

# EVS Project in Palermo-Italy

Recreation and Art for Social Mobility of Urban Youth

## InfoPack



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## INTRODUCTION

**Dear volunteers,**

Welcome on board!

Following you will find a description of the hosting organization, project, venue and all necessary information on the programme of this EVS project. Furthermore, there will be available a short compendium of the weekly activities, travel information and guidelines for other practical aspects.

## THE HOST ORGANISATION

The HRYO Human Rights Youth Organization is non-profit, non-governmental organisation founded in Palermo in 2009 with the aim to strengthen the Human Rights at a local and global level.

### **Vision:**

HRYO believes in a world governed by peace and mutual understanding. We see education as an essential aspect towards creating a reality that promotes and protects human dignity, all aspects of equality and sustainability.

As an organization we see the importance in supporting local action and developing the potential of a single human being, for small changes lead to big process.

### **Mission:**

Our mission is to facilitate, through various means, the fulfilment of Human Rights and establish an international network of organisations and individuals who are actively contributing to their local context.

We seek to actively work towards a culture of peace by promoting and taking part in non-violent action towards the liberation from oppression in any form. While taking action we promote, encourage and celebrate the value of diversity of people in society.

### **Goals:**

1. To restore Human dignity by using non-formal educational projects that respond to the needs of society and the individual;
2. To break down prejudice by connecting different realities and facilitate an intercultural dialogue;
3. To raise awareness of oppression and suffering and the issues surrounding them;
4. To establish a network that supports local movements in conflict zones;
5. To create, facilitate and communicate a pathway towards a culture of peace, respect and sustainability;
6. To be of influence in the change of law, rules and policies that protect the Human Rights;
7. To establish a local Human Rights Centre that educates about and promotes the integration of Human Rights with daily life;
8. To promote culture as a tool in the acceptance and understanding of diversity;
9. To create a department specialised in issues that affect the position and role of women in society;
10. To use a holistic approach in the achievement of tolerance amongst the new generation;
11. To promote peaceful action towards liberation from the influence of mafia and organized crime;
12. To be a leading example in all of the above.

## THE TEAM



**MARCO**  
PRESIDENT -  
FINANCIAL  
MANAGER



**SENEM**  
CO-DIRECTOR -  
PROJECT  
COORDINATOR



**MARGHERITA**  
PROJECT  
DEVELOPER -  
LEARNING  
FACILITATOR



**MARIJA**  
PROJECT  
DEVELOPER -  
PRACTICAL  
FACILITATOR



**MELANIA**  
VOLUNTEER -  
LOCAL  
INITIATIVE  
ORGANIZER

## THE PROJECT

**“Recreation and Art for Social Mobility of Urban Youth”** is a European Voluntary Service project with four young participants from Norway, Turkey and Poland aged between 18 and 30 years. The main idea is to allow volunteers to acquire a large number of skills through a practical work plan, but at the same time launch a broad debate on European issues. The whole project is based on a variety of non-formal education methods.

Our association over the past three years of local work has expanded its range of activities addressing them mainly to young people with fewer opportunities from the reception centers for migrants and the penal area. These activities were found to be of particular educational impact for young people involved and we felt that they were more valid for those of non-formal education courses aimed at young European volunteers. Our project idea aims to create an educational path helpful to the growth of soft skills, in addition aimed to have a significant local impact. Furthermore, our organization aims to improve the aspect of multiculturalism within the organization by searching among the young Europeans impulse for innovation and creativity useful to the implementation of the very life of our association.

The project therefore aims to create a recreational and artistic space for young people, encouraging their social activism.

The specific objectives are:

- to gain/improve social and cultural skills, identified among the eight key competences summarized by Youthpass;
- to raise awareness among young people, especially those who are on the margins of society, about the opportunities put in place by the European Voluntary Service;
- to encourage the participation of young people from disadvantaged neighborhoods in mobility projects and international experience.

