

EVS Placement description

Autonomia e Descoberta

Portugal



Information about the hosting organization

Description of the organisation

Autonomia e Descoberta is a cooperative active in youth work that was founded at the beginning of 2012. The founders have experience in working with young people for over 20 years as well as with international youth projects.

With this introduction, we are not claiming to be the best, just explaining why we started this organization. We believe that there are lots of good things that can be done in the field of youth and non-formal education.

We think it is time to strengthen the educational system, at a time when we are witnessing a worldwide recognition of the inability of formal education to answer all the questions that new generations are asking. We want non-formal education to allow young people to participate in sustainable change in our society.

We noticed that many youth organizations are created with good intentions, but that they sometimes lack knowledge about how to create projects competently. Autonomia e Descoberta helps new youth organizations by pairing them up with experienced ones. It also wants to help the development of international youth projects and better networks as well as to increase the quality of local youth work.

Website

For further details, visit:

<https://autonomiaedescoberta.wixsite.com/site>

https://youth.europa.eu/volunteering/organisation/46955_en

<https://www.instagram.com/autonomiaedescoberta/>

Language of the hosting organization

Portuguese / English

Information about the EVS Placement

Duration (in months): 4 months

Start Date March

End Date June

Activity description

From the restoration and design of different indoor spaces and gardens, there is a chance to put your planning and creativity up for a challenge! At the same time, you will be helping our small town.

This work will mainly take place in the Maldonados Palace. Built in the mid-16th century by a local family, the palace shows a clear Renaissance style. Nowadays it is a student's residence. There'll be two main areas where you will be active:

- The gardens, where you'll clean, plan and build a concept for a new more up-to-date, and environmentally friendly landscape.
- The activity room, where you'll paint, draw and create a more inviting and spirited environment for young people.

The volunteers will also help with the restoration of the headquarters of the organization Autonomia e Descoberta.

Volunteer's profile

- Young and dynamic
- Willing to learn
- Tolerant
- Motivated

Practical arrangements

Meals

The meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) are provided at the residence, except on the weekends where you'll receive food money.

Accommodation

You will stay at the Maldonados palace, a student house 5 minutes walking from the city centre. You'll share a room with other volunteers.

Laundry

Unfortunately, the residence where you'll be staying does not have a laundry service or access to washing machines. But don't worry! There is a laundry mat 4 minutes away.

Funding

Movetia's funding for the EVS programme covers:

- Board and lodging
- International travel costs (400CHF)
- Pocket money (7CHF per day)
- EVS Trainings

How to apply

Send your application to autonomiaedescoberta@gmail.com (ref: E10086084) as soon as possible with:

- a cover letter
- a CV