

Call for two EVS volunteers in ALDA-Skopje

DEADLINE FOR THE APPLICATION: 15th of July 2019

PLACE: Skopje, North Macedonia

DURATION: 12 Months

ALDA-Skopje is looking for 2 participants to participate in the project “Culture and dialogue through volunteering” for a period of 12 months in Skopje.

The two volunteers will experience an immersion in the European experience by discovering the Balkan Region and experiencing life in North Macedonia, candidate country for the European Union. Reciprocally, volunteers will be asked to bring their testimonies about what France and European Union mean to them.

The volunteers will be involved in several activities on following topics: - Youth social activism and regional cooperation - Intercultural understanding & European Citizenship - Youth development & Francophonie

The two volunteers will work with Macedonian youngsters and other partners on these topics. This experience should also contribute to their professional and personal development: by integrating an international team, by developing professional skills and improving their language competences etc.

Also, the volunteers will be able to create different tools such as videos, photos, articles and interviews on the topic of Youth activism, Intercultural understanding and EU citizenship as well as promotional materials used for “Erasmus +” programme.

Topics and Activities

Youth social activism and regional cooperation and Intercultural understanding & European Citizenship

These topics will be tackled through the activities of one of the main projects of ALDA Skopje conducted in the Balkan region and which is currently in its inception is the project “Youth Compact”. The project tackles the issues of rule of law, fundamental rights and economic and social issues from the perspective of youth, the idea is that across these issues young people accept and exercise European values and nurture common European identity, as well as recognize the potential of their own countries.

The volunteers will be included in the Raising awareness activities in the framework of this project, they will work mainly on the communication activities: news articles, photography, online campaign, video and audio campaigns, info graphics on relevant topics, website and internet platform management. A special highlight will be put on stimulation of creative communication tools and techniques. They will also be present on the regional events organized in the country in order for them to engage and exchange with other youngsters from the region and thus will gain direct insight into the Balkan youth context.

Youth development & Francophonie

On this topic the volunteers will be engaged in activities in the framework of ALDA Skopje's programme for decentralized cooperation between partners from Normandy and Macedonia. The volunteers will be engaged in the activities of the cooperation between Normandy and Macedonia on the topics of Remembrance, cultural heritage and youth, as many youth exchanges on these topics will be organized they will exchange with youth from Normandy and Macedonia. This activity will also include the topic of European remembrance through the discovery of the common history of European countries with a focus on the First World War. Moreover, ALDA Skopje started, with the help of EVS volunteers, in 2016, the ALDA Youth Club around Francophonie where students from Skopje interested in French language and culture can join to learn more about French traditions and improve their French language skills or more technical competences, as animation, video or photography.

Finally, one of the main aims of this project is to promote intercultural dialogue through creative exchanges and mobility. In order to encourage creativity and personal development of the volunteers, they will be encouraged to develop their own ideas and initiatives for projects on this topic that could be implemented with the help of ALDA Skopje. Therefore, their activities will also involve project development, brainstorming and drafting project idea with the assistance of the staff.

Volunteers will also be encouraged to prepare and participate in activities on these topics, to share their experience, to promote youth mobility among our partners while presenting the possibilities of the European educational programmes.

Conditions

Location:

The volunteers will be based in Skopje, Macedonia.

Duration:

The volunteers are expected to be in Macedonia for 12 months: from 1st of September 2019 to 31st of August 2020. They will have a 35-hour working week.

Costs According to the "Erasmus +" rules, the following expenses are covered:

- International travel costs;
- Accommodation;
- Food;
- Visa;
- Local transport;
- Pocket money;
- Health insurance;
- Macedonian language classes.

Visa:

The volunteers need visa for stay in Macedonia. The visa needs to be issued before arrival in Macedonia. The hosting organization will be supporting and dealing with the administrative issues.

Selection process:

Necessary skills and qualifications:

- 18-30 years old
- Proficient Speaking and writing English Skills;
- Openness and ability to work in a multicultural environment;
- Foster European values and being able to convey them among the local community;
- Communicative and interested in creative communication tools and techniques;
- Ability to work in a team and take initiative;
- Willing to work with young people, share ideas, be inspired by the new environment and be able to transfer this attitude in the local community
- To have interest in the topics related to the project;

Selection process:

Interested candidates should send CV and motivation letter on the following address: aldaskopje@aldaintranet.org no later than 15th of July 2019.

Preselected candidates will be contacted for an interview. Within the selection process, ALDA will try to ensure the gender balance.