

**Erasmus+ Key Action 2 Capacity Building in the field Youth:
Young Leaders for Social Change: Entrepreneurship through Volunteering**

Host Projects in non-EU / Partner Countries

1. El Arca de Honduras (Tegucigalpa, Honduras)

Description

El Arca de Honduras is a member of the El Arca International Federation, which is dedicated to the creation and growth of homes, programmes, and support networks with people who have intellectual disabilities. It was founded in 1964 and today it's an international organisation operating 149 communities (homes) in 37 countries on all five continents. El Arca de Honduras has two communities (homes) in the country, one in the capital of Honduras, Tegucigalpa, which currently has 28 beneficiaries and another one in southern Honduras, in Choluteca, which currently has 25 beneficiaries. Its main aim is to offer people with intellectual disability a family-styled living environment that encourages them to create a home, to develop their skills and talents, to build friendships, and quite simply, to make the most of life. The beneficiaries live together in homes sharing life with one another and building a community as responsible adults. They participate in different workshops, learning how to create different kitchen materials such as tablecloths and mittens, decorations for households such as candles, cleaning materials such as mops, and different types of garments. It is affiliated to CIARH (*Coordinadora de Instituciones y Asociaciones de Rehabilitación en Honduras*), which is the Honduran network of organisations that works toward the mental and physical rehabilitation of the people of Honduras.

Role of the volunteer

The main role of the volunteers in El Arca de Honduras is to support the qualified staff members of the organisation mainly in the two types of workshops taught to the organisation's beneficiaries, people with disabilities. These workshops are occupational and therapeutic. The volunteer also supports in the different activities in the daily cohabitation with the beneficiaries, and with chores in order to upkeep and maintain the organisation's home.

Tasks of the volunteer

During the first period of adaptation, the volunteers will test each activity of El Arca de Honduras to understand which one is more suitable according to their skills and attitudes. This phase is very

important in order to implement the project's goals and to overcome possible communication problems with the hosts. The volunteer will be assigned to an area which best suits her/his abilities and interests. In case the volunteer has know-how that the organization does not possess, the volunteer will be given a chance to put it into practice. According to this, any of the activities described below will be open to suggestions coming from the volunteers:

a) Supporting the activities of the occupational and therapeutic workshops:

Occupational Workshops: making kitchen materials such as tablecloths and mittens, decorations for households such as candles, cleaning materials such as mops, and different types of garments.

Therapeutic Workshops: educational and board games, recreational activities such as walks, massage lessons, painting.

The presence of the volunteer will contribute to stimulating hosts to take part in such workshops and activities. They will also be able to suggest other new activities according to their culture, for example international cooking or traditional music and dance shows.

b) Helping in everyday life:

- The volunteer will support the staff members in preparing meals and the hosts with special needs during the meal by cutting the meat, helping them to drink water and eat, etc.
- Supporting the people with disabilities by participating preparing their meals and house duties as well as sharing other things like free time in a family.

c) Developing social relationships:

- The volunteer will have important contacts with the hosts, spending with them most of the time talking and listening to their special needs (for example: helping them to walk through the home, playing cards, reading newspaper, telling stories, writing, and so on).

Sharing and living with everyone in the home and participate in the everyday life.

Practical arrangements (working hours, days off, holidays, food, accommodation, local transport)

- ***Working Hours***: The volunteer will work about 7 hours every day from Monday to Friday. The weekly working time is 35 hours. In the home of El Arca de Honduras in Tegucigalpa, the daily working time will usually be 8:00 – 16:00 from Monday to Friday. The timetable will be set up according to the volunteer's skills and preferences. The volunteer will have the opportunity to propose her/his own initiatives.
- ***Days off***: Saturdays and Sundays
- ***Holidays***: 15th September; 3rd, 12th and 21st October; 15th December – 15th January (holiday in the workshops). Moreover, the volunteer shall receive 2 days off per month, so for the 8-

months volunteering period, the volunteer will have 16 days off, which can be taken in consultation with the host project.