The expected results of the project are:

- A better understanding, in all the actors involved as well as the participants, about the functioning of the European institutions;
- Active citizenship, as a tool for recognition and protection of basic human rights which are sometimes not ensured even in the "westernized" societies and contexts;
- Combating educational poverty as an active practice, which also fosters the acquisition of a wide range of skills related to the project activities and objectives of the program.

Moreover, as the long-term benefits we can identify: in addition to the improvement of the socio-cultural conditions of the local community where the service is going to perform, the professional growth of the Receiving organization and the strengthening of the partnership with different Sending organizations.

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In terms of the project activities, the main tasks of volunteers will be:

- Supporting our activities in the BhRYO vegetable garden, a portion of the urban garden managed by Codifas and shared with other associative and private realities where we make organic agriculture;
- Managing the collection point of used clothes donated for the people in need;
- Supporting our web radio H.R.ad.Y.O.;
- Supporting our activities under the FEDERSID (Italian Social Federation for Disabilities), a federation born by the unification of 4 associations: H.R.Y.O., Uniamoci ONLUS, CEIPES and Porte Aperte.

Besides the mentioned tasks related to our permanent activities, the volunteers will be involved in several activities linked to the organization and implementation of annual events:

- Supporting the organization of Meet Me Halfway Festival: a cultural festival organized in an underdeveloped district in Palermo. Its aim is to introduce local citizens into human rights and peace concepts and encourage them to participate in the intercultural dialogue. Through this festival we give voice to the cultural minorities living in Palermo and associations working on social inclusion and the intercultural dialogue in the city. (<http://www.hryo.org/festival-delleculture/>)

- Supporting the organization of the Rosa Parks Award Event: The award addressed every year to a different woman who has excelled for her activism in the fulfillment of human rights, social inclusion and use of nonviolent methods. Volunteers will help in the recipient identification and award delivering. (<http://www.hryo.org/premio-rosaparks/>)

- Supporting the organization of the H.R. Anniversary Event: a local event organized by HRYO with the aim of remembering and celebrating the promulgation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948. (<http://www.hryo.org/h-r-anniversary/>)

## THE WEEKLY PROGRAMME\*

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
10:00 – 12:00 <b>Working on the webpage dedicated to the EVS</b>	10:00 – 12:00 <b>Orto BhRYO (urban gardening)</b>	10:00 – 12:00 <b>Collection point of used clothing: collecting</b>	10:00 – 12:00 <b>Teatro d’Insieme (social theatre)</b>	10:00 – 12:00 <b>Web radio</b>	<b>FREE**</b>	<b>FREE**</b>
12:00 – 13:30 <b>Working on the facebook page of HRYO</b>	12:00 – 13:30 <b>Orto BhRYO</b>	12:00 – 13:30 <b>Collection point of used clothing: sorting</b>	12:00 – 13:30 <b>Teatro d’Insieme</b>	12:00 – 13:30 <b>Working on the webpage dedicated to the EVS</b>		
13:30 – 15:00 Lunch Break						
15:00 – 16:30 <b>Weekly staff meeting</b>	15:00 – 16:30 <b>Online language course</b>	15:00 – 16:30 <b>Collection point of used clothing: listing</b>	15:00 – 16:30 <b>Online language course</b>	15:00 – 16:30 <b>Front office @ Teatro d’Insieme</b>		
16:30 – 17:30 <b>Meeting with mentor</b>	16:30 – 17:30 <b>Online language course</b>	16:30 – 17:30 <b>Collection point of used clothing: distribution</b>	16:30 – 17:30 <b>Online language course</b>	16:30 – 17:30 <b>Meeting with tutor for a weekly evaluation</b>		
	<i>Aperitivo HRYO</i>		<i>Palermo Abballa Folk (an informal group that organizes traditional dance groups in the squares of Downtown)</i>	<i>Arte Migrante Palermo (another informal group that organizes an event for sharing art, music, dance from migrants’ cultures)</i>		

\*This is a draft programme. It can be modified according to the needs and interests of the volunteers and/or the Receiving Organization as far as the learning objectives remain the same.

