

European Solidarity Pride



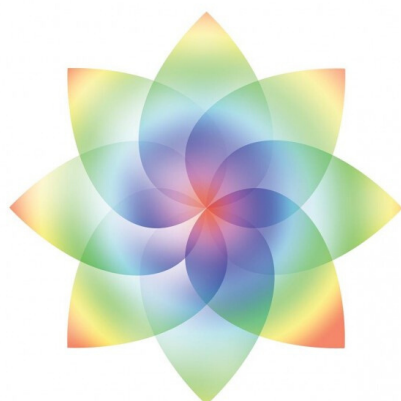
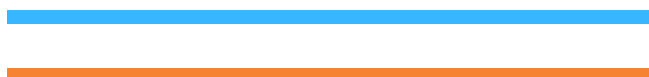
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About U.S.B



United Societies of Balkans (U.S.B.) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization based in Thessaloniki, Greece, working in the field of youth mobility, participation and promoting youth awareness of social issues. It was founded in 2008 by the initiative of a group of active young people who wanted to address the social issues which affect the youngsters in the Balkans and Eastern Europe.

Objectives

The goal of the organisation is the promotion of youth mobility, youth involvement and participation, voluntarism and human rights. We make it through:

- Promoting the values of non formal learning, voluntarism, active citizenship and democracy for the creation of a better future for the European youth;
- Involving minorities and immigrants into youth activities;
- Building healthy cooperation bridges between countries in the area of the Balkans and Eastern Europe with the rest of Europe;
- Using New Media and Citizens' Journalism methodologies to encourage youth expression, to raise awareness of Human Rights and to promote intercultural dialogue;
- Utilizing arts as a tool for the cultivation and expression of youth;
- Breaking down prejudices and stereotypes among the European countries and amongst youth.

In order to make more effective all our actions, USB is also member of several networks, such as Anna Lindh Foundation, Thess Diktio, Youth for Exchange and Understanding.

About Sympraxi



Sympraxi is one of the most active organisations for the LGBT community in Thessaloniki and Northern Greece. It started its activities in 1999, one of the firsts in the country, and has always implemented activities to fight discrimination and ask for equal rights through art and cinema.

Its main function is to organise the annual “Thessaloniki International LGBTQ Film Festival”, in cooperation with the Thessaloniki Film Festival. It also organises conferences, discussions and exhibition about the topic.



Thessaloniki



Thessaloniki is the second biggest city in Greece, and it is located in the North-East part of the country. It is a coastal city full of life, with a lots of youngsters and students. In 2014 it has been the European Youth Capital. It is also a city with a long history and tradition. It has always been a crossroad between the West and the East and a trading harbour for many Balkan countries. It embraces many immigrants and cultural groups from many areas of the wider region of the Balkans, which renders it a colourful mosaic of cultures and trends. More information is available on the website of the municipality: www.thessalonikicity.gr



In the vicinity

Interesting cities and places nearby: Meteora's monasteries, Pozar thermal natural baths, Kavala city and lots of other historical and natural places.

Travel to other countries: from Thessaloniki you will have the chance to get easily to the Balkan countries, well connected by plane, train or even bus. You can visit Serbia, Bosnia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Croatia, Bulgaria, Romania, North Macedonia, Turkey, Albania.

The project



We are looking for three participants, two coming from Italy and one from Cyprus. The volunteers will be in Thessaloniki for 240 days + 2 travel days, ideally from the 1st of March to the 27th of October 2020.

Volunteers will be involved in the preparation and implementation of the “Thessaloniki International LGBTIQ Film Festival”, which is also the main activity of the organization. Especially, from November to May there is the film submission Period, which the volunteers have to monitor, being in contact with the film directors. They will watch the films and write their opinion. Discussion – changing of opinions is an essential part of this work. Moreover, they have to visit painting and photography exhibitions and see if some of them have an LGBTIQ content.

From May to August the volunteers have to make proposals about the festival schedule. Moreover, they will be involved in preparing the files that will be sent to our external collaborator who is subtitling the films but do also some festival preparation (the program, etc.). Finally, in September the volunteers will be involved in writing in social media, actualize our website, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and in October the results of the film festival are written down and announced in social media.

The volunteers will give their services for a maximum of 30 hours per week, five days per week. They have the right to three free days extra that must be taken under the approval of the coordinator.

A mentor will support them during their staying and ensure their physical and mental well-being.



