

SKE Kouri Ksylourikou
Long term EVS Hosting Project

Hosting Organisation: *SKE Kouri Ksylourikou*.

Project start: **1st of October 2012**

Duration: **6 months**

SKE Kouri Ksylourikou is a non governmental organisation located in Cyprus in the region of Limassol. *SKE Kouri Ksylourikou* is responsible to provide social services to the villages around its area. Those villages are Alassa, Apaisia, Korfi, Limnatis, Kapileio, Ag Mamas, Trimiklini, Lania, Doros, Monagri, Ag. Georgios and Sylikou. In Cyprus SKE stands for Board of Community for Volunteering. Those organisations support the local community and are based in the country side.

The EVS will take place in the area of Kouri Ksylourikou and it will host two volunteers for six months. Volunteers will be expected to provide the organisations of the community, the kindergarten, the families and the individual persons with social services. The village of Limnatis has 300 residents and it is approximately 20 minutes driving distance from the city of Limassol. The village is connected with the city through public buses. Further details about the village of Limnatis can be found on the website www.limnatis.org.

The volunteer will be involved in the **activities of the organisation** which mainly are:

- Social working with Families, Groups and Individuals (Visits of elderly people at home, visits of families or of certain organisations etc.).
- Personal guidance and support of the people living in the community
- Helping the residents of the villages to deal with local authorities or other service providers
- Design and implementation of social events and activities
- Organisation of cultural events (once a year Almond tree festival)
- Contacting authorities responsible for social issues, for the implementation of local activities
- Support of the Kindergarten of the community

Profile of the Volunteers:

- Young people **interested and motivated** to work with different target groups such as elderly people, Families, youth and children.
- Flexible people** to adapt with skills and initiatives
- Easy-going personalities
- Cooperative, friendly and **positive people**
- Not racist** and open-minded people
- Greek language skills will be appreciated

As a host organisation, we offer to volunteers a friendly environment where they can continuously learn. We do also offer Greek lessons so volunteers will be able to interact with the locals. Contributions and experience are considered very positive. All volunteers sharing their experience with us are integrated in our team and received warmly. A mentor, will support daily all volunteers. We will provide volunteers an understanding of our different realities (cultural, social and economic) and make sure they enjoy the diversity of our culture, heritage and customs. This will be an added value to their volunteering experience.

Our volunteers will have the chance of:

- Acquiring a non-formal working experience, useful for their professional future.
- Favouring intercultural learning by integrating in a new society and culture.
- Acquiring an appropriate level of personal and professional maturity to totally fulfil their aims.