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PROGETTI NEL REGNO UNITO (GALLES) COORDINATI DA UNA EXCHANGE

1) Progetto 2007-GB-67 UNA - ProMo-Cymru Limited

Community music events and media activities to support young people's creative projects

- Ente di accoglienza: UNA - ProMo-Cymru Limited
- Dove: Cardiff (United Kingdom)
- Partenza: Ottobre 2010
- Durata: 11 mesi
- Ambiti tematici: *Community music events and media activities to support young people's creative projects*
- **Inviare entro LUNEDI' 1 MARZO 2010**
- ✓ **CV Euorpass + Lettera di Motivazione**
- ✓ **Application Form specifico per la candidatura UNA Exchange**

Descrizione del Progetto

ProMo-Cymru is a youth enterprise organisation specialising in the cultural industries with a history of supporting innovative and experimental creative projects. ProMo-Cymru's success has been based on clear consultation, working directly with young people in Wales and responding to their needs. The organisation's strength is in the diversity of a user-led approach working with individual young people, groups and youth organisations in the development of participatory projects. The organisation has over twenty years experience of creative ICT developments, conceiving, supporting and implementing cutting edge projects as collective solutions and activities in youth work and culture. In recent years the organisation has carried out and completed a number of relevant developmental projects. ProMo-Cymru is working to bring the Ebbw Vale Institute (EVI) back into use as a vibrant community space for cultural activities, learning and social enterprise for communities in Blaenau Gwent and develop a sustainable plan to upgrade the Institute as a long term community asset to deliver sustainable regeneration in the area.

ProMo operates principally in Cardiff, the capital city of Wales, Newport and the Vale of Glamorgan, but is also active in the South Wales Valleys. While there is a high level of youth unemployment in these areas, there is simultaneously a great potential amongst young people in terms of their creative abilities. ProMo exists to support such young people to realise and develop this potential.

Promo are looking for 1 volunteer to help support and develop their work at the Ebbw Vale Institute (about 1 hour from Cardiff).

Main tasks: The EVS project will in part be developed according to the interests and abilities of the volunteers but will broadly cover the following areas:

- Support the general running of Ebbw Vale Institute (EVI)
- Develop and support activities running at the EVI
- Help to promote the EVI within the local community
- Engage with the local community to ensure the EVI is providing appropriate activities and cultural events for the local community

There will also be general administrative tasks attached to this project, and although Promo organise various workshops and events a lot of time can be based in the office.

Required skills

We are looking for 1 volunteer with an interest in the cultural industry. Experience could include marketing, administration, event management, Photography and/or video, including editing skills would be very welcome. Volunteers need a lot of independence and self-motivation, adaptability and entrepreneurial skills. Other qualities we are looking for are patience, a good sense of humour, the ability to work in a team, the ability to remain calm in stressful situations and flexibility.

Practical conditions

The volunteers will live centrally in Cardiff with one other EVS volunteer in a shared house. Each person will have their own bedroom and will share kitchen, bathroom and living room. An amount of £220 will be paid once a month for food and pocket money. The volunteers will have bicycles to go to and from work.

Things you should know

This project really demands a lot of initiative and self-motivation. You will need to have a background in this field in order to make the best use of the 11 months. As ProMo organises events and workshops, a lot of working time is during unsociable hours, i.e. weekends and evenings. This is especially true during the summer months when Promo are arranging festivals and concerts where clients perform. You would

therefore be expected to work where necessary out of the normal 9 – 5 Monday to Friday routine. However as the working week is only 35 hours you would be able to take time off during the week.

2) Progetto 2008-GB-32 Dare Valley Country Park

Environmental education for young people in an informal environment

- Ente di accoglienza: Dare Valley Country Park
- Dove: Aberdare in the South Wales Valleys (Cardiff is 20 miles away) (United Kingdom)
- Partenza: Ottobre 2010
- Durata: 11 mesi
- Ambiti tematici: Environmental education for young people in an informal environment.
- **Inviare entro LUNEDI' 1 MARZO 2010**
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Descrizione del Progetto

The Environmental Education team based at Dare Valley Country Park is managed by the Lifelong Learning Division of Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council.

It houses teaching facilities and a 2 star hotel accommodation for up to sixty. It regularly welcomes schools, colleges, community groups and other organisations. The Centre offers day visits for local schools with themes such as Habitats, Environmental Art or Orienteering; outreach programmes visiting schools and giving workshops or taking students on trips such as river studies on the Rhondda. It also offers residential for schools and community groups, provides training for teachers on issues involving the environment, free resource loan service for teachers wishing to work on environmental issues in the classroom and also family days where local families can come and work together on an environmental theme from arts and crafts to local walks.

The education service at Dare Valley Country Park has 3 full time staff and one part-time assistant.

The centre's grounds with meadow, ancient oak woodland, streams and lakes are ideal for field study work

and pleasant walks. In addition both urban and rural areas are in easy reach.