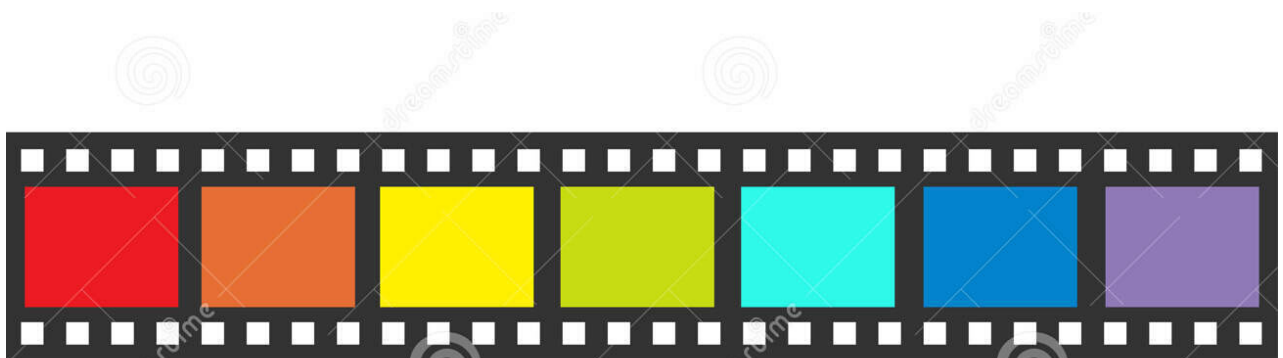
Volunteer's profile



We are looking for two volunteers from Italy and one from Cyprus, from 18 to 30 years old.

Priority will be given to people with fewer opportunities coming from disadvantaged environments, specifically people risking discrimination because of gender or sexual orientation. The ideal volunteer is willing to engage and be active in society, with interest in human rights and LGBT rights. The most important factor for the selection of the participants is their high motivation to join the activities planned in the project and their interest in the topic. Language skills will not be a primary requisite for the selection. However, basic English knowledge will be a helpful element for the volunteers themselves as it will make communication more comfortable and give them more security and self-confidence during the implementation of the activities.

We need strongly motivated participants willing to work with us, flexible and open minded. The volunteers will have the freedom to develop and propose initiatives having the support of our organisation and staff.



Language & Youthpass



Since the beginning of 2016, volunteers can take part in the online language courses through the online linguistic support platform created by the Erasmus+ programme: <http://erasmusplusols.eu/> We might provide extra Greek language courses with the help of other organisations. However, we try to encourage volunteers to learn the language through informal and non formal learning, participating in events and activities with Greek people, such as TANDEM meetings, where people from different countries help each other to learn and practise languages. This is an important activity organised with the cooperation of other organisations.



Youthpass

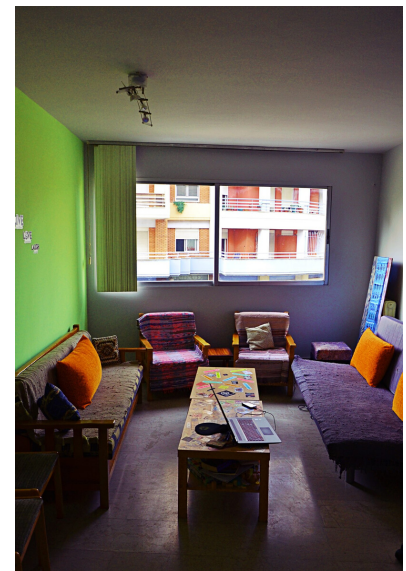
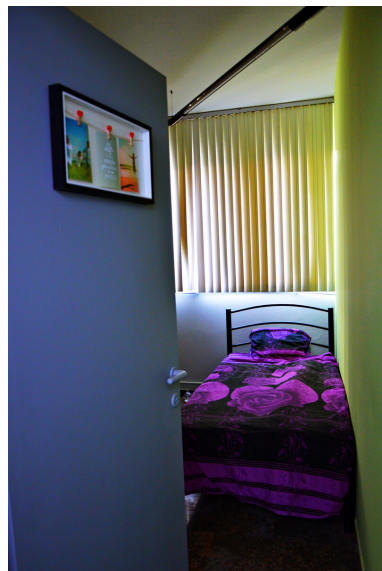
Youthpass is the official recognition tool for non-formal & informal learning in youth projects. Through it participants of Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps projects can describe what they have done and show what they have learnt. Volunteers have to keep a diary of their activities and learning in order to fulfill it properly at the end of their project. The Mentor is the responsible for the Youthpass and will support the volunteers for it.