- **Food:** The volunteer can share three daily meals together with the beneficiaries and staff members, and/or with the host family if she/he is allocated to live in a host family.
- **Accommodation:** El Arca de Honduras has suitable accommodation for international volunteers within the organisation, or the volunteer can be allocated to a host family outside of the organisation.
- **Local Transport:** The volunteer will be explained on using local transport during the on-arrival and orientation activities. The home of El Arca de Honduras in Tegucigalpa is located in an area accessible by local transport.

2. UN TECHO PARA MI PAIS ECUADOR (Quito, Ecuador)

Description

TECHO is an organization operating in Latin America and the Caribbean that seeks to overcome the poverty that thousands of people live in slums, through joint action by its people and young volunteers. TECHO is convinced that poverty can definitely be overcome if society as a whole fails to recognize that this is a priority issue and is actively working to resolve it.

TECHO pursues 3 strategic priorities: The promotion of community development in slums; fostering social awareness; and political advocacy that promotes structural changes to ensure that poverty does not expand further. TECHO's vision is a fair and poverty free society, where everyone has the opportunities needed to develop their capacities and fully exercise their rights. In 5 years TECHO wants to be a leader in promoting the urban agenda through innovative projects together with the communities of the whole continent.

TECHO has experience in strengthening community participation and activism in the poorest areas of Ecuador. Key activities include: emergency housing construction, education projects, increasing agricultural productivity, humanitarian disaster response, and influencing policy at national and regional scale. TECHO works alongside a number of organisations, including ECOSOC, SEGIB, ECOHOUSE INICIATIVE. We work with strategic partners and annual partnerships, which encourage the participation of private enterprise, also with government agencies in order to implement joint actions avoiding duplication of effort. A full list of both corporate and voluntary partners can be found at <http://www.techo.org/paises/ecuador/>.

Role of the volunteer

The volunteer will support the programs and projects coordinator of UN TECHNO.

Tasks of the volunteer

The volunteer will support the program and coordination of project in the following areas:

- Generation of concepts and recommendations for improvement in the quality of projects.
- Ensuring the design of projects so that they are sustainable and meet the interests and expectations of the beneficiaries.
- Ensure that the design of projects to respond to the efforts made since the worktables.
- Monitoring and control project schedules, and implementation of actions necessary to fulfill the objectives.
- Develop projects to promote community capacity (identity, self-management, community participation and networking)
- Creating efficient processes and procedures highly effective way to ensure adequate implementation of projects.
- Visualize the development of community programs and projects with your team, outside the Organization and communities with support from the Communications area.

Practical arrangements (working hours, days off, holidays, food, accommodation, local transport)

- ***Working Hours:*** 30 hours per week + visit once a week the community
- ***Days off:*** 2 days
- ***Holidays:*** According to national public holidays. Moreover, the volunteer shall receive 2 days off per month, so for the 8-months volunteering period, the volunteer will have 16 days off, which can be taken in consultation with the host project.
- ***Food:*** Food will be provided by the host family
- ***Accommodation:*** Accommodation will be in a host family
- ***Local Transport:*** In case transport to the host project is required, expenses will be provided for this.

3. FUNDACION SES (Buenos Aires, Argentina)

Description

We are a social organization that has worked for the inclusion of vulnerable young people since 1999.

Our Mission is:

- To work with young people, to promote their access to education and work, and citizen participation.
- To contribute to the construction of public policies and the strengthening of organizations working with young people from a rights perspective.

SES stands for:

- Sustainability: for their commitment to future generations
- Education: understood as the engine of development
- Solidarity: basic element of social integration

Objective:

- To develop and promote youth social inclusion to improve the educational, social, political and economic situation of young people and adolescents.