Dare Valley Country Park Centre is on the outskirts of the town of Aberdare in the South Wales Valleys. It is an area which grew in the 19th Century as the coal and iron industry developed. Most of this industry has now gone which has led to social problems related to high unemployment and economic depression. The area also has a very large population of young people, above the national average. Many of these young people are not very mobile and have never left the country. Despite this, the local community is friendly and welcoming.

This region is known as the Valleys due to the numerous valleys that run down from the mountains. They are lined with strings of communities made up of old terraced miners' houses. Some of these towns are quite small and have few amenities but are linked to the larger cities by public transport. The town lies in the industrialised valleys of South Wales between the mountains of the Brecon Beacons National Park and the coast. It is about 20 miles from Cardiff.

The Project

The Environmental Education Service at Dare Valley Country Park has hosted 5 EVS volunteers in the past and also international volunteers on short term group projects. We have benefited greatly from the work done by volunteers, both long term and 2-week projects. Groups have built ponds, created footpaths and bridges, and an orienteering trail. EVS volunteers have developed environmental education resources, led groups, organised global activity days and assisted with Environmental Education activities. The local community has embraced volunteers from different parts of the world and it is a good opportunity (and often the only one) for local youths to meet and work with international peers.

Tasks

The actual tasks depend on the way in which the project develops but will involve a range of community activities. Present activities include:

- Environmental education ensuring that young people in the local community have a meaningful experience with the environment. This can range from workshops to art to games to outdoor activities. If the volunteer is interested they could start up running a monthly club for young people on the theme of the environment.
- Support work for environmental activities. This can include developing resources.
- Ongoing work with schools. This includes running day workshops around 3 days a week and facilitating environmental summer schools. Of the participants, 90% are aged 6-11 and 10% 11-18 year olds. The volunteer will be supported by the workshop tutor but could develop activities according to their interests. They could for example organise a trip to the local heritage centre or run

a wildlife investigation in the pond with the young people and then create paintings representing what they have learnt.

- Improving Centre's Environmental resources by creating new displays and information sources. The volunteer could create display boards, a photographic display, make new leaflets or even a video.
- Running monthly family events on the theme of the environment. Again these could range from walks to outdoor activities, to arts and crafts, and games.
- Organising and assisting with a UNA Exchange International Work-camp

A member of Dare Valley Country Park's staff will support all the volunteers' activities. The volunteer will initially work together with a member of staff. Once the volunteer has gained more confidence and experience, they can take on a leadership role and plan and lead activities.

Dare Valley Country Park can provide the volunteer with training in Health and Safety, Child Protection and First Aid.

There is a local adult education centre where volunteers can sign up to classes in a wide variety of subjects.

Practical arrangements

The volunteer will live in a shared student house about half an hour away from their project. They will receive a free train pass to commute between the project and also to Cardiff City Centre.

Volunteer profile

The volunteer should have a strong interest in the environment and environmental issues and working with young people.

Experience and skills in working with young people, doing practical environmental/conservation tasks, knowledge of the environment and environmental issues, experience in running workshops and local community work would all be useful in this project.

The volunteer should be able to use his/her initiative and contribute his/her own ideas to the project.

A volunteer prepared to live in a fairly rural area is important as the nearest large city (Cardiff) is 20 miles away.

3) Progetto 2008-GB-15 Merthyr Youth Service

Supporting activities for disadvantaged youth (aged 11-25yrs) and bilingual support in schools.

- Posti disponibili: 5 volunteers, including 1 Portuguese, 1 Polish
- Ente di accoglienza: Merthyr Youth Service
- Dove: Merthyr is a town of 59,000 people based in South East Wales, half an hour drive to Cardiff.
- Partenza: Ottobre 2010
- Durata: 11 mesi
- Ambiti tematici: Supporting activities for disadvantaged youth (aged 11-25yrs) and bilingual support in schools.
- Descrizione del Progetto: Vedi Allegato
- EVS Activities (Please specify which activity you are most motivated for on the application form)

Activity 1 Merthyr Youth Inclusion Project

Activity 2 Merthyr Pen Y Dre Youth Centre

Activity 3 Merthyr Info Shop

Activity 4 Merthyr Bilingual Support in Schools (Portuguese and Polish Volunteers needed)

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Descrizione del Progetto

The Merthyr Tydfil Youth Service works with young people aged 11-25 throughout the borough of Merthyr Tydfil. The service has 22 full time staff working on a variety of different areas which include outreach work, mobile youth provision, youth information, Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, alternative curriculum and schools youth work. The Youth Service works in partnership with local groups and individuals, creating opportunities for community action and development through supporting activities for young people. We have worked with UNA Exchange on local international workcamps and youth exchanges which were very positive experiences for the young people involved. Merthyr Tydfil is an area of high deprivation lying on the outskirts of an area of outstanding natural beauty on the Brecon Beacons National Park. At one point it was one of the major industrial centres of the world. Since the turn of the 20th Century it has faced decline. Merthyr is a town of 59,000 people based in South East Wales, half an hour

