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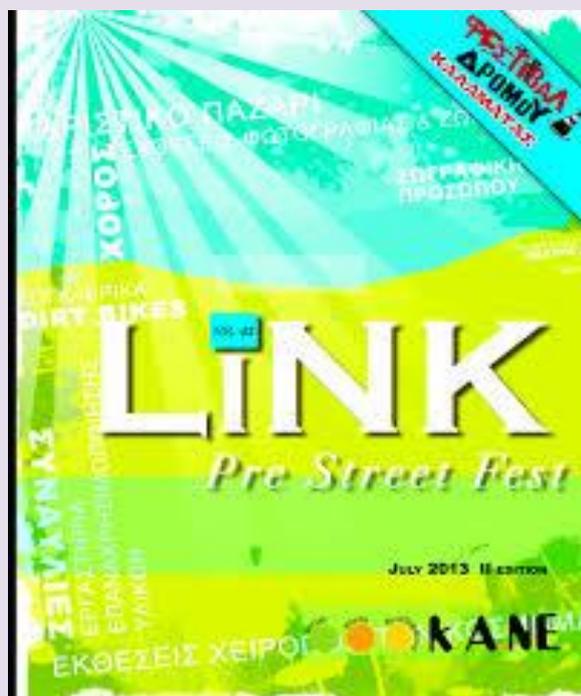
EVS E- STRUCTURES

EVS IN KALAMATA, GREECE

Aim:

To maintain the web sites, blogs and other means of electronic communication of the organization and its projects in order to support the EVS structures in Greece.

The main outcome of the project is to develop the websites (www.evsgreece.org, www.ngokane.org, www.evskalamata.blogspot.com, new website of the Youth Centre of Kalamata including internet radio, facebook, forums etc.). Those websites are the support measures for EVS volunteers in Greece and Kalamata. Also they are the way to promote the Youth in Action programme and volunteer work for the Greek youngsters.





- **The volunteers' tasks are:**
- Webmastering and updating the website of evsGreece - the networking website for EVS volunteers in Greece
- Assist with the promotion of the website and other activities of the network
- Coordinate the bimonthly newsletter - Assist with the development of promotional and visibility tools and strategy
- Search for partners to develop common projects



- Assist with the webmastering of the virtual communities (yahoogroup and facebook group)
- Participate in some of the Youth Centre's activities.
- Assist the hosting organization with the other e-platforms which uses.
- The project is requiring high level of commitment by the side of the volunteer, sense of solidarity and tolerance and willing to work within a team.



- **The volunteer's profile:**
- Knowledge of web development (training will be given on joomla - but should be at least basic user)
- Knowledge of multimedia editing (photo/graphics/video).
- Experience with montage of films.
- Interest in youth information and youth media
- Motivation to work with deadlines and
- Initiative to use space for own projects
- Open to explore the culture of EVS in Greece!

Accommodation...

Volunteers are hosted in 2 comfortable apartments, two volunteers in each room. The apartment is fully equipped with refrigerator, washing machine, vacuum cleaner, heating system, oven, plates, glasses, sheets, blankets, pillows, towels etc. etc. etc.

The Town / Life:



As you might know, Kalamata is a medium size city (a bit less than 80,000 habitants) but beautiful. You will have the opportunity to travel around the town and visit nice places, archaeological monuments, the mountain and many different beaches. The town is situated between the mountain of Taygetos and the Messinian bay.

At the links below you will find some information about the town and the area, you will be able to see some pictures but unfortunately some texts are in Greek:

<http://kalamata.in/index-en.html>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kalamata>

<http://www.hellogreece.gr/peloponese/kalamata.html>

http://www.visitgreece.gr/en/main_cities/kalamata



Weather...

During summer (from May/June to the end of September/October) you will be able to swim (the sea is clean with variety of rocky or sandy beaches) but in Greece summer is very hot (during July and August the temperatures are between 30 to 40 degrees!), you will have to take care while staying under the sun.

During winter the town gets more “moody” as everywhere during winter. There can be a lot of rain, it is snowing once every 3-4 years and the temperatures are between 0 to 20 degrees. Of course this year was very strange because of the climate changes, so we are not sure about the weather of the next year (I think it was the same this year in your countries too).

During winter you have to be careful when it gets too windy and walking near the sea. As you can understand the climate is mild during winter and a hot during summer; wearing the right clothes and being careful with the sun exposure will protect you all year. You will have to bring with you all kind of clothes, summer clothes, your swimming suit, winter clothes and light winter clothes (for months September, October, April, May- temperatures: 10 to 25).

Leisure time...

In Kalamata one has the opportunity to make sports, swimming, and mountain hiking, walking around, hanging out and going to cafes, bars, clubs and parties.



People...

One can meet in Kalamata, except from Greeks, Italian, German and French tourists, mostly older people or families. Also political and economical refugees are living here. They are coming from Albania, Eastern Europe, Arab countries and Africa. They are mostly families or workers so it will be difficult to meet young people from these countries except from Albanian youngsters.

Kalamata is a town which offers a safe environment. It is not facing serious criminality and even the robberies are not so often. Actually it is a peaceful environment and you will not face any serious danger if you take the basic safety measurements.

People are generally very helpful and have this feeling of hospitality. Older people don't speak English and this will be a challenge for you in the beginning. If you try to speak with them in Greek they are always getting smiley and more helpful to you. So the faster the volunteers learn Greek, the faster the life will get easier. Most young people, on the other hand, speak English pretty well.

Greek Language

Volunteers have Greek language lessons, conducted by a professional teacher with years of experience teaching English as a foreign language, especially to EVS volunteers.

In case you would like to make the first steps in learning Greek, below you will find some links that can be very helpful:

<http://www.xanthi.ilsp.gr/filog/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/greek/>

<http://www.greece.org/gr-lessons/gr-english/>

Useful links

Volunteers in Kalamata

EVS blog: www.evskalamata.blogspot.gr

Click here to read our EVS newsletters: [LiNK](#)

K.A.N.E. Organisation

Website: www.ngokane.org

Facebook page: [KANE Social Youth Development](#)

Youth Centre of Kalamata

Website: kentroneon.wordpress.com

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/kentroneon

Facebook group: www.facebook.com/groups/112750556744/

Youtube Channel: www.youtube.com/channel/UCL3SGt3ZJQ-AgB1fHe_NWtQ