\*\*There is a possibility that the dates of our annual events and/or international projects will fall on a weekend. In this case, the participants are requested to work during the weekend having the possibility to take 1 or 2 days off during the week.

## THE DATES

In the framework of this project there are foreseen 2 different moments of the mobility which include 2 volunteers at a time:

**Activity No.1** → period between **01/11/2017** and **01/08/2018**

1 volunteer from Poland and 1 volunteer from Norway

**Activity No.2** → period between **03/09/2018** and **03/06/2019**

1 volunteer from Norway and 1 volunteer from Turkey

## THE VENUE

### PALERMO

Palermo is the cultural, economic and touristic capital of the Sicily Region. It is a city rich in history, culture, art, music and food. Here are some facts about Palermo:

- Located on the island of Sicily, Palermo has a population of 850,000.
- Spoken languages: Italian and Sicilian.
- Public transport: Moving around with public transport is problematic, to say the least. You can only know when you'll go out, but you'll never know when you'll reach your destination. AMAT operates bus and tram services around the city, with one-off tickets priced at €1.40 (valid for 90 minutes after validation). Tickets can be bought at newspaper kiosk, tobacconists or directly on board for a bigger charge (not always available).
- Driving and Parking: Crossing the streets is often an adventure. Driving the streets of Palermo can be nerve wrecking for the inexperienced and fainthearted. Expect long queues at traffic lights, drivers sounding horns at each other, and scooters darting all over the place. You often find people 'working' in the streets by helping you to find a parking spot. They expect you to pay a small amount of money for their service (0.50ct /1,-)
- Shops and businesses tend to open mid-morning and close for lunch at 1 pm, to then resume operations at 4 pm.
- Water: The tap water is potable but the quality is not the best in the historical area of the town.
- On this website: <http://palermo.use-it.travel/> you can find USE-IT map of Palermo. The content and suggestions in this map are coming from the young locals of Palermo, their recommendations make it possible for you to act like a local too!
- The working venue will be variable according to the activities to be run.

## LOGISTIC ARRANGEMENTS

### PREPARATION

The Sending organizations will arrange the preparation before the departure of the volunteers which is linked to both the content of the project and the practical aspects. So, the Sending organizations will buy the tickets according to the agreed dates.

About the visa, HRYO will share with the Sending organisations the responsibility of ensuring the volunteers' regular entry in Italy. HRYO will support the volunteers who need a visa by preparing necessary documents such as the official invitation letter to the Italian Consulate in their Country to be sent by the Italian National Agency.

The Coordinating organization will activate the insurance through the convention with Cigna Health Insurance for EVS projects, and request from the local authorities the free European Health Insurance Card if the volunteers already don't have it.

## **FOOD ALLOWENCE & POCKET MONEY**

All the financial aspects related to the project and issues related to food and pocket money will be defined in the Learning Agreement which will be prepared during the preparation phase and signed by all the parties (Volunteer, Sending and Coordinating Organizations) before the departure of the volunteer.

## **ACCOMODATION**

Volunteers will be hosted at the HRYO Guest House. Our association in order to accommodate them in the best way has created a Guest House in a Liberty neighborhood of Palermo. The location we have chosen is justified by the fact that the street is bordered by Liberty Street, one of the main streets of Palermo provided by a large number of services, and bordering Notarbartolo Street, which is also one of the main streets of Palermo where there is Metro-line, Tram and Train Station. Also not far from the apartment there are some of the historic houses and gardens of Palermo where one can enjoy their leisure time. Besides, it is covered with all the essential facilities, mini markets, restaurants, bakeries, pharmacies etc. The Guest House is approximately 200 m<sup>2</sup> and it is composed of an entrance hall, kitchen, two bathrooms, 5 large bedrooms and a living room. It has an electrical installation certificate, R.C. insurance, first-aid kit, fire extinguisher, heating. This space we have created is a living space, where our guests can get in touch with all the different cultures animating our association.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

The Receiving organization will provide the volunteers with bicycles and bus passes for the main lines of the city.

