

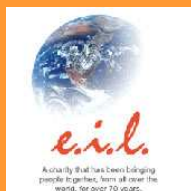


European Voluntary Service Pre-departure Training

Learning outcomes

By the end of the pre-departure training you will:

- Have information on the life cycle of an EVS project, the partners involved and the Rights and Responsibilities of each partner
- Have met other volunteers who are going on EVS around the same time as you as well as meeting at least one volunteer who is currently undertaking or completed their EVS project.
- Know how your project is funded by whom
- Have the chance to consider the philosophy of EVS and discuss with other volunteers attitudes and perceptions about volunteering in general and specifically EVS
- Have had explained technical and practical information you require such as how much pocket money you will receive what is covered by your EVS insurance and what to do if you need to make a claim
- Have thought about why you are volunteering, what it means to you, what you hope to gain from it and what it could mean for you in the future
- Considered what qualities, skills and knowledge you will bring to your project, and what you have to offer
- Have had the chance to explore more about the project you are going on and also hear about other volunteers EVS projects
- Have started to think about intercultural learning and the culture shock you are likely experience when starting out your volunteering and also started to
- Know what you need to do before you leave for your project
- Have discussed any worries, concerns or questions you have about the project
- Understand some of the opportunities available through Youth in Action you could undertake on your return and have considered the options available to you
- Be looking forward to your project and ready to go!





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PRE - DEPARTURE TRAINING SCHEDULE

Time	Activity
Day 1 13.00 14.00	Lunch on arrival followed by Introductions, short presentation about EVS the history, how it is funded & the future Then throughout the day we will offer various activities in order that you can consider: What is EVS Exercise? The Ethos, The concept of volunteering And, what it means to you personally—what will you gain from an EVS project? What can you give ? What are your rights and responsibilities ? And also what are the responsibilities and the rights of your hosting & sending organisations ? About your project and the country/culture you will be experiencing Culture Shock 'v' intercultural learning —how to make EVS a positive experience
16.00-16.30	Coffee/tea break
16.30-18.30	Training & Research Activities to include: Present your host organisation Expectations & Motivation Crisis Management —What to do if things go wrong... emergency contacts , problem solving and steps you can take to minimise or prevent problems Stereotypes —a light end to a heavy day
19.00-20.30	Dinner either in the training venue or in a local restaurant
20.30-21.30	Testimony of a real EVS volunteer , followed by Who wants to be a Millionaire EVS Quiz —testing what you know about EVS Prizes to be won!!!
Day 2 8.00-9.00	Breakfast
9.00-13.00	Issues surrounding EVS - European Citizenship & Intercultural awareness Practical aspects e.g. insurance, money, accommodation Health & Safety and Skills audit Looking at languages Future opportunities post EVS —the wider Youth in Action Programme
Lunch & possible team activity 13.00-14.00 Depart	Lunch and open space to ask trainers & current/ex volunteers questions about your forthcoming experience Keep in contact—a chance to collect contact details of other volunteers to keep in touch Dependent on venue and group being trained - the day may finish with an optional problem solving team activity such as raft building or a low ropes course. Departure

