

OPEN ESC POSITION RED CROSS, ASYLUM SEEKER SUPPORT TEAM

Description:

The volunteer will work as part of the Red Cross program Social Support for Asylum Seekers. The program consists of several targeted projects that carry out weekly social activities for people applying for international protection in Iceland. Activities currently take place in Árskógar Community Center, Vitatorg Community Center and in Reykjanesbaer, a 45 minutes' drive from Reykjavik. Social activities currently include a Women's Group, Youth Club, Open House and Language Classes. Other projects can be added depending on volunteer availability. The program aims to help reduce social isolation and give asylum seekers an opportunity to stay active during the application period, as well as offer a platform to meet, connect, socialize, and learn about Icelandic society and culture. The Red Cross organizes various activities and events with project emphasis based on needs at any given time. A key element of the Red Cross support program in addressing the challenge of not only reducing social isolation but working towards the social inclusion of people seeking international protection in Iceland is involving the greater public—through volunteering— to create and run events and activities. Volunteers and participants come together to organize and run the projects in line with the program's bottom-up vision of empowerment and project ownership.

Project:

Starting date: September 2023

Duration: 12 months

Location: Reykjavik, Iceland

Number of volunteers: 1

Working hours: 35 hours a week

Volunteer's tasks: The main role of the ESC volunteer is planning and running the activities alongside the project managers and volunteers as well as offering other support as needed. The volunteer will also be expected to work with a high degree of independence at times.

Requirements:

- be 24 years old minimum.
- be social and interested in getting to know people.
- be organized.
- be able to perform well under pressure.
- be able to work independently and take initiative.
- be able to work well in a team.
- have good communication skills. be open-minded and willing to listen and show empathy.
- be able to take initiative.
- have excellent English language skills. Other languages, especially Spanish, Arabic, Ukrainian or Russian are a strong advantage.
- have basic computer skills.
- have a strong interest in the field of migration.

- having previous experience working with volunteers is an advantage.

The ESC package includes:

- Transportation to and from the project
- Accommodation
- Monthly allowance for food
- Pocket money every month
- Insurance for your stay
- Icelandic language courses