

# *EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS*

## *VOLUNTEERING PROJECT*

*(PAID)*

*2023-2024*

## **Information for Participants**

Dear future ESC Participant,

Please find in the next few pages information about our organisation and our new European Solidarity Corps Project, which will host three young people (18-30 years old) as participants to be involved in intercommunal work, learn, participate, and 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) and the Home for Cooperation (H4C), you will have the opportunity to experience Cyprus through a different lens, learn a new language spoken on the island, and connect with fellow ESC participants and meet new people. You will significantly benefit AHDR and H4C, and the local communities with your action, whilst acquiring beneficial life-long skills and knowledge for 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 participants for the project activities. We would like to kindly ask you to carefully go through this info-kit and contact the organisation for further information and/or clarifications.

Please read the information below carefully and submit your application.  
Hopefully see you soon!

Best wishes,  
The AHDR Team

## AHDR – WHO WE ARE

The Association for Historical Dialogue and Research is an inter-communal, non-profit, and non-governmental organization established in 2003 in Nicosia, Cyprus. The AHDR envisions to contribute to the advancement of dialogue, critical thinking and intercultural understanding amongst teachers, students, and the general public by providing access to various learning opportunities for all. More specifically, the AHDR promotes the study and research of the History of Cyprus in a critical and comprehensive way; develops supplementary educational material for educators and students in relation to History and Peace/ Anti-racist Education to be shared and used in and beyond classrooms; increases public awareness on the importance of dialogue and multiperspectivity; promotes a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence through education at a local, national, and international level. In 2011 the AHDR opened the Home for Cooperation (H4C), a unique educational, cultural and community centre in the heart of Nicosia, in the UN Buffer Zone.

### WHAT WE DO?

- Collect, archive and share resources and materials on history education and peace education.
- Create opportunities for educators, youth, and children in the fields of history education and peace education.
- Ensure individuals' access and provide them with equal learning opportunities irrespective of their ability, ethnic and cultural background.
- Contribute to existing literature and resources by designing supplementary educational material based on the needs of youth and educators in Cyprus.
- Nurture critical understanding and increase public awareness on the importance of dialogue and multiperspectivity on issues of history.
- Enhance understanding, respect, and cooperation among all communities in Cyprus and promote a culture of peace through education, at local, national, and international levels.
- Promote the study and research the history of Cyprus critically to follow global trends and good practices in education and innovatively adapt them to the local context.

### OUR VISION

The AHDR envisions a society where values of a culture of peace and competences related to historical dialogue are welcomed as an integral part of democracy and are considered as means to advance intercultural understanding, critical thinking, multiperspectivity and respect for diversity and human rights.

### 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!*

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS - VOLUNTEERING PROJECT

European Solidarity Corps volunteering project will be carried out by the Association for Historical Dialogue and Research (AHDR) for 12 months (1 yearlong) in Nicosia. The participant will be working from our offices at the Home for Cooperation, a unique community centre that hosts and organizes numerous educational, cultural, and artistic events throughout the year.

The AHDR aims to host **two young Cypriots** who are driven by a passion for history, education, and social change. The project aims to contribute to the educational, research and cultural activities of the Association. Through the participants' involvement in the proposed activities, the AHDR invites young people to become part of the efforts to build bridges between the island's communities and help in the deconstruction of stereotypes. It is envisioned that these activities will allow for the development of critical thinking, to the cultivation of openness in regards to listening to one another, and therefore accept each individual as equal, while at the same time respect and appreciate their differences.

## ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED IN THE PROJECT

- Organization of educational activities and/or cultural events.
- Development of content and outreach material.
- Assistance in project implementation in the fields of history and peace education.
- Research, analysis of data, and report writing.
- Planning, design, and implementation of events and trainings.
- Networking and collaboration with local and international organizations.
- Any other activities envisioned by the AHDR current project work.

<b>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>PERIOD OF THE PROJECT</b>	<b>For 12 months (September 2023 - August 2024)</b>
<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>Home for Cooperation (H4C), Nicosia</b>
<b>HOSTING ORGANISATION</b>	<b>Association for Historical Dialogue and Research (AHDR)</b>

## PARTICIPANT PROFILE

- Young people (18-30 years old).
- Participants with an interest in history, education, peace studies, conflict resolution, human rights, cultural and media studies or any other related disciplines.
- 2 participants must be from Cyprus (as in-country volunteering project) and 1 international participant (as cross-country volunteering project).
- Motivated and creative.
- Has enthusiasm and commitment.
- Flexibility and capability to work independently and also in a team.
- Participants who are curious and open-minded to learn and grow with us.

## LANGUAGE TRAINING

The participants will be offered free of charge language support either online or on-site at the Home for Cooperation. The participants 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 participants' activities and tasks and for supporting them with the promotion of the organization's activities, and also with the organization and implementation of their own tasks. Participants will be provided an external mentor to support them with any need during the project period. The staff of AHDR and H4C will be working closely with the participants, in order to provide on-the-job training and continuous support, ensuring the participants are making the most of their time and enhancing their professional competences. As part of their everyday work, the participants will be invited to attend meetings, presentations, trainings and other events of the organization.

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## PRACTICAL INFORMATION & BENEFITS

### WORKING HOURS

The participants will be at the Home for Cooperation (H4C) from 10 am to 5 pm during weekdays. At the same time, they will also be invited to participate in afternoon or weekend activities. In such cases, overtime hours, will be compensated according to the organization's procedures.

### DAYS-OFF AND HOLIDAYS

Every week the participant will have weekend days off and public days that are set by the organization. Also, each participant has the right to use 2 days-off per month.

### POCKET MONEY & FOOD ALLOWANCE

Pocket money (6€ per day) and food allowance (7€ per day) will be provided at the beginning of every month, per participant, to cover food and other expenses, both during and outside of working hours.

### ACCOMMODATION

The participants will have the chance to live in a furnished rented flat, shared with other participants in the Republic of Cyprus if they choose to. The participants 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 commuting. If the participant has their own space/flat, they will be provided petrol allowance (7€ per working day) at the end of every month.

### INSURANCE

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

### TRAVEL

For the cross-country participant (international participant), flight tickets (return) will be covered by the project.

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## ABOUT NICOSIA

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

Nicosia 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 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 ways 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 (H4C) to come to work, which is within a close distance to your accommodation.

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

***The AHDR Team***