

# SOLIDEERS II:

## Solidarity Actions, Empowered Volunteer from Spain, Italy, Cyprus

May 2020 - December 2020

in

*Thessaloniki, Greece*

**Info Pack**



ARSIS, ASSOCIATION FOR THE SOCIAL SUPPORT OF YOUTH

# About ARSIS

ARSIS was established in 1992 with the aim to support socially disadvantaged children who are threatened with social exclusion and marginalisation, to safeguard human rights and also to develop services for vulnerable social groups. Its action in Thessaloniki was established in 1996 and to date it has carried out a great deal of programs in 10 cities of the wider region of Northern Greece.

ARSIS currently operates a vast number of structures, such as Youth Support Centers (YSC), a Shelter for the Temporary Accommodation of Children & Youth in danger. “The House of ARSIS”, 18 Accommodation Facilities for Unaccompanied Children in Athens, Thessaloniki, Ioannina, Alexandroupoli and Volos, and participates in a number of EU-funded and national programs regarding child protection and integration of people from vulnerable groups.

Responding to today's needs, ARSIS currently maintains a network of more than 100 volunteers in Thessaloniki. ARSIS works by organizing teams, which undertake the operation of its structures or the implementation of its programs. Each team is led by an experienced member of ARSIS staff, who acts as a coordinator guiding, supporting and supervising the team, as long as they are responsible for the structure/program.

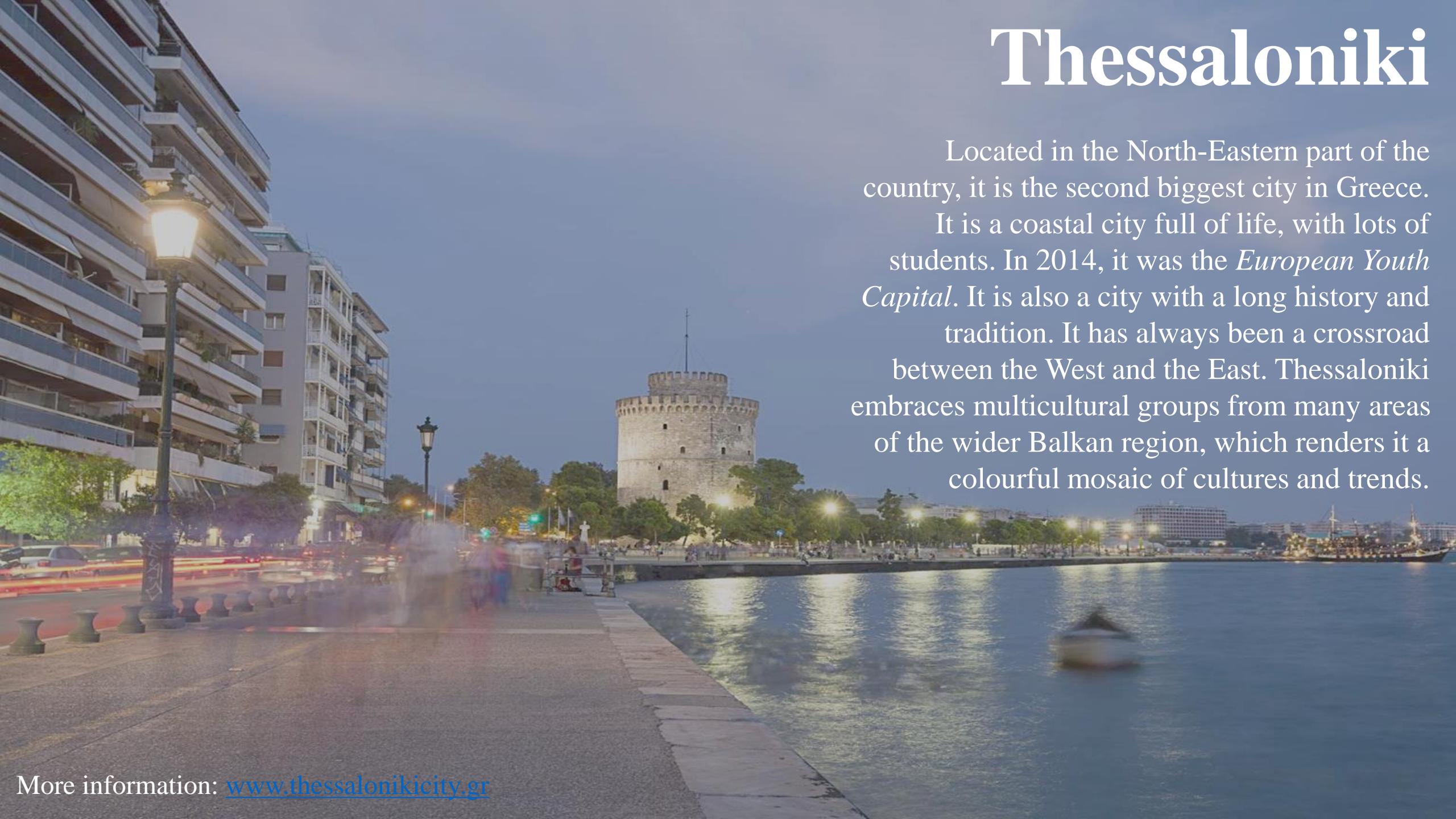
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# Thessaloniki

