

FREE PLACES FOR EVS PROJECT IN “ASOCIACIÓN DE PADRES DE PERSONAS CON AUTISMO”. BURGOS. SPAIN

Asociación de Padres de Personas con Autismo is a non-profit organization founded in Burgos(Spain). Burgos is the capital of the province with the same name in the Autonomous Community of Castilla y León. In the city there are important organizations and numerous leisure and culturere sources.to promote welfare and quality of life of people with autism and their families.

The most important objctive in Autismo Burgos is to promote welfare and quality of life of people with autism and their families. The Asociación de Padres de Personas con Autismo de Burgos manage 4 centres in the city: Vivienda "Casa del Cerezo and " El Olivo", Colegio Específico "El Alba", Centro de Día (for older than 18) The three centres work in coordination: they do diagnosis, ambulant support, support to families, leisure and sport.

Autismo Burgos has the capacity to accommodate 4 volunteers, a volunteer for each center, with a duration of between 6 and 12 months. All countries included in the program, can participate in this project .The basis of this project is to encourage volunteer participation in activities and programs focusing on the main objective of Autismo Burgos, "To promote and improve the quality of life of people with this disorder and their families." Among the activities carried stand out standardization activities, integration, learning the habits of personal autonomy and social, occupational, educational, leisure and sport's young people are actively involved in this project the same, giving us their support, innovating, promoting and encouraging the exchange and cultural enrichment.

The project focus on cooperations with youths from different background and culture working together and exchanging attitude, culture, language etc. To live in Spain and realize a volunteering sensitizes positively towards the Spanish culture and others minority cultures. In addition the volunteer coexists with other European volunteers what allows them to exchange and to know other different cultures and to learn to coexist with them.

The project focus on inclusion and using intercultural dialogue for developing sense of tolerance and understanding of diversity. To work with people with Autistic Spectrum is to contribute to the fight against the social exclusion. In addition the volunteers learn to have a comprehensive attitude, to be tolerant and to understand better every day the diversity.

This project fosters young people’s sense of European citizenship and helps them to understand their role as part of the present and future of Europe. It focus on the Intercultural Dialogue and the reflection of bringing youths from the different part of Europe.

We offer two places for our volunteer project:

1. SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL "EL ALBA"

The volunteer’s tasks will be carried out in three areas:

- A) **Supporting activities promoting personal autonomy** (*spatial structuring activities, communication activities, teaching and learning activities.*)Support in activities of a social integration nature, carried out from the centre.
- B) **Supporting activities carried out in different rooms**(*sports activities, relaxation activities, break time activities and teaching and learning activities*)
- C) **Supporting activities carried out in the canteen and during the rest period and promoting personal autonomy activities.**

2. FLAT SERVICE “EL OLIVO” OR “EL CEREZO”

The volunteer's tasks will be carried out in three areas:

- A) Support in daily routine skills and self-care tasks** (*preparing a snack, right attitudes on the table, collecting and storing clothes, cleaning the house...*)
- B) Support with personal autonomy and activities** (*sightseeing, museums, cinemas, shopping, swimming pool, fitness...*)
- C) Support with personal autonomy and personal hygiene tasks** (*showers, put on pijamas, lay out clothes the next day, clean teeth, have dinner, watch TV, go to bed*)
- D) Support in summer camps and/or beach vacations**

D) ALTERNATIVE AND OWN INITIATIVE ACTIVITIES

Alternative activities will be suggested to the volunteers - videos, photography, didactic units, posters, etc. - who correspond to the volunteer's needs, individual users' needs and to the needs of the Association as a whole. Any proposals made by the volunteer will be welcomed and appreciated.