

SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES: LLAR JUVENIL BELLREGUARD

European Solidarity Corps project

BELLREGUARD, Valencia (Spain)

Starting as soon as possible for 12 months!

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1. What is ESC?

ESC (European Solidarity Corps [Volunteering projects], *former European Voluntary Service [EVS]*) is an international volunteer experience funded by the European Commission. It allows young people (17 to 30 years old) resident in Europe to have a full-time international and



intercultural volunteer experience in an organisation abroad for a period of time between 2 and 12 months. It provides the travel expenses, full board (food and accommodation) and an amount of pocket money per month (it varies depending on the country).

More info:

https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity_en

2. Hosting organisation

Llar Juvenil of Bellreguard is a youth centre that is a public service owned by the town hall “Ajuntament de Bellreguard”, where different activities and projects related to youth education and leisure are carried out. Their work with children from 6 years old, teenagers and young adults up to 30 years old. Objectives are to:

- Encourage participation in cultural, associative and creative practices of youth and the creation of youth associations.
- Consolidate among the youth the values linked to democracy, tolerance, respect, solidarity, entrepreneurial spirit and effort.
- Develop an educational and socializing action promoting processes of active insertion of young people in society with programs that promote education in participation.
- Promote the figure of social volunteering and to encourage and cover those young people who have a profile of social commitment and a high potential for participation.
- Create an awareness of respect for the environment, responsible attitudes and sustainable, healthy lifestyle habits and prevention of drug use.
- Promote supportive and non-violent behaviours, with actions of promotion and prevention on issues of gender violence, equality, tolerance, diversity, LGTBQI+, etc.

3. Coordinating organisation

XERACION VALENCIA is a non-profit youth cultural association created in Gandia (Valencia, Spain) in 2014 by an enthusiastic group of people who decided to leave their regular jobs and try to enjoy their day by day while doing something enriching and meaningful for their local communities. It's an active member of the Council of Youth of Gandia and some of our objectives are:

- a) To encourage and facilitate the international mobility of youth and youth workers (especially for groups with fewer opportunities).
- b) To empower youth in order for them to have their own critical thinking and analysis, an active citizenship and participatory democracy.
- c) To enhance values of tolerance, human dignity, interculturality, solidarity and cooperation, social justice and integration.



More info can be found at xeracionvalencia.org

4. Summary of the project

We believe that youth are a very important group in society beyond demographics, and that is why emphasis must be placed on those social and cultural characteristics that defined them as a group. The degree of civilization of a society is measured, among other factors, by the attention and protection that it provides to its children, adolescents and youth. Therefore we are convinced of the importance of intervention in children and youth. Youth policies are framed by a commandment of the Constitution, second which, in article 48 says *“the public powers shall promote the conditions for the free and effective participation of youth in political, economic and cultural development”*.

At the beginning of 2004 a group of technicians and youth workers decided to create synergies and join forces to reach the youth audience of its populations with attractive projects; It is then that they create what they call “Calaix Jove de la Safor”.

This project is sponsored by the “Mancomunidad de Municipios de la Safor” a few years later as a specific action, that is, a service linked to the towns that request it.

La Llar Juvenil de Bellreguard through the Bellreguard City Council, has been collaborating with it since then in carrying out activities organized for and by young people.

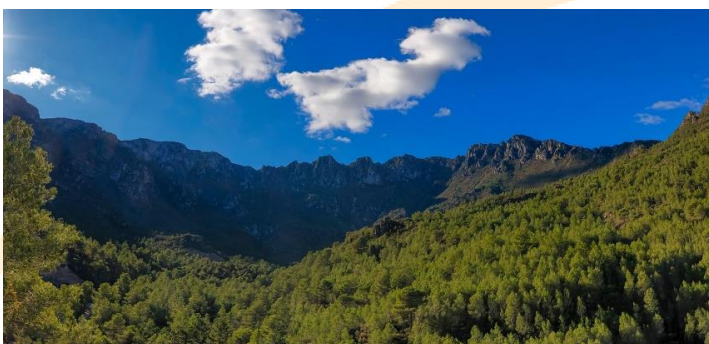
5. Location

The project will be developed in Bellreguard, a small village of just over 4,000 inhabitants located in the southeast of Valencia province, in the Mediterranean coast of Spain. Nestled in the center of the Llacuna alluvial plain between the foothills Gallinera, the right bank Serpis and the Mediterranean Sea.



