



EVS project in YUPI

Who we are

YUPI – Youth Union of People with Initiative is a youth non-governmental organization working for Social and Community Development since 2008.

We are involved in different areas of action, such as youth mobility, volunteering, international cooperation and social entrepreneurship. Our work is guided by values of active participation, cooperation, equality and democracy. Our main goal is to provide non formal learning opportunities to young people between 13 and 30 years old, encouraging personal and social development and supporting initiatives and projects for community development, solidarity and youth entrepreneurship.

Where we are

YUPI is based in the city of Vila Nova de Famalicão, a portuguese city in the district of Braga, Minho region, in the North of Portugal. This city has 201,85 km² and 133 804 inhabitants (2011). It was created in 1835 and turned into city on the year 1985. Regarding train and road connections, Famalicão is a very accessible city. In 20 minutes by car, one can reach the

airport of Porto (Francisco Sá Carneiro). To Porto, Braga and Guimarães, the most important cities around, it is very easy and cheap to reach there, by bus or train (40 minutes, 20 minutes and 30 minutes, respectively). With a 20 minutes distance by car one can be by the ocean at the cities of Póvoa de Varzim or Vila do Conde, easily reachable also by bus connection. The temperature in Famalicão during the year is quite mild, with humid winters and warm summers (still, be prepared for very hot days in summer and quite cold weather in winter, also because our houses/buildings are not so well prepared for thermal isolation! This means that, even coming to south Europe, please come prepared also with warm clothes, because they will be needed!).



Projects/tasks for the EVS volunteers to be involved in:

- **School of Active Citizens** - helping with activities in weekly clubs (school radio, organic garden, human rights, etc.) in a school context for youngsters between 13 and 16 years old;
- **Volunteering Club** - helping in the implementation of weekly sessions about volunteering in a partner school for youngsters between 15 and 17 years old;
- **BUÉ** - supporting, promoting and managing a bicycle project runned by a group of YUPI's volunteers, with a system of shared bikes and organization of bike rides and other bicycle promotion activities;

- **Circus School** - collaboration in the regular activities of a local circus art school and other activities of circus art promotion to the general public;
- **Theatre School** - collaboration in the regular activities of a local theatre school and other activities of theatre art promotion to the general public;
- **Our rivers** - collaboration with a local environmental project runned by the Municipality of Famalicão with activities concerning the local rivers protection (monitoring rivers quality, cleanings, awareness campaigns to the population);
- **Road safety** - collaboration with a local educational project runned by the Municipality of Famalicão with activities about road safety issues and practices to young people;
- **EVS volunteer own project** – there will be the opportunity for the EVS volunteer to propose and implement his/her own project idea in our local context.

Note that: once the EVS volunteers arrive to YUPI, during the first 2 weeks there will be the chance to see live and with more detail each one of the projects above and after that they will have to decide in which of them they will be more directly involved.



When this EVS project will happen

This EVS project in YUPI will last for 12 months, starting in March 2018.

Practical/logistical conditions

The 2 EVS volunteers will live together in the same rented flat located at the city centre of Famalicão. Each one will have his/her private bedroom and shared toilet, kitchen and living room, all equipped with the basic furniture and house equipments.

Each volunteer will receive monthly the amount of 150€ for food costs plus the 120€ of pocket money.

The volunteers will work, in average, six hours per day and five days per week. The weekends will be free as well as the national holidays, but in case there will be YUPI's activities, the volunteers will then have the corresponding free days during the week-days. Each volunteer has also the right for two days of vacations per month of volunteering and they will be spent a part during the summer holidays in August and the rest along the year, in agreement with YUPI's activities.

The volunteers will have a portuguese language course during some weeks in the beginning of the volunteering period, with a rhythm of one or two lessons per week with a portuguese teacher.

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Looking forward to welcome you here ;)