Located in the North-Eastern part of the country, it is the second biggest city in Greece.

It is a coastal city full of life, with lots of students. In 2014, it was the *European Youth Capital*. It is also a city with a long history and tradition. It has always been a crossroad between the West and the East. Thessaloniki embraces multicultural groups from many areas of the wider Balkan region, which renders it a colourful mosaic of cultures and trends.



# In the area...

- Meteora's monasteries, Pozar natural baths, Kavala city, Halkidiki peninsula and its beaches, Mount Olympus and many other places make the neighboring area of Thessaloniki so attractive.
- From this city you can easily visit the Balkan countries, well connected by plane, train or even by bus. You can visit Serbia, Bosnia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Croatia, Bulgaria, Romania, North Macedonia, Turkey, or Albania.

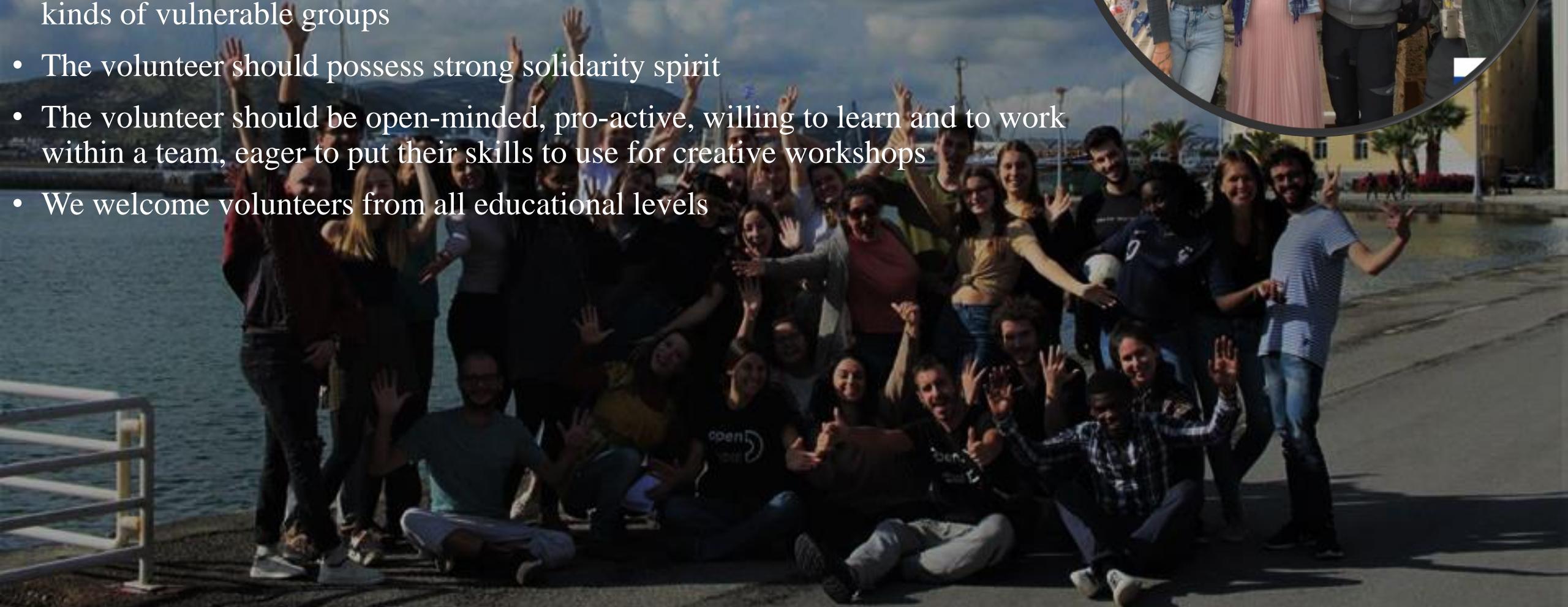


# The Program

- European Solidarity Corps is a volunteering project **for 6 people from 18 to 30** coming from **Spain (2), Italy (2) and Cyprus (2)**, who will provide support to underage and teenage migrants currently under the care of ARSIS in Thessaloniki, for a period of **8 months**, starting May 2020 and ending December 2020.
- The program will focus on supporting young migrants, as well as other non-privileged social groups living in precarious conditions that might hinder their smooth personal development and upbringing. Such conditions may be due to inadequate family support, neglect, abuse, exploitation, rejection from the education system, migration, refugee status, lack of housing, unemployment, legal troubles, etc.
- The volunteers that will participate in the program are expected to witness the refugee and migration crisis in Greece at its core and gain valuable professional and personal skills.

