

European Young ESCapists

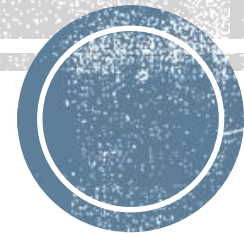
European Solidarity Corps Project

Orta Nova, Italy

Starting April 5th, 2020 - Ending: January 31st, 2021



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Description of the Project

European Young ESCapists is our first Volunteering project. The Project will cover the following areas and thematic:


Youthwork, Citizenship and democratic participation, Culture, European and International Projects, Education and training, European identity and values, Key Competences & Skills development, Communication & Dissemination.

The project "European Young ESCapists" was born from our idea and motivation to jump in the ESC programme after having been preparing and dreamed about it for a long time. We also chose the title of the project given the inflection of the word "escapists" which can mean "dreamers" and at the same time it includes the letters "ESC" standing for European Solidarity Corps. We love the idea of bringing Volunteers in our local community and creating opportunities for all people that will be involved: participants, partners, our community and us, of course.

The objectives of our project are the following:

- Promote the active participation of young people, supporting young people to become agents of positive change in their society and in Europe;
- Promote volunteering, solidarity, inclusion, participation and equal opportunities;
- Promote Intercultural Learning, Language and Life Long learning in the local community;
- Promote ESC, Erasmus+ Programme, and other European programmes in the local community;
- Create a strong impact in the local community related to the above-mentioned objectives that will have a long term effect;





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Profile of the Volunteers

We foresee the background and profile of Volunteers that we would like to involve to be as follows:

- Aged between 18 and 30 years old;
- Available to commit in the full duration of the project from the beginning until the end of the project;
- Interested in improving their skills/abilities or/and with a background in the field of Youth work and Social Work;
- With attitude to take initiative and work on social issues;
- Willing to be involved in the local community and the specific projects topics;





Volunteer 1: European Projects, Erasmus+ & ESC Promotion and Development

The Activities will cover the following areas and thematic:

- European and International Projects;
- Culture;
- Education and training;
- European identity and values;
- Citizenship and democratic participation;
- Key Competences & Skills development;
- Youthwork;

Typical tasks for the volunteers and how they will be involved: The main aim of the volunteers is to give assistance and help the organization in supporting the management of European projects. During the Activities volunteers are involved in preparing and participating in international events.

Volunteer activities and tasks will focus on the following:

- Represent the organization in regard to the European projects in presentations or in any other formal or informal occasion promoting its work;
- Support the implementation of international activities, create and bring new ideas and improvement to any international event the organization may organize;
- Promote Intercultural Learning, Language and Life Long learning in the local community;
- Promote the activities through the organization's Website and Social Media;
- Initiate activities to promote international projects towards the local community;
- Use creative ways to promote ESC, Erasmus+ Programme, and other European programmes in the local community and especially with young people and other local organizations;
- Create a Volunteering Book, collecting stories of all volunteers (sending & hosting) of the organization, online and offline;





Volunteer 2: Communication, Intercultural Learning, Education & Dissemination

The Activities will cover the following areas and thematics:

- Youthwork;
- Culture;
- Education and training;
- European identity and values;
- Communication & Dissemination;
- Citizenship and democratic participation;
- Key Competences & Skills development;

Typical tasks for the volunteers and how they will be involved: The main aim of the volunteers is to give assistance and help the organization in supporting the management of daily activities of the organization and international projects during a long term process.

Volunteer activities and tasks will focus on the following:

- Support the development of youth through the implementation of activities such as contact making events, intercultural meetings, study visits and volunteering personal projects;
- Provide tools for development of key competences, empower and promote the need for personal development of the local youth;
- Promote the understanding of other cultures and Countries, providing the local community with the opportunity to develop a sense of European citizenship;
- Promote the activities through the organization's Website and Social Media;
- Promote Intercultural Learning, Language learning and Life Long learning in the local community;
- Use creative ways to promote ESC, Erasmus+ Programme, and other European programmes in the local community and especially with young people and other local organizations;
- Create a Volunteering Book, collecting stories of all volunteers (sending & hosting) of the organization, online and offline;
- Organise events of cultural, creative and artistic character (Movie nights, music events, book presentations, seminars, debates, etc.);



Tasks & Activities

Volunteers will be all the time challenged to use their abilities, to improve their skills and creativity in order to bring an added value to the local community by performing their daily tasks and long term objectives.

Volunteers will bring a "new life" to the local community, helping and supporting their everyday-process and providing a mutual impact based on an intercultural exchange of growth, improvement and change.

Volunteers will be involved in preparing and participating in local events, dissemination and writing articles for the website hosted by the town and spreading the knowledge about EU programs among the local community.