The municipality consists of two major population centers: the town, crossed by the national road N-332 from Valencia to Alicante, between Oliva and Gandia, and Bellreguard beach, coastline of the municipality with views down to Denia. The coastline has been awarded Blue Flag beaches for many years.

As in all coastal villages' Valencian rice, with each and every one of the many ways of being cooked in the pot, and in paella pan or pot, is the king of the dishes.



The climate of the region is Mediterranean-subtropical with very mild temperatures during winters (10- 20°C) and very hot summers (25-35°C). The annual average temperature is between 19-20 °C. For the small quantity of rain that the region receives each year, the climate can be considered as semi-arid.

Some images of Bellreguard: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OLACEjbhY7M&t=51s>

6. Activities

There will be a very wide range of possible activities available for the volunteers, they will be able to help and give support in tasks such as:

- Regional support in the youth spaces of the Safor region with technicians especially giving ideas and helping develop youth activities programming for Bellreguard.
- Support in the communication area of the Youth Service: web and social networks. Writing posts, reels, videos, photographs and anything else they consider "fashionable" at all times, since they are young people and the public to whom it is addressed are also people of approximately his age.
- Preparation of graphic and audio-visual material of interest to youth (videos, photography, posters, time-lapses, blogs ...)
- Training in the "Terra Liders" program to actively participate in Earth Leaders ecological volunteering.
- Support in the English conversation group of the Su-FORMA.
- Support in the youth participation projects "Creando Futuro" and the "Corresponsals Juvenils de la Safor" Network.
- Reinforcement of the activities carried out in the educational leisure region through the "Barrejat d'Oci" programs and "Nits Bordes" which are leisure alternatives at night to avoid drug and alcohol abuse.
- Support in the activities around the creation of a participatory diagnosis of the Youth of La Safor through Interviews with young people and Young Forum.
- Dissemination of the European Solidarity Corps and Erasmus + Youth volunteer program in the centers of Bellreguard secondary school and surroundings.
- Support in the drafting and execution of European programs such as youth exchanges of the Erasmus + program Youth, as well as empowering local youth to create their own projects.
- Proposals for awareness campaigns related to any topic that they consider to be of interest to the youth of the region.
- 10% -20% of the total time of your volunteering, in social groups in the region, such as Ca Saforaui, Red Cross or any other social center or association of their choice.

7. Practical details (participants, food, accommodation...)

This project has been designed for 3 volunteers from EU and partner countries.

The accommodation is in private rooms in a 4 or 6 bedroom shared apartment situated in Gandia (a town nearby Bellreguard) and all the expenses will be covered (electricity, internet, water, gas).

Each volunteer will receive a Spanish SIM card for their telephone and a bicycle to move around locally.

In addition, as Valencian Community is a highly fertile and agriculturally active region from Spain, volunteers will have the option of getting a fertile small holding for themselves to grow their own vegetables, fruits and herbs. We will give them all the support needed to start, but they will have to compromise to take care of it.

Once a month (starting by arrival date) each volunteer will receive his/her pocket money and food money for a total of 300€ (150€ as pocket money and 150€ for food). They will buy their own food and cook for themselves.

VERY IMPORTANT PRACTICAL INFO!

As already mentioned, this project is located in a small village called “Bellreguard”. However, volunteers will be living in Gandia town and every day they will have to go by bicycle to Bellreguard and back.

This is a distance of approx. 4,5 Kilometres and around 15 minutes ride. Here you can check the route: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/LDWp5SF8UN116gHk9>

Please take this into consideration before applying!

8. Application/contact information

We are looking for a last volunteer (any nationality) living in any of the EU countries (anyone who can travel to Spain without a VISA) with a very positive attitude and initiative, adaptable to change, with problem-solving capacity and able to work both independently and as a team member. The ideal candidates should have some experience, studies or a major interest in:

- Social Education and integration, youth work, education studies or related.
- Audio-visuals, Web management, Social media or any related topics.

Based on previous experiences at least an intermediate level of Spanish language (B1/B2) is required for this project.

If you want to join us, please [APPLY HERE!](#)

Muchas gracias!