## **SUPPORT TO THE VOLUNTEERS**

During the service, a whole range of instruments and tools will be available for the volunteers in order to facilitate the activities and at the same time ensure the safety of volunteers. HRYO, as receiving organization, will be responsible for ensuring safety and security of the volunteers. They will work in an adapted working environment which fits the purpose of their tasks.

HRYO will provide supervision and support to the volunteers, not only for the work to be done but also in their free time (such as suggestions for excursions, meeting people, etc.). Furthermore, it will assign a mentor to the volunteers in order to give them a personal support. The nominated mentor will be a member of another organisation among our local network who is experienced in working with young people with fewer opportunities. Nominating an external resource as the mentor, HRYO aims to foster the social integration of the volunteer and strengthen the capacity of conflict prevention. The mentor will provide personal and learning process support to the volunteer, helping him/her to structure the learning plan. In the final step of the experience the mentor will support the volunteer in collecting all the competences, skills and knowledge acquired in order to fill out the Youthpass Certificate.

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

### HOW TO REACH PALERMO CITY CENTRE?

- From the **Airport of Palermo** you can take the shuttle bus “Prestia e Comandé” just outside the airport. There is a bus every half hour. The price is 6,30€ for one way, 11,00€ for return ticket. Here is the schedule:  
[http://www.prestiaecomande.it/plugins/tratte\\_1\\_0/pdf-prestia/5.pdf](http://www.prestiaecomande.it/plugins/tratte_1_0/pdf-prestia/5.pdf)
- From the **Airport of Trapani** you can take a bus run by “Autoservizi Salemi”. The price is 11€ for one way. Here you can find the schedule:  
[http://autoservizisalemi.it/new/orari/ASALEMI\\_Birgi\\_Marsala.pdf](http://autoservizisalemi.it/new/orari/ASALEMI_Birgi_Marsala.pdf)
- From the **Airport of Catania** you can take a bus run by “SAIS”. The price is around 15€ for one way. Here you can find the schedule:  
[http://wwwnew.saisautolinee.it/public/userFiles/catania-palermo-in-vigore-30-05-2016\\_1.pdf](http://wwwnew.saisautolinee.it/public/userFiles/catania-palermo-in-vigore-30-05-2016_1.pdf) (**Attention:** The last bus is at 22:00!)

## FINANCIAL ASPECT

- Accommodation, at basic level under budget conditions, will be covered by the Receiving organization for the duration of the voluntary service.
- Travel expenses will be either covered by the Sending organization or reimbursed to the volunteer according to the limit provided by the European Commission through [distance calculator](#):
  - For Norway: € 530
  - For Poland: € 275
  - For Turkey: € 275
- NOTE: In case that the prices are higher than this limit, the participants are expected to pay the rest.
- The reimbursements will be done through bank transfer upon the delivery of all travel documents, such as ORIGINAL tickets, invoices, receipts, boarding passes, etc.  
NOTE: There **WILL NOT** be reimbursement in case of missing boarding passes.
- Taxi will **ONLY** be reimbursed in early hours in the morning or late hours in the evening when no public transportation is available. In this case, the participants are requested to provide us with the receipt which is issued to the name of their Sending organization specifying the Grant Agreement Number of the project.
- The travel must be realized by the participants on the most possible direct way within maximum 4 days (**ONLY 2 days before + 2 days after the activity**). In case of longer stays or indirect travelling there is no chance of reimbursement of travel costs.
- The volunteers will receive a monthly payment of € 300 in total:
  - 120€ as pocket money for which they will sign a declaration upon its delivery,
  - 180€ as food allowance for which they will have to bring us back the receipts.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN SICILY!**

