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### **General Information:**

The project "VIPS" is an EVS project which aims to give "space" and "voice" to the youth of Cyprus by giving them the necessary help in order to fulfil their dreams, their projects and their expectations. By doing this, young people will be creating a better society and a better world in which they will live, work, express themselves, create and act with their own respected way.

Five different EU countries will be joining the project and four (4) volunteers will be sent to Cyprus (one from each country) in order for the project to be implemented. The duration of the project is nine (9) months and the actual activities will last six (6) months (time when the volunteers will be in Cyprus). The participants will be 20-30 years old, with pleasant personalities, energetic, able to communicate and understand young people (especially those facing fewer opportunities). They will also be capable to learn and understand new things (theory, skills etc) and handle computers as well as social media.

The Volunteers will have the chance to design and implement several activities with and for young people of Limassol. Those actions will reflect the needs of those people, they will correspond to the aims of our organization and aim to help the society to improve. Such actions might be street festivals, music and theatre festivals / workshops, non formal and informal workshops, workshops regarding social inclusion, active participation and all kind of actions that will help young people to be improved as individuals.

Volunteers will also be participants during the implementations of those actions, but also they will have the space and the opportunity to lead and manage some of the activities mentioned above. Participants (volunteers) will not fill vacant places for personnel at the organization, but they will be acting according to the needs of the project, in cooperation and by helping the organization's personnel, members and volunteers.

The methodology used for the implementation of this project will be the use of nonformal and informal learning for cultivating skills, knowledge, attitudes and provide experience.

Participants will be benefited by gaining all the needed skills, attitude, knowledge, working experience about organizing, designing and implementing projects / actions/ workshops for young people aiming their interests, understanding their needs and including them to the society. They will also be able to adapt in multicultural and multilingual environments, take initiatives and fulfil projects / actions. Also, they will be able to believe on themselves, understand their strengths and weaknesses and always try to improve themselves.

Finally, young people from Limassol will come in contact with those volunteers and with the activities implemented and they will gain knowledge, understand the meaning of volunteerism, its benefits to people and its contribution to the local and European society. Through the implementation of the project, the organization, the participants, the participant organizations and the society in general will be long-term-benefited.

The organization will gain the necessary experience, knowledge and skills in order to be improve as a sending, hosting and coordinating organization. This kind of knowhow will be shared with other organizations and young people that want to participate in EVS projects.

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On the other hand, the participants will be benefited by a life time experience from which they will improve their knowledge, skills and attitude, believe in their selves and learn how to fulfil their dreams and help other people improve their lives for a better society.

Also, a fruitful cooperation will be established among the participant organizations with prospects of future cooperation in several fields regarding youth and social improvement.

Finally, a long-term-benefit will affect the society, where young people will be able to express themselves, create, stand for their rights and dreams and finally transform the society into a better place to live (especially for young people).

#### **Typical Timetable:**

The participants of the project will have a workload of 7 hours (average) on a daily basis. Also, the can have 2 days off monthly and when the organization needs them to work more time than the time mentioned above, more days-off are going to be added for them. Below, there is a typical timetable of their working time and tasks:

Working hours		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
(MORNING)								
Startin g time	Ending time	Description of foreseen activities	Description of foreseen activities	Description of foreseen activities	Description of foreseen activities	Description of foreseen activities	Description of foreseen activities	Description of foreseen activities
10:00	13:00	Meeting with coordinator - Discuss and preparation on weeks programme and methodology. Research for information, material eto for the programme.	Take part to the weekly service for the local community (cleaning, helping in church meals for poor, animation at kindergarden and school for children with special	Team work on preparation of Workshops and events	Participation to school and college visits for promoting volunteerism	Team work on preparation of Workshops and Events	Day Off	Day Off
(NOON)								,
Startin g time	Ending time	Description of foreseen activities	Description of foreseen activities	Description of foreseen activities	Description of foreseen activities	Description of foreseen activities	Description of foreseen activities	Description of foreseen activities
13:00	15:00	Lunch / Break	Lunch / Break	Lunch / Break	Lunch / Break	Lunch / Break	Day Off	Day Off
(AFTERNOON)								
Startin g time	Ending time	Description of foreseen activities	Description of foreseen activities	Description of foreseen activities	Description of foreseen activities	Description of foreseen activities	Description of foreseen activities	Description of foreseen activities
15:00	18:00	Support of the facilitation of the Organization's Center + Update of EVS Blog of the Organization	Support to the facilitation of Youth Club Activities + Practice in Greek Language Course	Support to the facilitation of the Organization's Center	Support to the facilitation of Youth Club Activities + Participate in Greek Language Course	Participate to the promotional team for next week's events in town + Weekly meeting with mentor	Day Off	Day Off
(EVE	NING)							
Startin g time	Ending time	Description of foreseen activities	Description of foreseen activities	Description of foreseen activities	Description of foreseen activities	Description of foreseen activities	Description of foreseen activities	Description of foreseen activities
	8 8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Day Off	Day Off

#### **Accommodation:**

The Volunteers will live in a house next to the organization and they will have to share a room with one other person (volunteer). The house is fully equipped with all necessary things (electric appliances, beds etc.) and volunteers need only to bring their clothes and laptops. The organization also owns 2 laptops that the volunteers can work on when they serve the organization.

The organization is based next to the house of the volunteers, so they don't have to use any transportation for going to the organization. The organization also pays the electricity bills, internet bills, water bills and other taxes of both, the organization and the volunteers' house.

Also, our organization provides the amount of 220euros to each volunteers (for living expenses and money allowance). Furthermore, we have made arrangements in order for the volunteers to eat at the charity place that they will serve (FOR FREE), so they will not have



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to spend money on buying food.

The photos following show the premises of the organization and the house of the volunteers:

## **THE HOUSE OF VOLUNTEERS**















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## **THE ORGANIZATION**











# THE YARD







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For more information, you can visit our WEB PAGE (www.key-ngo.org.cy/) and our FACEBOOK PAGE (www.facebook.com/ngo.key.cy). There, you can find more information, photos etc. regarding our STAFF MEMBERS, our events and more.

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