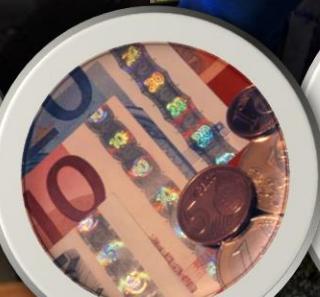
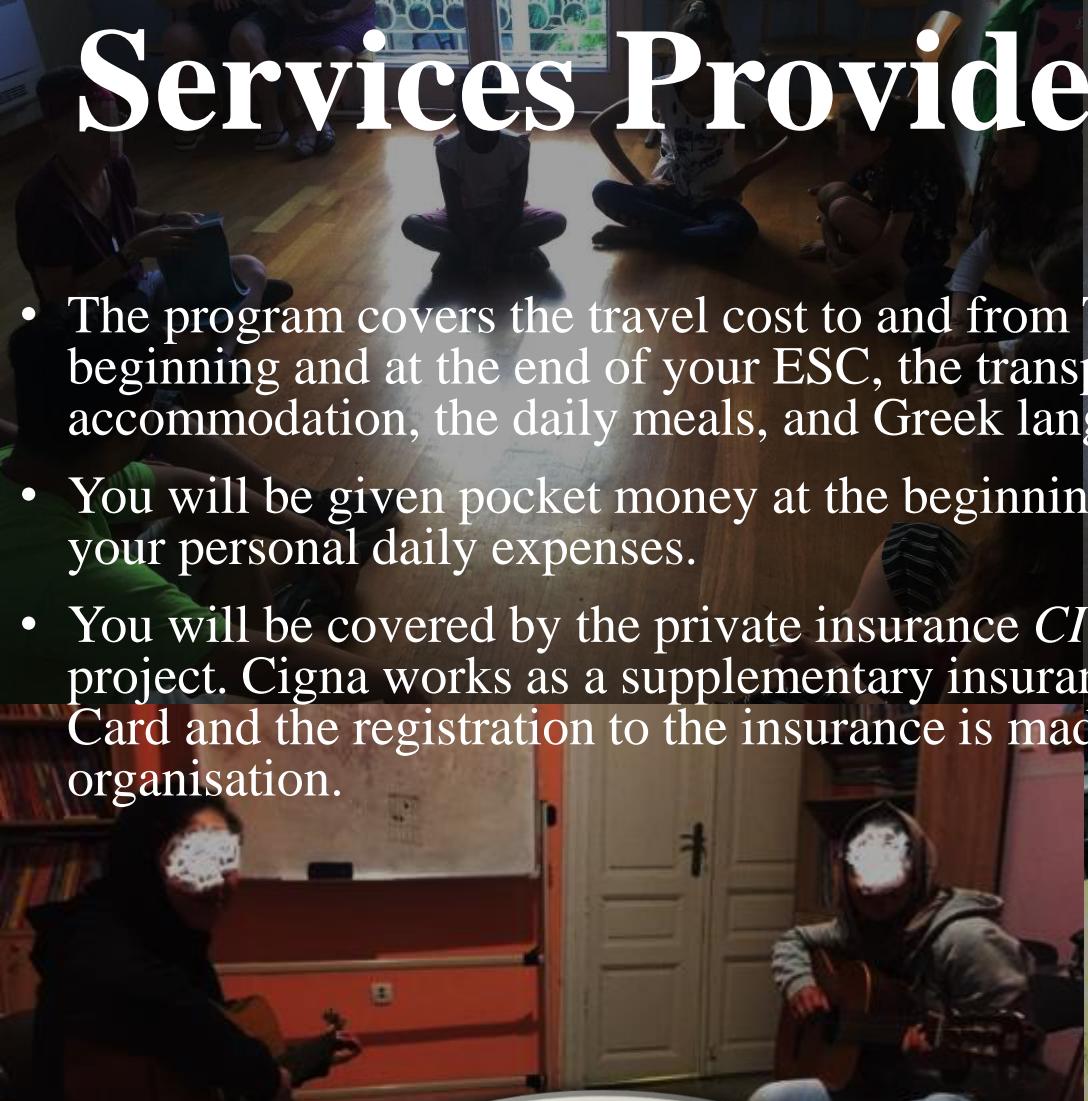
# Volunteer Profile

- The volunteer should have a genuine interest to learn about the refugee crisis
- The volunteer should be interested in providing social support to different kinds of vulnerable groups
- The volunteer should possess strong solidarity spirit
- The volunteer should be open-minded, pro-active, willing to learn and to work within a team, eager to put their skills to use for creative workshops
- We welcome volunteers from all educational levels



# Services Provided

- The program covers the travel cost to and from Thessaloniki at the beginning and at the end of your ESC, the transportation in the city, the accommodation, the daily meals, and Greek language courses.
- You will be given pocket money at the beginning of each month for your personal daily expenses.
- You will be covered by the private insurance *CIGNA* during your project. Cigna works as a supplementary insurance from the EU Health Card and the registration to the insurance is made by the Sending organisation.



# Shared Accommodation

- You will be accommodated in a fully-equipped apartment. The flat is within a walking distance from the center and two minutes away from a bus stop.
- The common areas are to be shared among the SIX volunteers.
- There are two SHARED bedrooms with four bunk beds each.



# The Youth Pass

- Upon completion of the ESC, participants are entitled to a Youth Pass. Youth pass is a tool to document and recognize learning outcomes from youth work and solidarity activities.
- Project participants are given the possibility to describe what they have done in their project and which competences they have acquired. Thus, Youthpass supports the reflection upon the personal non-formal learning process and outcomes.
- As a Europe-wide recognition instrument for non-formal learning in the youth field, Youthpass strengthens the social recognition of youth work.
- Youthpass supports active European citizenship of young people and of youth workers by describing the added value of their project.
- Youth pass also aims at supporting the employability of young people and of youth workers by raising their awareness of and helping to describe their competences, and by documenting their acquisition of key competences on a certificate.

# Interested?

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# ARSIS

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# European Solidarity Corps

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