

SCI Hellas (Service Civil International)

SCI Hellas is a non-profit non-governmental organisation based in Athens. It's the Greek branch of Service Civil International, an international voluntary movement that aims to promote peace, solidarity and intercultural understanding through organising international volunteer projects, campaigns and seminars. Through its actions, SCI tries to enhance the peaceful cooperation of people from different cultural and social backgrounds as well as to encourage the direct participation of citizens in the solution of social problems. It is founder member of the Greek Antipoverty Network.

Main activities:

1. international workcamps in Greece
2. send Greek volunteers to workcamps in other countries
3. host and send volunteers in the frame of EVS
4. coordinates hosting EVS projects
5. raise awareness activities for the promoting volunteering
6. close cooperation with organisations from Mediterranean countries

Tasks will be shared with other EVS volunteers

At the beginning the volunteers are introduced to the aims and activities of SCI-Hellas, and to the life in Athens.

During winter – spring period they are in charge, together with other volunteers, of contacting local organizations working with youth with fewer social and economic opportunities, with the aim of creating a group of young people interested in participating to workcamps and youth exchanges. They will promote the activities, projects and ideas of SCI in different ways – depending on the initiative of the volunteers.

In late spring the volunteers are actively involved in the preparation of the summer workcamps. This includes: participation to the preparation meetings, participation in the training for workcamp's coordinators, spreading information about SCI-Hellas workcamps, managing the contact with the future participants, organizing the content and activities of the workcamps with local volunteers and managing the contact with the organizers of the workcamps.

In the summer period the volunteers participate in workcamps organized by SCI-Hellas in Greece. They are the workcamp's coordinators. By participating in the workcamps, the volunteers acquire knowledge and skills about group dynamics and methods of non-formal education, also regarding conflict resolution and multicultural contexts. Possibly the volunteers can be also involved in organising youth exchanges and/or seminars.

During Autumn the volunteers carry out the evaluation of the workcamps in Greece and prepare the final reports with the support and supervision of SCI-Hellas members. They manage the local evaluation meetings with the Greek participants who went abroad. They also participate in open to public activities for the promotion of volunteering and the opportunities the young people have to participate in different activities in the framework of Youth in Action programme.

They will also have the chance, during all the project, to plan and implement their own activity or project according to their skills and learning needs, within the aims and fieldwork of SCI-Hellas. They will receive support and supervision to develop this task. There will be the possibility to work also on new training materials or improve the old ones that SCI-Hellas has developed in the field of Human Rights Education.

Generally we will try to separate the tasks of the EVS volunteers in following categories so each volunteer that we will host will be more focused (in the phase A and C) on one or two of the following tasks:

- 1) public relations and promotion (newsletter, webpage, facebook, twitter, youtube, posters, leaflets,...)
 - 2) workcamp administration (incoming and outgoing placement + promotion)
 - 3) local activities (bringing ideas and organising small local events + promotion – eg. world cafe)
 - 4) educational activities (bringing ideas and organising small educational sessions in schools, with children or migrants, use of games, etc.)
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