

Youth for Hope - Humanitarian Division

FUNDING PROGRAMME

European Solidarity Corps / Volunteering - ESC51

PROJECT TITLE

“Youth for Hope” project – Humanitarian Division of “Hope For Children” CRC Policy Center

HOSTING ORGANIZATION: “HOPE FOR CHILDREN” CRC POLICY CENTER

“Hope for Children” CRC Policy Center (HFC) is an Independent, International and Humanitarian Institution based in Nicosia, Cyprus founded on the principle of promoting and protecting the rights of children, on the standards of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and European Union Law. HFC is the largest non-profit organization in Cyprus in the field of child protection, employing approximately 110 professionals, including social workers, youth workers, psychologist, lawyers, educators, trainers, administrative staff etc.

HFC focuses on prioritizing children’s well-being and education and takes measures for the prevention of any kind of violence against children while providing psychological and legal support.

HFC operates private shelters for unaccompanied children (in Nicosia and Larnaca); the ‘Children’s House’ based on the Icelandic Barnahus model handling cases of sexually abused children; an R&D Division coordinating and implementing EU projects, research and advocacy initiatives addressing children’s rights; a fostercare department supporting foster families socially and psychologically and evaluating candidate foster parents; an education and awareness department implementing non-formal educational activities in all levels of education in public and private schools; more importantly a counselling center for children and national and international hotlines for families and children to provide psychosocial support.

HFC has initiated and established close cooperation with institutions and actors on an international and European level, including legislative, executive, and judicial instruments, and it is a member of significant networks to further promote the rights of the child on a global scale.

HFC has affiliations with the following:

- Observatory status at the Council of Europe’s Lanzarote Committee;
- Observer status at the Children’s Rights Committee of the Council of Europe;
- Participatory status at the CoE’s Conference of International Non-governmental Organizations (INGOs);
- Cooperating partner of CoE for the ONE in FIVE Campaign;
- Member of Missing Children Europe;
- Member of Child Helpline International;
- Founding member of PROMISE Barnahus Network;
- Founding member of European Guardianship Network;
- National Focal Point for the European Juvenile Justice Observatory;
- Member of the Destination Unknown Campaign;
- Participant in the Fundamental Rights Platform of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA).

HFC maintains offices in Hungary and USA while it has representation in another 8 countries through the Chairs of the CRC Policy Center programme. The Chairs aim to engage academics and researchers in collaborative work to protect and promote the Rights of the Child through research, knowledge exchange and networking, professional development of a new generation of individuals informed, aware, and motivated to uplift the standards of the UNCRC. Currently, the Chairs of the organization are based in Italy, Portugal, UK, Denmark, Hungary, Romania, Nigeria and USA.

DEPLOYMENT COUNTRY

Cyprus (Larnaca)

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

Themes of the "Youth for Hope – Humanitarian Division" project are social inclusion, unaccompanied minors, family tracing and reunification.

The project develops a volunteering framework that is envisioning a volunteer-centered program for volunteers to contribute to the daily work of the institution in solidarity activities for the ultimate benefit of the local communities. The program offers 1 month of adaptation, and the opportunity to specialize for 11 months in one of the departments of the Humanitarian Division: Social Work, Child Protection and Psychology.

Briefly, the volunteers will be involved in multilevel & multidisciplinary interactive work in Homes for Hope shelters with the following tasks: support and administrative activities, and daily care activities regarding the residents of the shelter; the inclusion of migrant children in Cypriots schools and society; and assist in implementation of EU projects and non-formal education activities at the shelter.

VOLUNTEERING PERIOD

12 months (starting date: Mid-October)

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

18/09/2023

ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

Accommodation shared with other ESC volunteers is arranged by the Institution. Food allowance is 150 € per month, and volunteers also receive personal pocket money of 5 € per day. Travel is reimbursed, and there is a monthly amount allocated for local transportation.

TRAINING DURING THE ACTIVITY

All volunteers receive on-arrival and mid-term evaluation training from the National Agency. Also, training regarding the tasks and procedures of the institution is provided by the institution's staff. Lastly, there is an online language support service provided.

PARTICIPANT PROFILE

We are looking for **3** undergraduates or graduates, offering volunteer positions that match the candidates' academic background, skills and abilities. Particularly, we are looking for **young people 20-30 years old** having the following work-related skills and characteristics:

- Fluency in English (good level of French also preferred);
- Bachelor's degree in International Relations, Humanitarian Aid, Education, Social Work, Psychology or related fields;
- Able to work in a multicultural environment, and to engage in intercultural dialogue and communication;
- Able to work in a team and in a high-pressure environment;
- Willing to work with young people from different nationalities and religions;
- Enthusiastic, hard-working, flexible;
- Time management, organizational and problem-solving skills.



CONTACTS

If you meet the requirements and are interested in our ESC positions, please send your CV and a motivation letter in PDF to Dr. Emma Mesikammen (mesikammen.e@uncrcpc.org) and Ms. Arianna Tortelli (tortelli.a@uncrcpc.org).