Specific objectives:

- Strengthen the technical and advocacy capacities of social organizations specialized in adolescence and youth, to contribute to the improvement of the impact of their actions.
- Promote the participation of youth in the design and implementation of initiatives and programs for inclusion and access to rights.
- To convene and involve different sectors of civil society, private companies and the States, to assume commitments in the task for the social inclusion of young people.

Strategies:

- The construction of networks and alliances
- Strengthening civil society organizations

Role of the volunteer

Volunteer will help in developing the areas of work of SES, which will coordinate and supervise his/her roles and tasks. The volunteer will have the chance to help entrepreneurs, give workshops and provide support in specific subjects.

Tasks of the volunteer

- Communication and Social Media
- Workshops

- Trainings to entrepreneurs

Practical arrangements (working hours, days off, holidays, food, accommodation, local transport)

- ***Working Hours:*** 30 hours per Week
- ***Days off:*** Weekends
- ***Holidays:*** The volunteer shall receive 2 days off per month, so for the 8-months volunteering period, the volunteer will have 16 days off, which can be taken in consultation with the host project.
- ***Food:*** Expenses for food will be covered.
- ***Accommodation:*** The volunteer will be accommodated in SES' house for volunteers.
- ***Local Transport:*** *Transport costs* from the accommodation to the workplace will be covered

4. CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (Hanoi, Vietnam)

Description

CSDS was established in 2009 as a legally registered local non-governmental, not-profit organisation. Average employment in organisation reaches 10 people. CSDS aims to promote education for sustainable development through building the capacity of people and organizations to address development challenges in Vietnam.

CSDS uses education and training as the primary means of empowering individuals and organisations to pursue sustainable development. It also focuses on volunteering, particularly youth volunteering, as this provides a context for learning and practice, and a resource for delivering its programs and projects. CSDS works in partnership with international agencies, the CSO community and universities. Over the past 5 years, CSDS has worked with over 2,000 young people in Vietnam and helped to develop over 45 youth groups.

CSDS provides leadership development program and training on social entrepreneurship for young people so that they can actively solve the problems in their communities.

CSDS has conducted a great number of volunteering programs and a variety of youth capacity programs through non-formal education approach and methods. It is also operating a number of small social business (fee based training program, summer camp for kids, responsible tourism) and is facilitating some youth groups on social entrepreneurship.

Role of the volunteer

The role of the volunteers will be facilitating the learning and sharing among youth on social entrepreneurship.

Tasks of the volunteer

- Facilitate workshops with youth on social entrepreneurship
- Demonstrate examples of successful model of social entrepreneurship from Europe
- Collect and disseminate success stories from social enterprises in Vietnam and share with the youth peers.
- Promote social entrepreneurship on social media.

Practical arrangements (working hours, days off, holidays, food, accommodation, local transport)

- ***Working Hours:*** 9am – 5pm
- ***Days off:*** Weekends
- ***Holidays:*** The following public holidays: 1 Jan, Tet (7 days in Jan or Feb), Hung Vuong (1 day in April), 30 April, 1 May, 2 Sep. The volunteer shall also receive 2 days off per month, so for the 8-months volunteering period, the volunteer will have 16 days off, which can be taken in consultation with the host project.
- ***Food:*** Local food, 3 meals a day with a lot of rice, will be provided at the accommodation
- ***Accommodation:*** Dormitory, shared room, bunk beds
- ***Local Transport:*** If the volunteer has to use public transport to the workplace or for task, the expenses will be reimbursed.

5. Cebu Technological University Argao Campus (Cebu City, Philippines)

Description

Cebu Technological University (CTU) is a government-run educational institution located in Cebu, Philippines. CTU is home to over 40,000 Filipino students from mostly low income families across the province of Cebu.

It has one main campus in Cebu City, eight satellite campuses in the Municipalities of Argao, Barili, Carmen, Daanbantayan, Danao, Moalboal, San Francisco and Tuburan and twelve extension

campuses in Bantayan Island, San Remigio, Tabogon, Pinamungajan, Bitoon-Barili, Bonbon-Cebu City, San Fernando, Naga, Dumanjug, Malabuyoc, Samboan and Oslob.