Accommodation

Volunteers are going to be accommodated in a fully equipped building located in the city centre (Anagnostara, 13) near the main bus and train station of the city. It is an autonomous 5 floored building of 150 m2 per floor and a terrace on the 6th floor. There are two living rooms and a big kitchen, showers in the common floors and toilets in every floor.

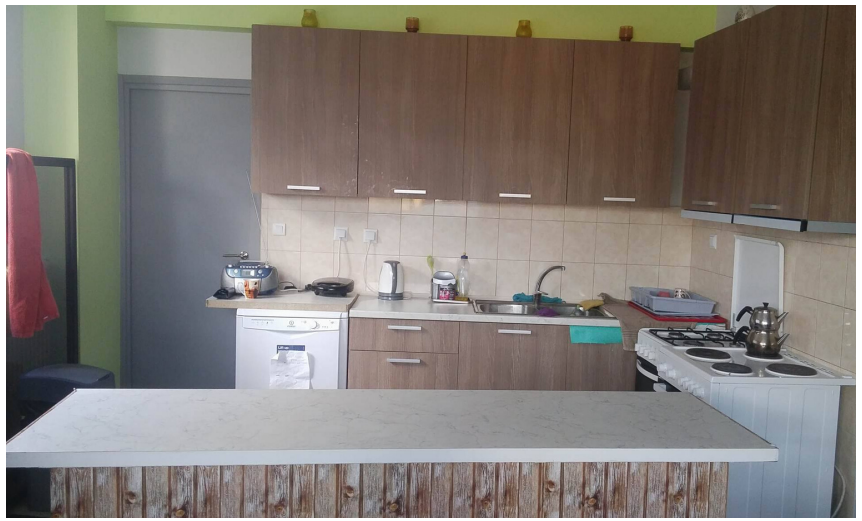
In the building there are also accommodated the volunteers who participate in other projects in the city coordinated by our organisation. Each volunteer will share their room with up to three more people of the same gender. In the building are living up to 35 volunteers.

Here is a video of the house :
<https://bit.ly/2JaZfmM>



There are also single rooms for people with special needs. Wireless internet is available in the whole building. The House Tender cleans the common spaces every day and the rooms once per month according to the volunteers. The volunteers are responsible for the daily cleaning of their own spaces as well as the common spaces during the weekends.

Food Policy



We provide our volunteers with three meals per day through a catering service that prepares the food according to their preferences and allergies (also if they are vegan or vegetarian). Diamantis Catering (<http://www.catering.gr/>) is one of the biggest catering services in Northern Greece and has received multiple certifications



of quality. In this way the volunteers will have the possibility to get in contact with the Greek cuisine and culture, but at the same time on Saturdays and Sundays they can cook and enjoy their own food. In the weekly days the House Tender will prepare the breakfast .

The kitchen is always available for the volunteers if they want to cook something more or add ingredients to their food.

Insurance and Health

The participants will have a private insurance by CIGNA, which covers all their needs for the whole duration of their project and even after that (for a few months).

The registration to the insurance is made by the Sending organisation. A network of doctors and hospitals is already available in order to meet all their needs, even the most urgent. The Mentor is responsible for all the issues connected with health and insurance.

Budget & responsibility



USB will be responsible of the practical arrangements (accommodation, food, tickets, welcoming) and will collaborate with Positive Voice for the preparation seminars of the volunteers.

Intervolve will be responsible for the activities of the volunteers. The travel costs are covered by the project until a limit based on the distance between Thessaloniki and the hometown of the volunteer.

The participant need to buy their tickets and will get the refund as soon as possible when we receive their tickets.

At the beginning of the mobility period the volunteers will take their individual financial support calculated in the following way: a pocket money, 5 euros per day plus 5 extra euros per day for the weekends, days off and official holidays of Greece (in these day the organisation will not provide meals).

The organisation will provide a monthly pass for the local transportation.



Our Team



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Aris

President

General
Coordination,
Approving the
budget, Supervise
the project and
support the team.

Christian

Network's Coordinator

Parallel activities,
Network's
activities
Workshops,
Monthly budget
Bureaucracy.

Amalia

Volunteers' Coordinator

Weekly tasks,
Daily activities,
Facilities,
Workshops,
Free days.

Urania

Mentor

Personal
development,
Health and social
issues,
Youthpass.

Dionisis

House Tender

House
cleaning, all
house issues,
meals.

Ermioni

Accountant

Financial issues