



## “Volunteering for Peace”

Short-term group ESC in Athens

1<sup>st</sup> August- 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Coordinating organisation: SCI-Hellas [sci.gr/eng/about/principles.html](http://sci.gr/eng/about/principles.html),  
[sci.ngo/who-we-are](http://sci.ngo/who-we-are)

### The project

“Volunteering for peace” is a project for a two months short term ESC, from the 1/08/2019 to the 30/09/2019 including the days of travel, taking place in GREECE, Athens. SCI Hellas is looking for 18 volunteers from 10 different countries to get involved with refugees from very different countries, around three different projects: support the communities of refugees of Athens; participate to the “Coexistence is possible” project, and work with the “Peaceful Women” group.

### Work and issues

The main issue of this project is to allow social and cultural inclusion for the refugees, as well as to empower them. We do not want simply to do activities with them, but to make them active in the decision making process. This is a co-creative project. That is why the framework below is simply indicative and can change and develop depending on the volunteers and refugees needs and desires.

**Support the communities of refugees:** the communities of refugees are self-organized associations involved in orienting and supporting refugees who just arrived as well as people who want to stay, live and be included in the greek society. The aim is for us to support them and gain their trust in implementing with them different activities, such as creative activities for kids during the summer, cultural workshops, handcraft, outdoor activities and visits of different places of the city in order for the beneficiaries to be more familiar with the space where they leave. We

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will also have to adapt to the specific needs of the communities that want to participate in the project.

**The “coexistence is possible” project:** this is a year long project that started in the beginning of February with the intention from young people from sub-Saharan Africa. The aim of it is to organize public events in order to have a voice in the greek society, fight against discrimination and show that if we can see the beauty and potential creativity of the diversity, coexistence is possible. The project started with theater scenes against discrimination inspired by the real experience of the participants and will evolve in September with a fashion show for the International Day of Peace (21<sup>st</sup> September) showing costumes mixing the African and greek traditional ways of dressing. Participating in this show and organizing cultural and creative workshops for this day will be part of the final event of the “Volunteering for peace” project. More information about this project on the facebook page: #coexistenceispossible

**The “Peaceful Women” group:** SCI-Hellas is working for months with a self-organized group of refugee women from different countries of Africa, who lived in Athens for years and want now to fight for their autonomy and independence -as women, refugees, citizens. Depending on their needs and the skills of the volunteers many ways of supporting them can be developed during this project, starting with handcraft: creating objects that they could sell afterward.

Volunteers will, also, have to promote events on social media, so communication skills will be an asset.

Besides a great motivation, adaptation and awareness abilities are thus more than welcome from the volunteers.

## Who we are?

**Kinisi Ethelonton Service Civil International Hellas (SCI-Hellas)**, is a nongovernmental organisation based in Athens. It is the Greek branch of Service Civil International, an international voluntary movement that aims to promote peace, solidarity and intercultural understanding through organising international volunteer projects, campaigns and seminars. Through its actions, SCI tries to enhance the

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peaceful cooperation of people from different cultural and social backgrounds as well as to encourage the direct participation of citizens in the solution of social problems. It is founder member of the Greek Antipoverty Network.

Main activities:

1. International workcamps in Greece
2. Send Greek volunteers to workcamps in other countries
3. Host and send volunteers in the frame of EVS
4. Coordinates hosting EVS projects
5. Raise awareness activities for the promotion of volunteering
6. Close cooperation with organisations from Mediterranean countries

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## Practicalities

### **The program of implementation**

01/08: day of arrival.

02-04/08: orientation day and training week.

05-06/08: Days off

07-09/08: Continuation of training, meeting with the beneficiaries and planning.

12/08-20/09: Implementation of the project.

Note: 15/08 is a Public Holiday in Greece, so it will be a day off.

21-22/09: Open public events, dissemination of the results, evaluation of the project.

23-27/09: Days off

30/09: End of the project, departure day.

**Working days and hours:** 5 days per week (usually Monday to Friday), 5-7 hours per day, depending on the activity. In case they work during the weekend, they will get days off during the week.

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**Accommodation:** Volunteers will sleep in dormitories. The coordinating organisation will provide food.

**Selection process:** Send CV and motivation letter to [evs@sci.gr](mailto:evs@sci.gr) and [promovolu@sci.gr](mailto:promovolu@sci.gr) please take some minutes to fill in this questionnaire:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSej5D0yHhspSaHsfHpnBYi9yQO6Tf-nUQ44pGWy-1FQu3\\_BQw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSej5D0yHhspSaHsfHpnBYi9yQO6Tf-nUQ44pGWy-1FQu3_BQw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Skype interviews will be done with the pre-selected candidates in June. The deadline to apply is the 2nd of June, the last answers will be given by the 20th of June.

Accommodation, food, insurance, pocket money, transportation cost for working reason and travel cost will be covered according to the ERASMUS+ guidelines.

Participants from countries that require visa, cannot apply for this specific project.

For indication, travel cost for the round will be covered up to: 360€ from Spain, Estonia, Ireland and UK; 275€ from Ukraine, Croatia, Italy, Germany and Turkey.

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