Willing to share personal interests, skills and values with other youngsters;
- Able to share the same values of G.I.V.E. project;
- Interested in learning new languages and different cultures;
- Able to communicate and work in English;
- Be empathic with others (whithin the team, volunteers, youngsters or other participants in local activities and daily life of the organisation but also in common living arrangements – the more personal side of the project at EVS flat);
- Interested and able to find solutions for the common good;
- Able to understand and accept the consequences of his/her behaviour;
- Willing to develop her/his autonomy;

CONDITIONS

- Travel costs to and from Portugal will be reimbursed within the available budget for the Erasmus+ Programme depending on the origin country;
- The volunteer will stay in a shared room in a flat with other volunteers (the flat is located in central Lisbon (around 30/40 minutes from AMC's office);
- S/he will work up to 35 hours per week, Monday to Friday and occasionally on weekends (time compensations will be arranged);
- Pocket money will be given at first week of the month;
- The money for food at second week of the month;
- Local transportation in Lisbon will be provided through a monthly public transportation card;
- Health insurance will be provided under Erasmus+ Programme;
- The volunteer will have a mentor helping her/him to develop the learning, social skills and improve the process of integration;

If you just read this and consider yourself as a person willing to expect the unexpected, this placement is for you!

We will be here waiting ☺

“Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer”

To know more about the life of EVS volunteers in AMC, visit the blog <https://upthelisboahills.wordpress.com/> where they share pieces of their experience



