**European Solidarity Corps** 

1 vacancy

12 months

Place: Tortosa city

## INFOPACK BLANQUERNA

We work for the most vulnerable groups in Tortosa









Dear volunteer,

We are **Obre't'ebre, the coordinating organization** for 10 different projects in Terres de l'Ebre and **Blanquerna** is one of them.

Thank you for your interest in participating, contributing, and cooperating with INTEGRATION FOR ALL. Please, read the information below in this guide where you can find useful information about our ECS project in Terres de l'Ebre, in Catalonia.

Please, do not hesitate to contact us with any of your questions!

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Obre't'ebre team

#### Who we are

**Esplai Blanquerna** is an organization of social action committed to the most vulnerable ones. Its mission is to promote an integrated and inclusive society, community personalism in the context of Christian humanism, for people at risk of exclusion.

#### Their objectives are:

- •Leisure education for children and young people in general, with special attention to those who have more social difficulties.
- •Favor the world of volunteering among young people and children.
- •Respond to the educational and practical demands of monitors, directors, and students or professionals in the world of social education.
- •Provide a framework for the knowledge of social reality for young monitors.
- •Manage assisted flats for children and adults with social integration difficulties.
- •Participate in the debate on childhood and youth in Terres de L'Ebre.
- •Help and encourage other entities for similar purposes, from their own experience, and their media.
- •Promote and support activities that have to do with children and young people and with the social integration of children and young people

### What do we do?

Non formal education projects with youth and children



Socio-educational intervention service of Tortosa (SIS), focused on children, young people and families at risk. We carry out the family's module and the day service that attends children and young people between 4 and 15 years old.

Women protection



Emergency apartment for women victims of domestic and gender violence and their sons and daughters from Terres de L'Ebre.

Protection of vulnerable groups



We coordinate the invulnerable program in the city, which is an initiative against child poverty and is promoted by different institutions and entities, the Generalitat de Catalunya, the social work la Caixa, the FC Barcelona Foundation and the Tortosa City Council.

### Our team

Blanquerna is a non lucrative organization and its composed by

#### The board

... is the entity's governing body that takes executive decisions between assemblies, legally and publicly represents the entity and is responsible for meeting the objectives set in the members' assemblies.

### The professional technical team

...is responsible for the day-to-day management of the entity: attending to the different target groups. The team is formed by different social workers, psycologists, pedagogues...

#### Volunteering

is a large part of the soul of Blanquerna, essential for the organization to work optimally. It is thanks to volunteers that the organization was founded, and its effort helps many projects.





Accompaniment and educational support for children and young people (workshops, theatre, music, school support, languages, trips) as well as in actions for young migrants without family reference



The volunteer will organize activities based on digital skills for people in the process of seeking employment. At the headquarters of the Blanquera, the volunteer will offer support to the structure of the organization and will work on social networks.

## Volunteer's tasks

HOURS: between 30 and 35h

+ catalan lessons 2 h per week



The volunteeer will stay directly with children in Playschemes and during summer he might work in Summer camps.



The volunteer will offer suport in extra curricular activities in the school (dinning rooms, activities in the evenings is needed...)



Diffusion of ECS and local participation: the volunteers need to participate at least in 3 different talks (schools, radio, etc) to explain the experience, and to participate in 6 different local actions to get to know the community where they are living (environmental, social, cultural...)

## Volunteer's tasks Personal

Personal Project: Preparing your project is a compulsory activity for your personal development. Always need to coordinate with your hosting organization.



# Volunteer's profile

- Is open-minded towards differences and has an unconditional respect for the others
- Is interested in working with diversity of people
- Is willing to do the tasks
- Has previous experience in volunteering at the local level
- Has a personal interest in the topic covered by the association
- Is highly motivated to learn Catalan and Spanish
- Is highly motivated to have relations with the community

### Practical arrangements



Monthly pocket money at the beginning of each month (6 euros per day)



- EU citizen, bring your European Health Insurance Card. For non-EU citizens, we have to apply to Henner Insurance
- Spanish community: do not forget to bring your Social Security Number



- The shopping list will be done by the volunteers
- The food will be delivered every 2 weeks by a supermarket



- Facilities and rooms (4-6 double beds) are shared.
- Free WIFI
- Sharing the house with other projects is possible.
- Deposit of 100 euros on arrival. Returned at the end if belongings are fine



- Working hours maximum 35 hours per week
- 2 h language per week (Catalan)
- Personal project
- If working weekends, it will be compensated during the week
- 2 days off per month



 The language course will consist of Catalan language (the Official Language in Catalonia) and it will be strengthened with language, 2 hours per week (in volunteering or formal courses)

## Practical arrangements



- Volunteers have a mentor. Individual mentoring and group mentoring with other volunteers are compulsory
- Volunteers need to assist with the compulsory training by the National Agency: 1 on arrival and 1 mid-term evaluation.



- Travel costs will be reimbursed after submitting tickets, bills, boarding passes, etc
- Travel costs are based on EU travel grant accordingly to the ESC program



- Visa costs can be covered. First, ask us about the assigned amount
- Ask us for the supporting letters on time
- Make sure of the procedures and dates with your embassy to obtain the visa



- Each volunteer will have a bike, helmet, and a bike lock
- On arrival, volunteers need to know that helmet (10 Euros), bike lock (10 Euros), and bike (60 Euros) are priced at 80 Euros. If volunteers lose, break, or damage the items they will need to replace them

# More information of Blanquerna

Facebook	https://www.facebook.com /esplaiblanquerna? locale=es_ES
Instagram	https://www.instagram.co m/eblanquerna/
Web site	https://esplaiblanquerna.c om/

To become a volunteer in Blanquerna ...it is important that the volunteer likes to work children and youth