drive to Cardiff. It has good public transport links to Cardiff and South Wales Coast. Merthyr has a tradition of welcoming people from abroad and has a good sized Polish and Portuguese community. The strong community spirit of this area is struggling to stay alive because of high levels of unemployment, especially within the youth population, low take up of further education opportunities and very limited social or play facilities for those in the low income bracket. The area also has a very large population of young people, above the national average. Many of these young people are not very mobile and have never left the country. The young people of Merthyr Tydfil face a host of challenges due to the difficult socio-economic environment which the Youth Service are working to overcome. The Youth Service has a tradition of providing opportunities, training and support for local volunteers to work with young people and has hosted EVS volunteers for over 5 years. There is a team of dedicated youth workers based in a youth centre in the centre of Merthyr from which the EVS volunteers will work. The youth service provides a number of opportunities for young people to get involved in such as sports, outdoor activities, youth exchanges, digilabs, Eurodesk, issues based workshops and so on. The EVS volunteers will have the opportunity to work in all these areas to identify specific interests.

EVS Activities

(Please specify which activity you are most motivated for on the application form)

Activity 1 Merthyr Youth Inclusion Project

This is a project working with young people who are at risk of offending. It provides activities for young people to ensure that they develop new skills, develop their personalities and are able to progress back into employment, school, college or training. The activity involves a lot of work and support with challenging young people. Many of the activities organised will be outdoor activities and trips to the surrounding area where the volunteer will be required to support the young people and supervise them. The volunteer may also be involved in supporting young people in schools who have been identified as being at risk of offending. The volunteer will be given the opportunity to develop their own activities with the young people according to their own motivations and experiences. This project is looking for a communicative, energetic young person who is ready to work with challenging young people and support their learning and development.

Activity 2 Merthyr Pen Y Dre Youth Centre

Pen Y Dre Youth Centre is based on the site of Pen Y Dre High School and offers young people the opportunity to take part in activities after school and at weekends. It is supported by regular youth workers who organise activities and events for young people coming in to the youth centre. It also acts as a youth information point for young people to find out information about a wide range of issues from health and development to jobs and volunteering. The volunteer will be required to support the general work of the youth centre through helping with the preparation and reporting of activities as well as the updating of information available to young people. The volunteer will also be able to organise their own workshops and projects. Past volunteers have organised weekend projects, art workshops and presentation evenings. This project is looking for a volunteer who is motivated to work with difficult young people in a high pressure environment. They should be keen to explore different ways of engaging with young people and be prepared to support them in activities. The volunteer should also be prepared to work independently to achieve tasks and plan his or her own workshops for the young people.

Activity 3 Merthyr Info Shop

This activity is based within a drop-in youth information centre in the centre of Merthyr Tydfil. It offers young people the chance to drop in on a daily basis to access information, advice, computers and activities. The info shop is run by a team of youth workers and involves both daytime and evening work. The volunteer will be required to work some evenings and weekends but obviously will get extra time off during the week. The volunteer's role is to support the youth workers at the info shop by assisting at drop-in sessions, talking to young people, supervising workshops and running activities. The volunteer will also be required to update the information on display in the centre and keep a record of the attendance of young people. There is the opportunity for the volunteer to develop a tri-monthly newsletter and also to create their own projects and workshops with young people in the info shop. Volunteers in the past have run drumming workshops and international volunteering workshops. The volunteer should be keen to work with young people aged 14-25 and motivated to communicate with young people and engage with young people through supporting activities and workshops whilst also developing their own activities and workshops.

Activity 4 Merthyr Bilingual Support in Schools (Portuguese and Polish Volunteers needed)

The activity requires 2 volunteers (normally 1 Polish volunteer and 1 Portuguese volunteer). Volunteers work within a variety of Primary and Secondary schools in Merthyr Tydfil to help support young people from migrant communities to settle in to school and understand the lessons. This project has developed due to the high numbers of Portuguese and Polish people coming into Merthyr Tydfil to find work. Volunteers will work in classes with Portuguese and Polish children of migrant workers and help them to understand the teacher better and complete the assigned tasks during the lessons. This project requires volunteers who speak a good level of English and either Portuguese or Polish. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to link in with the other youth work projects in Merthyr Tydfil and also on a project called Glamorgan Gates

where they will have the opportunity to produce a newsletter specifically for the Portuguese and Polish communities. This project is a demanding one; volunteers will find themselves in high demand throughout their project as they are often one of only a few people on hand to support the migrant worker communities and young people in schools. This project requires a volunteer who is keen to work with young people in a school setting and who is interested in developing their language abilities whilst finding out about migrant worker and immigration issues here in Wales.

Practical Arrangements

All volunteers in Merthyr Tydfil will live in a shared 5 bedroom house in a part of Merthyr Tydfil called Dowlais – it is a 2minute walk from local shops and a local pub and also a 25 minute walk from the town centre. Merthyr Tydfil is about 1 hour from Cardiff and about 4 hours from London.