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L13-2017 - Time to be Welcome Project – 2017-18

Dear Rover Scout,

We are now opening our call for volunteers to apply for this project. Following this there will be a selection process including an interview for all applicants. Below you will find out further information about the project and the type of candidate that is best suited to the work.

We have limited spaces in this international team but can offer varying lengths of stay.

- Camp Volunteer- 12 months Available to start in June 2017
- Camp Volunteer- 12 months Available to start in June 2017
- Camp Volunteer- 6 months Available to start in October 2017
- Camp Volunteer- 6 months Available to start in October 2017
- Camp Volunteer- 2 months Available to start in June 2018
- Camp Volunteer- 2 months Available to start in June 2018

THE PROJECT

The project “Time to be welcome” is a collaborative partnership between Scouting Ireland, British Red Cross, WOSM, EFIL (European Federation for Intercultural Learning), YEU (Youth for Exchange and Understanding) international, SINGA France, The Icelandic Scout Association, Scout association of Macedonia, and Chappelle-aux-Champs. The project will run until November 2018 and will involve volunteers from several different countries, volunteering for various durations of time (2 months, 6 months or 12 months).

The project aims at encouraging young volunteers and youth organisations in Europe to support the welcoming of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees and their integration process through the use of non-formal education and youth work, while encouraging Public opinion in Europe to be more respectful and more open towards migrants.

Volunteers will be empowered to take action in contributing to welcome refugees and newly arrived migrants in to refugee camps and other hosting structures and local communities. They will also facilitate the interaction between refugees and the local community members in order to set a strong foundation for their future cooperation and mutual understanding.

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The project is funded by the European Commission through the Erasmus + program. There is an opportunity to volunteer in Greece and an opportunity in France. Opting for the French choice will require fluent french.

Hosting organizations

- Greece - SHP
Volunteers will work with Soma Hellinon Proskopon (Scouts of Greece - SHP). The Scouts of Greece is the largest and oldest educational youth organisation in the country and operates under the supervision of the Greek Ministry of Education. For the last year, SHP has been actively involved in refugee relief activities. Greece, besides being confronted with the worst economic crisis of modern times, is also facing a severe refugee crisis. SHP is aware of the situation and firmly believes that Scouts need to take a central role in helping both the refugee population and the local communities.
- France - EEUdf
Volunteers will work at Eclaireuses Eclaireurs Unionistes de France (EEUdf). EEUdf is one of the official national associations of scouting in France. Organizing weekly activities, winter and summer camps for 4500 young people (yearly), aged from 8 to 19, EEUdf is a member of WOSM and is already working in partnership with many organisations specialised on human rights and social help for migrants and refugees, like CIMADE and Singa. Singa is an association dedicated to empower citizens to accompany refugee inclusion and to change the narrative about asylum in the medias and society.

LOCATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

1. Athens, Greece

Volunteers will be involved in refugee support activities on the ground in different sites (UAM shelters, family hubs, refugee camps, etc.). All camps are UNHCR approved facilities. Activities will be based on non-formal education and will take many forms, i.e. organisation of awareness raising events, organisation of recreational activities for refugees and migrants, organisation of language courses.

2. Paris, France

Volunteers will spend their time on EEUdf and Singa to lead common and specific projects to accompany refugee inclusion in France. From project management as developing inclusion tools to building activities for young refugees and facilitate this dynamics in both associations, the tasks will be diverse and the volunteers could propose ideas to implement.

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PROFILE OF THE CANDIDATES

Youth development is key to this project. We will help you to identify learning outcomes for your participation and support you to achieve these.

We are looking for volunteers aged 18 to 25, who fit the following profile.

Motivation

- A clear motivation for why you want to participate in this project
- An interest in working with vulnerable and disadvantaged children and young people
- An interest in working with young refugees and migrants
- Understanding of some of the issues facing young refugees and migrants in Europe
- A strong interest for/experience in refugee response initiative and in integration and inclusion policies within the associations' sphere of action.

Commitment and expectations

- A commitment to humanitarian principles
- A commitment to volunteering
- Prepared to live with a modest allowance and in modest accommodation
- Realistic expectations regarding the benefits and challenges of volunteering abroad

Communication

- Strong interpersonal and communication skills, particularly in relation to working with children and young people
- Confidence in communicating with individuals and groups

Languages

- A good level of spoken English.
- Any knowledge of Arabic and/or Farsi and/or French and/or Greek would be an asset

Desirable Soft Skills

- Creativity and willingness to take the initiative.
- Good interpersonal and intercultural skills
- Open-mindedness and ability to work maturely and sensitively, particularly with vulnerable groups
- Strong work ethic – reliable and supportive of fellow volunteers
- Flexibility and ability to deal with challenges in a constructive manner

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- Ability to take into consideration the emotional challenge and and take measures to use the tools furnished regarding this questions.
- Able to understand the challenges of working with young people in refugee camps and other structures (shelters, family hubs, etc.)
- Ability to work in a multilingual, inter-religious and multicultural environment

CONDITIONS

This is a fully-funded opportunity. The cost of accommodation (including utilities), travel (return journey to host country), and local public transport will be covered, and volunteers will receive a living allowance to cover food and other expenses. Accommodation will be provided by the hosting organisation, in shared apartments with other volunteers. Health insurance will also be provided by Scouting Ireland.

Working hours will be flexible and will not exceed 30 hours per week. Volunteers will also be entitled to two additional days of holiday per month of service. It is a full time volunteer opportunity that will not substitute a paid job.

If interested please fill out the application [HERE](#) by **31st March 2017**.

If you have any queries please contact me or my team for assistance

Yours in Scouting

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