

# JOIN US FOR AN 8 MONTHS VOLUNTEERING ESC IN SANTANDER (SPAIN)

THE PARTICIPANTS MUST BE RESIDENTS OF EU



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## WHAT IS ONCE?

The "Organización Nacional de Ciegos Españoles" (ONCE) National Organization of Spanish blind people) is a Spanish foundation to raise funds that provide **services for the blind** and people with serious **visual impairment**. In this project ONCE is the **hosting organization**.

## WHAT IS SER JOVEN?

Ser Joven is a non-profit organisation formed by a multidisciplinary team of educators, monitors, leisure time animators who, by using their different professional experiences, intend to achieve a common goal: the value of the **leisure time education**. In this project SER JOVEN is the **coordinating organization**.

## WE ARE LOOKING FOR

**5 volunteers for ONCE, from March/April 2022 to November 2022, 8 month in total (apply ASAP)**

## VOLUNTEERS' DAILY ACTIVITIES

- **Accompaniment** to people with visual impairments to help them run daily tasks (bank, doctor, shopping);
- Helping them to **participate in activities organized by ONCE** (accompany them from their homes to ONCE and back home) and support in different **workshops**: ceramics, reading);
- Accompaniment in **excursions or trekking**, in **big events** and celebrations in which people without self-autonomy or family support would not be able to participate;
- **Going for a walk with them** (to the beach, to the park...) offering their company.
- Helping with **promoting the ESC programme**.

## OCCASIONAL ACTIVITIES AT ASOCIACIÓN SER JOVEN:

- Different activities in the field of organizing **free time educational activities** for youth and **information and promotion of ESC Programme**, workshops, alternative educative night activities ("La Noche es Joven" in Santander), summer camps, work camps, awareness-raising campaigns and other educative activities, talks and seminars disseminating European Solidarity Corps, European activities,



## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AND TRAINING:

\* At the beginning of the activity, all volunteers are offered a special training course by specialists in the rehabilitation of ONCE members with recent visual impairment, in which they learn:

- the **history** aims and functioning of ONCE as an institution and **different services it offers**;
- the **meaning and importance of voluntary work**;
- **relation** with people with **blindness and visual impairment**;
- **techniques of accompaniment** to people with visual impairment;
- types of visual impairments.

Apart from that, volunteers have the opportunity to participate in workshops for blind people (literature, pottery, theatre, etc...) and in all the cultural events organized by ONCE.

\* Training about Asociación Ser Joven, aims, programmes.



## VOLUNTEERS' PROFILE

- **motivated**, whose physical and mental condition is compatible with project duties; i.e.
- a person with **no mobility problems** and motivated enough (sometimes, the Project activities can seem routine),
- **flexible** (the activities have no fixed timetable, as they mostly depend on the needs of ONCE members),
- **able to motivate a person** with visual impairment to go out and enrich their social life.
- **ready to live in a shared room** with another European volunteer.
- **basic level of Spanish** is an asset
- **previous experience** with people at risk of social exclusion or experience as an animator or youth leader, as well as having worked with the elderly, is welcome (however not necessary).



## PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS:

- **Accommodation** (shared room in a shared flat with other ESC volunteers) with internet WIFI
- **local transportation** (travel card)
- **monthly pocket money** (150 euro), **food money** (150 euro)
- **mentor**
- **online Spanish Language Course** for foreigners;
- opportunity to carry out a **personal project**.