

# *EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS VOLUNTEERING PROJECT*

## **INFORMATION FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Dear future ESC Volunteer,

Please find in the next few pages information about our organisation and our new European Solidarity Corps Project, which will host three volunteers from Cyprus to share their insights and experiences.

Through your participation in the European Solidarity Corps project carried out by the Association for Historical Dialogue and Research (AHDR), you will have the opportunity to experience Cyprus through a different lens, learn a new language spoken on the island, and bond with fellow ESC volunteer. You will make new friends and connections within your volunteering environment and beyond. You will significantly benefit the AHDR and the local communities with your action, whilst acquiring life-long skills which will be beneficial to your professional and personal life.

This info-kit will prepare you for your ESC voluntary experience. It gives you the guidelines and information you need about expectations that the organisation might have for you and vice versa. This Info-kit is meant to support and prepare the future volunteers for the project activities. We would like to kindly ask you to carefully go through this info-kit and discuss with the organisation for any potential clarification.

Read the information below carefully and apply to be eligible for selection!

Best wishes,

The AHDR Team

## AHDR – Who we are

The Association for Historical Dialogue and Research (AHDR) is a unique multi-communal, non-for-profit, non-governmental organization established in Nicosia in 2003. Since its foundation, the AHDR has enlisted members from various ethnic, linguistic, and professional backgrounds working at various educational levels in Cyprus, making the first steps towards a greater effort to maintain a continuous, open dialogue about enhanced pedagogic practices that could encourage the values of the discipline of history.

Our objectives include:

- To promote the study and research the history of Cyprus critically.
- To create opportunities for educators, youth, and children to benefit from the latest developments in history teaching and history learning.
- To nurture a critical understanding of the linkages between perceptions of history, attitudes, and behaviors towards the “other”, and history education.
- To promote communication and cooperation between persons and organizations interested in history and the teaching of history at a regional, European, and international level.

## Our vision

The AHDR envisions a society where dialogue on issues of history, historiography, history teaching, and history learning is welcomed as an integral part of democracy and is considered as a means for the advancement of historical understanding and critical thinking.

## OUR TEAM

For more information about the AHDR Team, please click : [Here](#)

*Join our team, develop new skills and connect with youth, educators and organisations in Cyprus and around the world.*

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## European Solidarity Corps - Volunteering Project

European Solidarity Corps volunteering project will be carried out by Association for Historical Dialogue and Research (AHDR) for 8 months in Nicosia. Volunteers will be working from our offices at the Home for Cooperation, a marvelous community-center that hosts and organizes numerous educational, cultural and artistic events throughout the year.

The AHDR aims to host two young Cypriots and one international young person who are driven by a passion for history, education, and peace education. The project aims to contribute to the educational and research activities of the association. By the activities proposed, the AHDR would like its volunteers with to be a part of the bridges built between the island's communities and help in the deconstruction of stereotypes through history and peace education activities. It is believed that those activities, will allow more and more people to develop critical thinking, to be open to listening to "the other", and therefore accept each individual as equal, while at the same time respect and appreciate their differences.

### Activities implemented in the project:

- Carry out of various activities on history and peace education
- Develop events
- Conduct research, analyse data, and reporting
- Provide assistance with planning, designing, and implementation of events and trainings
- Networking and collaboration with local and international organizations

<b>NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>PERIOD OF THE VOLUNTEERING</b>	<b>For 8 months (December 2021 - July 2022 <u>OR</u> January 2021 - August 2022)</b>
<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>Home for Cooperation (H4C), Nicosia</b>
<b>HOSTING ORGANISATION</b>	<b>Association for Historical Dialogue and Research</b>

## Volunteer profile

- Young people (18-30 years old)
- Volunteers with an interest in History, Education, Peace Studies, Conflict Resolution, Human Rights or any other related disciplines
- 2 Volunteers must be from Cyprus (as an in-country volunteering project) and 1 international volunteer
- Motivated and creative
- Has enthusiasm and commitment
- Flexibility and capability to work independently and also in a team
- Volunteers who have curiosity and open-mindedness to learn and grow with us

### Language training:

The volunteers will be offered free of charge language support either online or on-site at the Home for Cooperation. The volunteers will be expected to dedicate around two hours a week to attend the language courses.

### Training and support:

AHDR's Sustainability and Operations Officer will be responsible for the orientation and monitoring of the volunteers' activities and tasks and for supporting them with the promotion of the organization's history-related and peace-education activities and with the organization and implementation of their own tasks. All the staff of AHDR who coordinate projects, will be working closely with the volunteers, in order to provide on-the-job training, constant support and mentorship, ensuring the participant is making the most of their time.

Throughout their stay, the volunteers will be in close contact with the AHDR team and have regular meetings with the Sustainability and Operations Officer to make sure they are getting all the support needed.

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## Practical information

### Working Hours

The volunteers will be at the Home for Cooperation (H4C) from 10 am to 5 pm during weekdays, but they can also participate in afternoon or weekend activities, which will mean that those hours will be subtracted from the following week's programme.

### Days off and Holidays

Every week the volunteer will have weekend days off and also public days that are set by the organization.

### Food allowance and pocket money

Pocket money will be given on a monthly basis (5€ per day). A food allowance of 150€ will be provided per month per volunteer to cover food expenses, both during and outside of working hours.

### Accommodation

The volunteers will have the chance to live in a furnished rented flat shared with other volunteers if they choose to. The volunteers will have their own bedroom, a shared kitchen and bathroom. In addition, they will have the option of using a bike from the H4C free of charge for their convenience.

### Insurance

In the case that European Health Insurance Card is not acquired, the volunteers are medically insured – including third party and accidents.

## ABOUT NICOSIA

For a visual map through Nicosia click: [Here](#)

Nicosia, the last divided capital city of the world, is the biggest city of Cyprus and it has been like that since the 10<sup>th</sup> century. The old part of the city of Nicosia is surrounded by walls that they were built by the Venetians in 1567. Now Cyprus has a population of 1,3 million people, with a blend of languages, cultures and international cuisines.

### HOW TO MOVE AROUND IN NICOSIA

Buses is one of the most affordable way to move around besides the bike that our organization will provide for free! You can find above routes for Nicosia and inter-city buses to travel outside Nicosia:

Mini buses to move around in the centre of Nicosia including the narrow streets of old Nicosia:

→ <https://nicosiaminibuses.eu/home/buses-info>

Big buses to move around in the City:

→ <http://www.cyprusbybus.com/setups.aspx>

Buses for travelling outside Nicosia (Limassol, Paphos, Famagusta):

→ <https://www.intercity-buses.com/>

You may also use one of the bikes at the Home for Cooperation to come to work, which is within a close distance to your accommodation.

***We look forward to meeting you!***

***The AHDR Team***