Aside from providing quality tertiary education, CTU understands its role beyond its campuses, that's why the dynamic presence of community/research extension services in all of its campuses are well placed to support its commitment on community development. The CTU-Argao Campus through its Extension Services Department has been actively involved on the industry of Hablon production specifically on research, product development, community organizing and livelihood initiatives. Hablon is a by-product produced in a traditional process of weaving known in the town of Argao. It is made of local fibers such as piña, abaca, and cotton.

The Hablon industry in Argao, Cebu has been intricately woven in history, making it a part of its people's culture and identity. As accounted by many Spanish missionaries, the weaving industry is as old as the town itself. That's why the school is making an aggressive move in building collaboration with like-minded institutions to help revive the interest of the local people in the production of the fabric, create market demand to provide financial stability and most of all retain the tradition and cultural identity of its local people.

Role of the volunteer

The role of the volunteer is to appreciate, learn and replicate the knowledge, attitude and skills gained from the project. Specifically, the volunteer will be actively involved in the product development and share new ideas and innovations to further develop the Hablon Fabric Production Project. The volunteer's role is also to share his/her culture and have a rich intercultural interaction between the locals to also experience their local way of life.

Tasks of the volunteer

- Appreciate and understand the culture and traditions of Hablon Industry and local life
- Get familiar with the production and marketing of the local fabric industry and other related cottage industries
- Share/suggest ideas and or innovations for further product development of local cottage industry
- Co-facilitate and or organize capacity building training to the local youth about local cottage industry, inter-cultural learning and other product related development
- Assist in the promotion and marketing of local cottage industry
- Meet and interact with local community like students and staff of CTU-Argao, local government and other local communities
- Review and give feedback for product or program development

- Document experiences and make recommendations
- Learn to speak the local language

Practical arrangements (working hours, days off, holidays, food, accommodation, local transport)

- ***Working Hours:*** 8 hours/day
- ***Days off:*** Two days a week, usually weekends
- ***Holidays:*** National and local holidays and other special non-working holidays. In addition, the volunteer shall receive 2 days off per month, so for the 8-months volunteering period, the volunteer will have 16 days off, which can be taken in consultation with the host project.
- ***Food:*** Food will be provided by the host family or at the school. If food is not provided, expenses for food will be covered.
- ***Accommodation:*** It is possible that the volunteer will be accommodated in the school facility sharing a room with some faculties or staff or will live with a host family wherein, he/she will have a room that will be shared by member of the family with the same gender.
- ***Local Transport:*** If transportation is required to travel from host family to the workplace, these expenses will be covered by the host organisation.

6. Volunteer Centre/ Mphanama Station (Claremont, South Africa)

Description

Volunteer Centre

The Volunteer Centre was established in 1979 to raise awareness on volunteering in different communities. Our core business is recruitment and placement of volunteers for the benefit of all. It is a small organization with a few volunteers assisting on an ad hoc basis. Key activities include:

- International exchange program – it facilitates the incoming and outgoing of volunteers – local and international and all the logistical responsibilities
- Work base learning program – it recruits scholars from the vocational colleges and places them in small business for exposure of their field of study
- Recruitment and placement of local volunteers – it recruits local volunteers to participate in local activities and projects to address the issues of social problems such as unemployment, substance abuse and HIV (AIDS)

Mphanama Station

Mphanama Station was established to bring hope to an otherwise hopeless community plagued by high unemployment and consequent poverty levels. The Station aims to equip the youth and community at large with Business knowledge and help facilitate entrepreneurship ventures emanating from the interactions and trainings rendered at the station. The Station runs trainings at and helps to lift the standards of general literacy levels.

