

JUMP IN AS AN EVS VOLUNTEER



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- Jump in works with the tutor Valeria, who is responsible for your job and is the president of the association. There are employees of the organization as well, who help the project management, the accountancy and all the processes. Petra is responsible for the project management and is a trainer in the projects, Noemi is working on the accountancy, Cinzia is helping the people, who we send abroad for projects, Andrea is writing and developing the projects or leading them as a trainer. Besides them we have 6 EVS volunteers who are working on the administration department, helping the projects processes, posting on social media accounts of Jump In and a lot of other things.
- Jump in organizes several courses and activities in Poggiardo and the cities nearby. If you are interested in one of the courses, you can attend, but you have to go there by your own. It means, you have to buy your train or bus ticket, go by bike or hitchhike. Jump In's courses are connected to many different topics, such as theater, dance, music, language, science or other cultural topics.
- Jump In has 4 different venues in Poggiardo, Diso, Andrano and Spongano. The office and the organization is in Poggiardo, and in the other cities there are several activities and courses.



PRACTICAL INFORMATIONS

The house

- As a volunteer, you have to live all together with the other volunteers. It means, you have double rooms (in the winter time it is better to arrange triple rooms because of the portable heating), single beds, you have to share the kitchen, the fridge and the bathroom. Sometimes it is not so easy, think about it, all your flat mates are from different countries, cultures. You have to be flexible, be able to learn new behaviors at home and at the same time creating friendship between you and the other volunteers.
- Keep in mind, there is no WiFi in the the volunteers house, so you have to by mobile internet (4GB/months for 10 euro e.g. Vodafone) or if you need network you can go to the office of Jump In, which is in front of the house.
- The house is a typical house from Salento, which means, that it is not prepared for the cold months, there isn't a central



heating system. From November to March Jump In provides gas heaters, one gas bottle per each month. The climate is all year very humid, which can be a problem for those, who have asthma or allergies. There are 4 rooms in the house, two rooms have small windows, so you can air through the entrance door.

Hospital

- As an EVS volunteer you have a private health insurance by AXA, if you need to go to the doctor urgently, and you have to pay, your sending organization helps you with the reimbursement. Keep in mind that you have to keep all the tickets, invoices and bills and receipt from the doctor as well. Usually if you visit the doctor, you don't have to pay. EU citizens with EU healthcare card can have the service for free.

Money

- You receive each month 110 euros as food money and 115 euros as pocket money. During the month you have to collect the bills and invoices for the food you buy, total of 100 euros. If you do bigger shopping in the supermarket, you have to ask for a "fattura" for Jump In. About the shopping: every week on Wednesday there is a street market in Poggiardo, where you can find local vegetables, fruits, cheese and all the food you need. For everything else there are 4 supermarkets in the city.

Transportation

- Since the office, where you work is just in front of the volunteers house, you don't need any transportation to reach the workplace. Jump In provides one bike for each volunteer which you can use to go to the beach, to other cities around or for just discovering Salento. For the bike you have to pay 25 euros deposit, which you receive back in the end of your EVS.

Italian course

- In a city near to Poggiardo (15 mins with the train) called Maglie there are Italian language courses for migrants. As an EVS volunteer you can join these courses for 2 month, 2 times per week, each lesson is 2 hours. Jump In pays you back the cost of your train tickets, but you have to collect them and ask for the reimbursement, when you finish the courses. The lessons are in the afternoon, so during siesta you can take the train and you can arrive back around 7 in the evening. If you enjoy the lessons and want to continue them, you can still go 2 times per week, but you have to pay for the transportation by yourself. After the course a CELI language certificate can be achieved. Additional information: the courses start at the end of September and end in May; the groups are formed according to their level of Italian; the teacher and the consistence of the groups can change week by week, don't expect a "professional" course. If you really want to learn Italian, you have to search for other ways to learn it too. Remember, Italian course is not compulsory, so you can decide if you go or not, but if you don't go, you have to work. There is a register in the office where you have to write if you went or not.

THE WORK IN JUMP IN AS A VOLUNTEER

What is your role in Jump In?

- The EVS volunteers in Jump In are responsible for some parts of the administration and they have to help the organization, wherever it's needed. First of all the volunteers have to check the official e-mail account of Jump In every day and answer all the letters. You have to keep in touch with all the partners and send them the data and documents they need.

At the same time you have to search for new partners and build up new partnerships between Jump In and organizations from all over the world.

- As a volunteer it is your task to manage the documentation of all the projects connected to Jump In. It means, that you have to make photos, photo selections, report videos and arrange everything in online clouds. You also have to collect and write articles about all our projects. Some projects also need summarizing blogs about them. Blogs, social media (facebook, twitter, Instagram, tumblr) are not difficult to use as a professional, you can take care of them - try to be as efficient as possible.

The work behavior: TIME

- You as a volunteer have to respect the time and your colleagues, so you have to arrive in time. The working hours are 9:00-13:00 and 16:00-19:00 from Monday to Friday, in the afternoon everybody has 3 hours of siesta. You can ask for free days, holidays for traveling, but you have to ask your tutor about it weeks before. If Jump In needs you for something special, you should be there and work. If on weekends or holidays you are working, later you can take them as extra free days. Basically you have 2 free days/month, which can be used as you wish (all together or separated), but always agree about them with your tutor before organizing your holidays. Jump In is flexible with the timetable, but it is better not to surprise each other with extra holidays or working days.

Motivation

- You have to motivate yourself. Don't expect motivation from your colleagues, your tutor/boss or your mentor. You have your tasks to do even if your tutor is not checking you day by day. If you have some ideas about your own personal projects just do it! Jump In is supporting all the great new ideas. There are some high and some low periods in the life of Jump In. Sometimes we are really busy with our projects, sometimes we are busy before the application deadlines for Erasmus+ but sometimes there is more free time. This time you can use for developing your own program, for example English course for Italian children, creative activities or just gain new skills which can be useful in your work in Jump In's future.

The opportunity

- If you are an EVS volunteer for 12 months, be here for 12 months. You have this special opportunity, you've been chosen, so appreciate it. Think about it, that if you are aborting your project, you stole the position from someone else, who would maybe appreciate it more.

Mentor

- Noemi is your mentor and she will be also the person collecting your tickets at once and paying you the money, you also have to decide on vacation with her. If you have any private or work-related problems talk to her. Her number is +393298507285.

The CHALLENGES

- EVS is a challenge. There will be some problems for sure, look at them as new challenges to achieve. Find a solution instead of being afraid. There will be some things what you don't like for sure. Take them as new things to learn, widen your perspective, learn patience and tolerance instead of panicking or being afraid.

- This is Italy, sometimes you have to wait for the things. If the meeting is at 10:00, don't be surprised if it starts 3 hours later. This is a cultural thing here, try to learn, how to deal with it.

Be prepared to do some of these activities during your EVS:

- *If you have to write some articles or create creative posts about various topics.*
- *If you have to lead a workshop in a project, Youth Exchange, Training Course.*
- *If you have to be creative and create new activities of handcraft, language courses, or non-formal education.*
- *If you have to teach English to children or teenagers.*
- *If you have to improvise a short presentation of Jump In to people.*
- *If you have some unexpected tasks to do. You can manage it! 😊*
- *If you have to learn something new. (For example using a program, such as photoshop, powerpoint, wordpress etc., you can learn it from Youtube tutorials!)*
- *If you have to make a presentation about a topic, you can just google it, learn it, prepare it and present it.*

