

*COOPERATION FOR LIFE  
EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS  
IN-COUNTRY VOLUNTEERING PROJECT*

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**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 'Cooperation for Life', which will host two volunteers from Cyprus to share their insights and experiences.

Through your participation in the European Solidarity Corps project 'Cooperation for Life' carried out by the Association for Historical Dialogue and Research (AHDR), you will have the opportunity to experience your own country 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 behaviours 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

The AHDR Team is composed of two officers and two project assistants.

For more information 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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## Cooperation for Life

Cooperation for Life is the European Solidarity Corps in-country volunteering project that will be carried out by Association for Historical Dialogue and Research (AHDR) from September 2020 to February 2021 in Nicosia. Volunteers will be working from our offices at the Home for Cooperation, a marvellous community-center that hosts and organizes numerous cultural and artistic events throughout the year.

The AHDR aims to host two young Cypriots from outside of Nicosia 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 her/his differences.

### Activities implemented in the project 'Cooperation for Life':

- Carry out state-of-the-art activities on history and peace education
- Develop literary events
- Conduct research, analyse data and present data in a creative way
- Providing assistance with design and implementation of meetings and events;

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Cooperation for Life</b>
<b>NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>PERIOD OF THE PROJECT</b>	<b>September 2020-February 2021</b>
<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>Nicosia</b>
<b>HOSTING ORGANISATION</b>	<b>Association for Historical Dialogue and Research</b>
<b>DEADLINE for APPLICATIONS</b>	<b>14 August 2020</b>



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## Volunteers' Tasks and Responsibilities

- The volunteers will be responsible to spread the word about the organization's history and peace education projects to a wider audience.
- Be part of AHDR's project teams, which carry out projects on history education and peace education, so they can learn from them and get inspired, and at the same time contribute with their own ideas on the projects.
- The volunteers will be encouraged to implement their own ideas in order to promote history education and to reach a wider audience in creative ways.

## Volunteer profile

- Young people with fewer opportunities (economic obstacles, geographical obstacles, and social obstacles)
- Volunteers with an interest in History, Education, Peace Studies, Conflict Resolution, Human Rights or any other related disciplines
- Volunteers must be from Cyprus (as this is an in-country volunteering project)
- Motivated and creative
- Has enthusiasm and commitment
- Flexibility and capability to work independently and 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:

The Operations Officer and the Educational Programs Officer will be responsible for the 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 his/her time.

Throughout their stay, the volunteers will be in close contact with the AHDR team and have a weekly meeting with the Operations Officer to make sure they are getting all the support needed. In addition to support in the workplace, they will be assigned a mentor with similar mobility experiences to provide personal support, with whom they will be able to discuss issues such as their personal well-being and well-being in the workplace.

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## **Practical information**

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### **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 receive two days off. Besides these 2 weekly free days, every month the volunteer can take an additional two days off. They may combine their holidays for a longer vacation.

### **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 volunteer will live in a furnished rented flat shared with other volunteers, close to the office and not far from the centre of the town. The flat contains all the necessary amenities and is divided in different rooms, kitchen and bathroom.

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.

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## 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 (Association for Historical Dialogue and Research) Team

