

CALL FOR EVS VOLUNTEERS IN BULGARIA

Name of the project: LOVE&HATE III: Youth for On-line Tolerance

Background: Infinite Opportunities Association (IOA) is part of the international campaign of the Council of Europe "Young People Combating hate speech on-line" aka No Hate Speech Movement which began in 2013 with a series of national and international events for capacity building of project managers, youth organizations and on-line activists. Our Association has delivered a nation-wide youth training with a focus on similarities and differences of freedom of speech and hate speech, we have held a photo exhibition at Sofia airport and run a website called Tolr@nce Platform with info, articles and links on antidiscrimination, combating hate speech and promotion of diversity – www.ontolerance.eu.

Main topics: Anti-discrimination, Tolerance and European Citizenship

Duration of the project/number of volunteers: The project will last 12 months and will include the participation of 3 volunteers (1 is coming from Italy, the second one from Portugal and the third one from Spain).

Practical aspects and experience of the staff responsible for the volunteers: All participants will be accommodated in a shared flat in Sofia. They will receive pocket money and food allowance to the equivalent of 180 Euro per month as well as a full pass for the public transportation system of Sofia city. The main part of the activities would take place in the capital city. The volunteers will work in the main office of the organization in close proximity to the city centre. During campaign times volunteers will be asked to join the IOA staff in its field trips across the country for delivering presentations in small town and village schools as well as for performing in street actions and outdoor activities.

Main responsibilities and activities of the volunteers: The volunteers will be divided into three main project areas:

- On-line Monitoring and reporting of hate speech messages in social media;
- Production of interactive materials on the topic – lipdub videos, mems, badges, graffiti etc;
- Training of Bulgarian children and young people on on-line tolerance.

Volunteers are invited to join the other activities the Association is implementing including environmental and sustainable living project; career guidance and support for vulnerable youth; volunteering in Roma and refugee day centers.

Period of the project: We would like to host our volunteers in the period 08.01.2017 - 21.12.2017

Project Status: The project has been approved and we are pending the signature of the contract with the NA in Bulgaria.

Selection process: Interested applicants are invited to send a CV and motivation letter in order to be considered for a subsequent Skype interview. IOA is equal employer and does not judge applicants against their gender, race, age, sexual orientation, religious belief. We are looking for proactive young people with a stand against discrimination, racism and xenophobia who are willing to contribute to our efforts of raising awareness among Bulgarian youth against online hate speech.