The station is run by a team of no less than 5 Activators who are social entrepreneurs and change drivers for good. Then Activate Network has more than 2500 young leaders across the country. At the very least, the network produces leaders who are going to serve nations and produce other leaders as well. The Mphanama Stations serves the community it is placed in which has a population of more than 1000 people.

Role of the volunteer

The volunteer will play a supportive role in the project and assist the Activate Network and activators in the trainings and activities that they organise.

Tasks of the volunteer

The volunteer will assist in the following activities:

- Facilitate Skills Courses
- Tutor High School Learners
- General Community Service
- Administrative activities
- Support Mphanama team and community

Practical arrangements (working hours, days off, holidays, food, accommodation, local transport)

- ***Working Hours:*** 40 Weekly
- ***Days off:*** Weekends
- ***Holidays:*** The volunteer shall receive 2 days off per month, so for the 8-months volunteering period, the volunteer will have 16 days off, which can be taken in consultation with the host project.
- ***Food:*** The volunteer will receive food at the host family.
- ***Accommodation:*** The volunteer will be accommodated at a host family
- ***Local Transport:*** If transportation is required to travel from host family to the workplace, these expenses will be covered by the host organisation.

7. Hope for HIV/AIDS Life Support International (Lagos, Nigeria)

Description

Hope for HIV/AIDS International is a registered non-governmental organisation (NGO) based in Lagos, Nigeria. It was officially registered in 2008 after 9 years of operating under the name Hope for AIDS Outreach.

Hope for HIV/AIDS International works with and seeks to mobilize churches and various institutions to work together to promote the research of HIV/AIDS, fighting against HIV/AIDS stigma, discrimination and the abuse and denial of rights for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA).

The organisation basically is into social entrepreneurship development in the sense that they give hope to women, girls, children who have lost hope in life due to the loss of the family members, fathers, mothers to HIV/AIDS. And this they have been doing for almost ten years. They have helped these people to be socially responsible, have empowered them with all the skill acquisition programmes they offer and believe believed these skill acquisition has contributed positively to the overall economy of the country.

They provide free education for less privilege children in underdeveloped communities, raise funds to support the families and books to support the schools. They also get sponsors to establish those that have gone through the skill acquisition programmes.

The organisation has skilled professionals and teachers who run the various teams and also work hand in hand with other qualified and experienced organizations that share their ideas and run the same programmes with them.

Role of the volunteer

The volunteer's service will be mostly supportive. He/She will be expected to also offer any professional or practical help at all times. in "Hope for HIV/AIDS" runs different entrepreneurialship activities in some local communities in Lagos, and we aim at empowering girls who are orphaned or HIV positive and those widowed due to the loss of their husbands from HIV/ AIDS.

The volunteer will help build capacity and share knowledge and good practice in entrepreneurial learning activities and the after school literacy class, promote non-formal education as a tool to promote entrepreneurship. It will also help if the volunteers show their culture to the children by organising activities related to their countries.

Tasks of the volunteer

The volunteer's service will be supportive in nature. She/he will be expected to offer practical support in the different entrepreneurship activities organised by Hope for HIV/AIDS in local communities in Lagos. It aims at empowering girls who are orphaned or HIV positive and those widowed due to the loss of their husbands from HIV/ AIDS.

The volunteer will help build capacity and share knowledge and good practice in entrepreneurial learning activities and the after school literacy class, promote non-formal education as a tool to promote entrepreneurship. It will also help if the volunteers present their culture to the children by organising activities related to their countries.

Practical arrangements (working hours, days off, holidays, food, accommodation, local transport)

Working Hours: 9.00am-16.00hrs

Days off: Saturdays and Sundays

Holidays: All government declared holidays. The volunteer shall also receive 2 days off per month, so for the 8-months volunteering period, the volunteer will have 16 days off, which can be taken in consultation with the host project.

Food: Will be provided by host family and lunch at the project. Allowance for this will be provided.

Accommodation: In a host family

Local Transport: Allowance for transportation will be provided by ICYE Nigeria at the beginning of each month