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“My experience in Cyprus as volunteer in Dali”

The WWW project was an amazing experience to me. I am happy that through the month, we had the opportunity to work in different fields. We participated in the creation and organization of a festival, picked olives, created local sustainable events and took part in upcycling activities. Those are activities that I have never done before so I am happy that I made all those achievements. I met so many nice people during this month that I cannot forget and I will always remember the kindness and hospitality of the Cypriots. I felt welcomed everywhere, very safe and enjoyed the good food we had from the locals. I miss souvlaki already. Many thanks to our coordinator and my group of volunteers for making this experience unforgettable!



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Julie NGUYEN (France) - Unity iOS: World Wide Village in Dali 2021

“My ESC in Cyprus”

This one month was one of the best in my life. I will always remember for the village, for Alexis, for the other locals, and of course for my colleagues. I knew that the project would be very good, but it was far far beyond my expectations, in the best possible sense. I feel that this project helped me a lot to overcome my fears and to be a more open person. And I hope that I also left some marks in the precious village, Dali.

I really enjoyed every mini-projects that we did, but the best was the creation of the community garden because that was the closest to me. I am very satisfied with the result, and I hope that the next volunteers and locals can use it in the future.

I was a bit sad when I had to leave Cyprus because it felt like such a short time. I can guarantee that the "Time flies when you're having fun" proverb is very true. But I hope I can visit again Cyprus in my life, I miss the good vibe and of course the delicious food.

Levente Ferenc CSÓKÁSI (Romania) - Unity iOS: World Wide Village in Dali 2021

“Exploring Cyprus”

The month spent volunteering in Cyprus was truly a unique and amazing experience! Fifteen people from different European countries came together and tried to make a difference in the communities of Lympia and Dali. We tried our hand at olive picking, helping out with the organization of a festival and promoting sustainability. Our free days were dedicated to exploring the island of Cyprus. The project under our coordinator Alexis brought us closer together; we developed long lasting friendships and connections. This experience was one of the best and I'm so glad I decided to apply for it. Saying goodbye to new Friends were very hard but we know we will see each other again soon!







“World Wide Village Project. Dali”

This was my second month in Cyprus. I've been accepted in another project and I couldn't be happier. Politistiko and Associazione Joint gave me the possibility to join another volunteering team and I will remember it forever.

In this project I lived in Dali, near Nicosia. Here the weather was definitely hotter than Lysos but during the night was okay. The problem wasn't that actually but one bathroom for 15 people. Did we manage? Of course,

we did. Was it challenging? Well yes but at the end of the month we were conscious of everyone's needs. Remember, make lists for everything.

During this month we helped in a sustainable environment theme festival (Xarkis Festival) for the first week. A part from the lack of the organization it was really great being immersed in a young environment where I discussed about the main topics of our time. I will never forget the night in the countryside where we've been invited by the locals. A lot of food, a lot of alcohol (someone said Zivania?). The best was also the sunday concert (Monsieur Doumani especially, check it out, you'll be grateful for that). After that we worked in olive tree fields. Different than carobs I have to say. The work is more about patience (there are always some olives that you didn't see before) than carobs which is more physical and faster. The last days we put our energy on “a new beginning” idea. We cleaned and renovated a space in Alexis' home, our mentor. The point of this is to create a space for the community where everyone can chill and discuss but also attending workshops, helping in the garden and exchanging clothes. We hope it will work.

This month was full of experiences, memories and dramas. I was so lucky to be in another incredible group of beautiful people. I saw again some places but I saw also what I missed the first month. The beautiful wildness of Akamas and Aphrodite's Rock. I passed again through beautiful Troodos mountains and I visited the amazing Kykkos monastery. I had the possibility to see my beloved Nicosia and Famagusta. Last mention, of course, Karpaz, beautiful. I will never forget the fire on the beach.

When I left the first time, I promised to myself to eat less. It was already impossible from the first day. I love greek and turkish food so what can I do? Food, really great food. I'm still crying thinking about the Sheftalia that I ate in Dali. Mention, of course, to the traditional liquor, Zivania, friend of many nights (and days).

Who to thank? Politistiko and Associazione Joint, for sure. Thank you, Lexie, Maria. It was really nice spending again time with you. Thank you, Alexis and your family, for everything and thanks to all the beautiful people that I met in the festival.

The group was great, saying thanks to 14 people it's a little bit hard. I enjoyed a lot, for sure we will meet again. Thank you for this incredible month. What can I do is thanking you all in every possible language.

Gracias, danke, hvala, merci, mulțumesc, köszönöm, cãm Ơn, efcharisto, teşekkürler, thank you. Grazie amici miei!

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