

SIW Internationale Vrijwilligersprojecten

Vacature voor Lange Termijn Uitzending

EVS project “PIKPA”	Griekenland - Athene
<p>Project In short, the volunteers will be responsible for helping handicapped children spend their free time in a constructive and enjoyable way. In the summer, all the volunteers will have the same programme which involves helping the children with bathing, feeding, swimming or accompanying children to therapy. After summer the schedule will be more flexible and varied because every volunteer will have a different programme depending on the children s/he is working with. However, all the volunteers will share the following tasks: 2 hours per day help with daily care tasks, 1 hour per day keep company to the most severely disabled children (walks, music, simple games) and 1-2 afternoons per week excursions with the kids outside the institution. In addition, in September there will be a meeting with the therapists in PIKPA and each volunteer will be assigned specific tasks.</p>	
<p>Organisatie The centre is best known among the local people as 'PIKPA, Voula' and it hosts about 120 handicapped children and adolescents. The majority have both physical and mental handicaps ranging from moderate to severe but there are also some children with normal intelligence. Most of them have been abandoned by their parents and are left to the full care of the institution. A big team consisting of nurses, physical, occupational and speech therapists, special education teachers, social workers, doctors and a psychologist are in charge of the residents. Unfortunately, although the last few years many improvements have been made and the current administration tries to offer to the children as much as possible, many of the children, especially the more severe cases, still stay with very little stimulation during their free time, becoming thus, heavily institutionalised. For these reasons, PIKPA gladly accepts volunteers as these are able to give the children extra attention and stimulation.</p>	
<p>Gewenste/vereiste vaardigheden & houding Volunteers do not need to have any experience or related studies but they should be HIGHLY MOTIVATED - please remember that how the children spend their free time (and they have quite a lot of it) mainly depends on the volunteers. Creativity, patience and a good sense of humour are necessary as the work can sometimes be hard and Greeks are well-known as being hot-tempered! Also, the volunteers should be determined to learn Greek as it is essential for communicating with the staff and the children.</p>	
<p>Accommodatie en voorzieningen Acc: The volunteers will be housed in a separate building within the grounds of the institution. Language: During the first three months the volunteers will receive an intensive Greek course by a private teacher. After that, the lessons will go on for some months, but not as intensively. Support in work: training during the first weeks, the volunteers will be introduced to the children and shown how to handle them. They will also learn about the types of disabilities the children have and about rehabilitation techniques. Afterwards, there will be regular meetings with staff members to discuss how they can best work with specific children. The volunteers will also be encouraged to attend lectures and seminars concerning the disabled. Support: Every two weeks there will be group meetings with the mentor and, if the situation requires it, with members of the PIKPA staff to evaluate. Once a month each volunteer will have a personal discussion with the mentor.</p>	
<p>Periode The next period for hosting volunteers will be from May 2005 - May 2006. On average, the volunteers will work 6-7 hours per day, 5 days a week. They will also receive 4 hours of language course per week. In addition, they can take up to one month of holidays (20 working days).</p>	
<p>Kosten Zie beschrijving EVS algemeen op deze website.</p>	
<p>Overig: If a volunteer with special needs wishes to participate in the programme, we will be glad to co-operate with her/his sending organisation and with the National Agency in order to find the best possible way to accommodate to her/his needs.</p>	