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1.About FAGiC

The Federació de Associacions Gitanas de Catalunya – FAGiC (Federation of Roma Associations in Catalonia) was created in 1991, nowadays it gathers 100 Roma associations from all over Catalonia. FAGiC is the most representative Roma organisation in the region, which purpose is to defend and promote the rights and culture of the Roma people in Catalonia. Our team is made by the Directive Board, which represents the member associations, and by a staff of 40 people from different academic background. We are people compromised with the Roma community, the human rights and the social change. The staff is distributed among the head office in Barcelona and the associations offices, who together with volunteers, students and trainees are the engine of FAGiC.

We work on 4 different areas:



FAGiC is made by different bodies:

General Assembly

The GA is constituted by the representatives of the associations. It's the most important body of the Federation, its functions are: establish and leading the objectives of the federation, approve the budget, approve the enter of new associations, elect the board members every four years.

Board

The board is the polity body of the Federation, it represents the Federation before the associations and other institutions. Its mandate is of four years. The board establish the annual budget, it presents the resume and expenses of the annual projects, and it propose future actions and projects.

Associations

FAGiC is made by 100 associations of all Catalonia. The member associations develop their projects and FAGiC gives them support and promotes their activities.

Council of the Elders

The Council of Elders is an independent body which advises Roma associations and individuals when it's necessary to resolve a conflict within the community by reaching an agreement.

Our mission is:



Improve and impulse actions addressed to the Roma Community, gathering their aspirations and worries, building bridges between Roma and non-Roma.



Interact with the Catalan government, the Public Administration, at local and national level, to ensure Roma rights will be respected



Encourage activities and project which promotes the coexistence between no- Roma and Roma community.



Promote the civic participation through community-based initiatives and support for the member associations.



Unite and represent the voice of Roma associations of Catalonia in order to become stronger and more representative, developing a common action plan among Roma associations.



Defend, promote and study the Roma language, history, and culture. Challenge Romaphobia, xenophobia and all kind of racism.

2. Be a volunteer in FAGiC

Being a volunteer in FAGiC you can be involved in the following projects:

- Job placement
- Local engagement and dinamization for Roma Youth
- Cultural events
- Youth projects

Also, we encourage our volunteers to design and try to implement a personal project, depending on his/her knowledges and interests.

During your volunteer service you will attend two compulsory trainings, one after a month, more or less, from your arrival and one at the middle of your service. Also, we will give one training session about Roma culture and history in Catalonia.

Your typical day in FAGiC

Our working schedule in the main office is 8h to 18h, you could choose to enter at 8h or 9h and finish your shift at 15h or 16h. Some days per week you will be in one of our local associations, in that case you will work during the afternoon.

Once you will get here, we will define your schedule.

IMPORTANT: it is mandatory to participate in the main events organized by FAGiC, mostly those are held during the afternoon or at night (such us FAGiC Premiere).

3. Financial support

During your stay we will cover the cost of your rent and you will receive a pocket money to cover your personal expenses as well you will receive money to cover the cost of your travelling.

4. OLS and other language courses

A very important part of your service is the acquisition of a good level of Spanish (or Catalan if you prefer, or even both!!!!)

We suggest that you study the language through the OLS minimum 1h or 2h per day, you can study within your working schedule.

If you are also interested in take Catalan or do a Spanish course in person, we will help you to enroll in a course held by a community centre or public library etc.

5. NIE and bank account

In order to purchase some goods, like a sim card or a monthly ticket, you will be required to obtain a NIE – Identification Number of Foreigner. We will looking for an appointment at the National Police, because of the high number of foreigner residents the waiting list is long, but eventually you will get one.

Also, we will open you a bank account, at Bank Sabadell, where you will receive your pocket money every first day of the month. In order to open an account, we will go with you to the bank, then it is important that once you finalize your service to close it to avoid charges.

6. What do you need to bring with you during your stay

Single bedroom sheets and personal towels;

European health card;

Your Passport and ID.

IMPORTANT: if you take some medication, contact with CIGNA to be sure you can use your local prescription or instead ensure you will have enough medication through your service.

CONTACTS:

You can contact with us at FAGiC mobile number: + 34 647650387 to communicate with your tutor.

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