They will have individual separated tasks and topics to address during their Volunteering period, but at the same time they will share some of the scopes, specifically because they are connected with ESC general objectives.

Our Volunteers will experience both the local and international work of our organization, bring new ideas and challenges, work towards the empowerment and broadening perspectives of young people.

Working hours: Volunteers will work up to 35 hours each week, and have 2 days off each week, plus 2 days off each month. The working schedule will follow a usual plan, but it may differ from week to week according to the needs of the volunteer and of the organization, in case of Events or national/local holidays.

Also, the tasks may change for some weeks according to the needs and urgencies of the organizational work such as local events and international programs. Volunteers will follow the natural flow of the organization work and support it, adding their ideas and inputs. For changes of schedule we will agree these changes at least 10 days before.

The week of the Volunteer as we plan it will follow the following tasks, spread during the week:

- Weekly meeting with Coordinators, local volunteers and ESC volunteers, to plan activities and tasks of the week.
- Working on weekly organizational tasks related to project activities;
- Organizing Non formal active English course;
- Promote European Solidarity Corps to local young people;
- Working on personal projects ideas;
- Working on the Final Event;
- Involvement in local community;
- Working on the Dissemination of the project (Online pages, social media, articles, other methods and ideas);
- Weekly Reflection (supported reflection and documentation of the learning outcomes with the Mentor);





Planned calendar

- APV: visit with the sending organization between March 9th and 10th, 2020 (+ 2 travel days).
- **April 5th: Arrival of the Volunteer in Orta Nova, Italy.**
- On Arrival Training organized by Hosting organization (3-4 days after the arrival);
- Start of the weekly schedule - adaptation period, getting to know the work environment;
- On Arrival Training organized by ANG;
- Volunteering activity following the weekly schedule, participating in organization activities, development of own ideas, periodical evaluations;
- Mid-Term Training organized by ANG (around the half of the Volunteering Activity);
- Implementation of the Final Event by the Volunteers;
- Final evaluation, before-departure activities, Youthpass filling;
- **January 31st, 2021: Return to home Country;**





The Venue: Orta Nova

Orta Nova is a small town in the South of Italy, in Puglia Region.

Despite being a rural area, Orta Nova citizens are very welcoming towards foreigners, as the city hosted many international projects during the last 5 years thanks to Beyond Borders. Our organization is very active in the local and international level and our city is becoming more and more dynamic and engaged with international youth events.

History: Ancient medieval village placed among the “5 Reali Siti” (Five Royal Sites of Ferdinand IV), Orta Nova is today an important agricultural center.

A little less than 20 km from Foggia, Orta Nova is in the center of Daunia and is today an important agricultural center of the Tavoliere.

Born at the behest of the Jesuits in the 1600s, Orta Nova is part of the five eighteenth-century Royal Sites, established by Ferdinando IV of Puglia, together with the old colonies of Ortona, Carapelle, Stornarella and Stornara, major agricultural centers of the time.

The historic center is gathered around the ancient medieval remains and, between alleys and squares, the elegant architecture of the Church of Purgatory, the Sanctuary of the Madonna dell 'Altomare, the former Jesuit Palace and the Ethnographic Museum sprout.




About us: Beyond Borders Italy

Our Aims:

- Youth work;
- Mobility of young people;
- Promoting non-formal and intercultural learning;
- Active citizenship;
- Empowerment of youth;
- Respect of Human Rights;
- Promoting European culture;
- Promoting social inclusion, solidarity;

In our activities we are providing opportunities and we are acting towards the empowerment and broadening perspectives of young people who can enrich their community by bringing back personal and professional development. We are focusing on enhancing their level of key competences and skills, especially for those with fewer opportunities. An important part of our Target Groups are young people facing obstacles and having to deal with fewer opportunities, coming from remote areas which are constantly facing geographical, educational, cultural and social obstacles, who have low chances of employability.

Our activities are based on non-formal methodologies, increasing competence of young people, activating young people in society, stimulating creativity and growth of young people.

Check out some of our videos! 

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Npi8dNZB3A&t=77s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ydeBEb7COqs&t=79s>





To apply for this project

- Apply through the European Solidarity Corps portal: https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity/placement/18098_en or send us one email at associazionebeyondborders@gmail.com with your Motivational Letter (object of the email «EYESC Application»).
- Deadline for applying: January 15th, 2020.
- If you do not have a Sending Organization we can support on finding one.
- Applicants that will meet the formal requirements will be contacted by the end of January to organize a video-call interview.
- **Very important:** Selected Volunteer and one member from the sending organization must attend the Advanced Planning Visit. APV will happen between March 9th and 10th, 2020 (+2 travel days). During the APV we will tackle all the responsibilities, tasks, needs, administrative elements of the project.





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