

Youth together for the forest of Xylokastro (2017-1-EL02-KA110-003428)

duration: 4 or 8 weeks

We would like to host EVS volunteers to support and help in the everyday work of the environmental program of the municipality of Xylokastro - Evrostinis. This includes helping to protect the forest of Xylokastro, protect the coast, planting new trees, they will help making new and repairing the old footpath, benches, tables, wooden and metal fences in the forest...etc.

You can check the project on the website:

http://www.orfeas.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=67&Itemid=26

But also on facebook of Orfeas Organization

https://www.facebook.com/pg/Orfeas-Organisation-137078711181/photos/?tab=album&album_id=10154928323376182

I would like to give you a bit more info about the project.

We are running this short term program for 12 years, and we can host in the same time up to 10 volunteers. The project can hold from 1 to 2 months.

We have the opportunity to host from the same organization in the same time 2 volunteers, to come together, because we know that for short term volunteers is not easy always to travel alone and take part in a international project.

About the background of the youngsters we can host: This EVS placement is for youngsters with fewer opportunities to join European Youth Program. The profile of the volunteers is youth with less opportunity, typically youngsters with educational difficulties, cultural differences, social-economical and/or geographical difficulties..etc.. For most of them this could be the first time to travel abroad, to have international experience, to experience being European citizen and they are given the opportunity for mobility. We don't request any language knowledge. The age of the participants can be between 18-30 years old.

About the project:

Description of the tasks of the volunteers:

1. Protection of the forest (the volunteers will take care of the natural forest of Xylokastro and Derveni. They will take care of the regular watering of the trees, in particular the new trees, which need more and systematic watering. The volunteers will take care of the cleanness of the walking road of the forest; rake the leaves, twigs, cones from that.
Moreover the volunteers will take care of the health of the trees; they will cut the branches, twigs, always with the supervisor and other members and workers of the municipality.)

2. Protection of the coast of Xylokastro and Derveni (the volunteers will take care of the coast beside the forest from the damaging and the human threats like pour out oil to the sea, or on the coast, throw out the rubbish...etc.)
3. The volunteers will participate in planting trees in the forest. All the equipments, tools, new plants, travel and special guidance are provided by the municipality.
4. they will participate to repair the benches, tables, metal and wooden fences in the forest and on the coast.
5. The volunteers will support other environmental activities of the municipality outside of the forest like taking care of parks, the marine, the municipal playground in the forest..etc.

Volunteers take their breakfast, lunch and dinner in restaurant.

Facebook of the restaurant: Τουριστικό Περίπτερο – Ξυλόκαστρο

Volunteers live in a rented house. All the apartments are fully furnished.

Besides of the short term places we have in total 12 evs long term places as well, so the short term volunteers will have contact and common activities with long term volunteers as well.

As about the application: Unfortunately we are not able to submit application to host short term volunteers due our big number of volunteers as coordinating organization. We are not able to apply for all of our evs places, so we are searching for partners that could submit the application form to their NA for the grant in order to send us short term volunteers.

Please let me know if you would like to be partner and I can send you all the documents that you need for your application, like descriptions, timetable..etc.

If you have any question, don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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