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Volunteer Information Document

Right to Smile Foundation (VO/0583)

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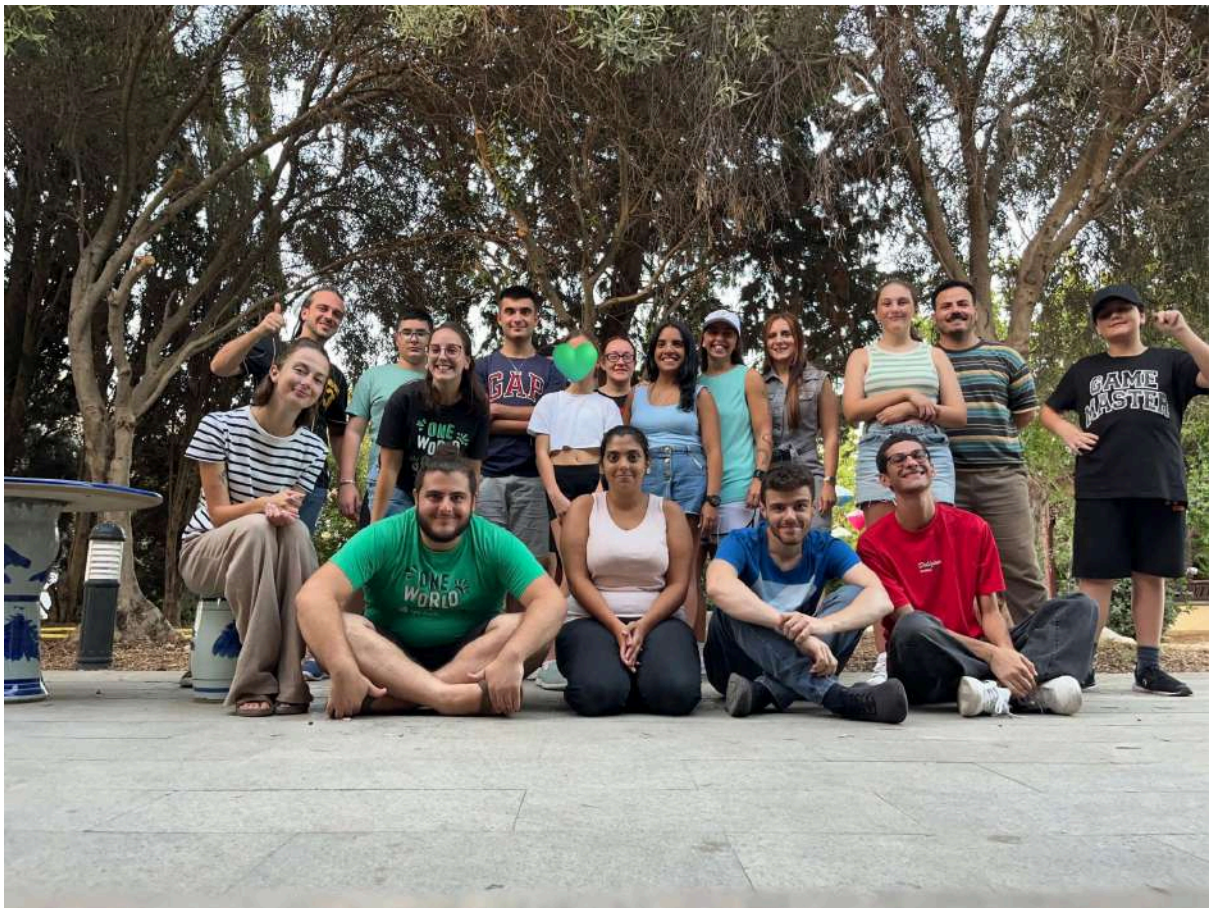
YOUTH MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME



INTRODUCTION

Right to Smile Foundation (R2S), VO/0583, is an NGO run by people, volunteers and professionals, who have felt the magic perceived on the projects and consequently been heartened to sustain their contribution whilst receiving so much energy back.

R2S provides us with a platform to be creative, to belong, within a family of motivated and inspired individuals and to see our work manifest in the people we have come to love across the world. Our ultimate aim is to provide the resources necessary to our partners in order to empower them with the tools required to reach their goals. Our programmes are based on:

✔ Responsible Volunteering

This involves everyone thinking about their actions and taking responsibility for them. We pride ourselves on being ambassadors of responsible and meaningful volunteering through the creation of sustainable, grassroots programmes that genuinely address the communities' needs and have their best interest at heart. For volunteers, this entails having an open mind, preparing oneself well beforehand and respecting people, cultures and the local environment.

✔ Social Connection and Belonging

We believe that volunteering is not only about giving back, but also about the connections you build along the way. At Right 2 Smile, you become part of a supportive community where you can meet new people, build meaningful friendships and expand your social network. Working alongside people from different backgrounds creates opportunities to share experiences, learn from one another and develop a genuine sense of belonging. These connections can help you grow personally and socially while becoming part of the wider Right 2 Smile family.

✔ Lifelong Learning

We encourage you to reach your full potential. By volunteering with Right 2 Smile, you will be invigorated by the real-life situations you encounter, which will give you the confidence to push your boundaries and kick-start new ideas. We aim to instil a sense of responsibility, a feeling of empathy and a desire in the activist in everyone that joins us on an experience that counts, to learn and do more!

Why volunteer with us?

When you embark on this journey with Right 2 Smile, you will discover your inner strengths and be able to amplify a variety of your skills; time management, decision-making, conflict resolution, but also, adaptability and leadership. The invaluable hands-on practice will empower you to become a dynamic leader in your personal, academic and professional life.

This way, you create more than memories and friendships through your volunteer activities; you gain an experience that has a genuine benefit for you and the community, for years to come.

VOLUNTEER MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

NAME	**Volunteer**	**Internship**
TERM	Indefinite	3 months or more
SKILLS	Various - priority will be given to volunteers who already have skills related to working with youth	
SELECTION	First come, first served basis*	
DESCRIPTION	Long-term volunteering. This programme is targeted towards individuals who can volunteer as a youth mentor for an indefinite period of time. Anyone applying for this type of placement needs to: 1. Attend all training sessions organised by R2S (dates will be provided on a quarterly basis) 2. Follow a schedule to attend the Youth Group sessions every other Wednesday.	Short-term volunteering. This programme is targeted towards Interns and students who are doing CSR programmes. It is an introduction to volunteering and our youth programme. The volunteers will be able to 1. Participate in the Youth Group sessions on a regular basis 2. Attend any additional activities and training sessions organised by the team

	3. Be able to attend the activities organised by the team, which might take place on some weekends during the year	3. Learn more about our projects and community development

* New volunteers will be recruited according to the needs of the Youth Group programme.

GENERAL INFORMATION

In 2016, the Santa Lucija youth group started due to the need for a safe space for the youth, which was lacking. Therefore, a group of volunteers together with a youth worker, set up a place where the youth can meet on a weekly basis. The Youth programme is based on a mentorship programme, whereby the volunteers are trained as youth mentors. The team of volunteers is coordinated by a professional youth worker who guides the team in creating an impactful programme for the youth.

Our primary aim is to work on education that we believe is paramount to the positive development of children and youth regardless of gender, race, or religion. The project aims to strengthen and develop the social, mental, and cultural capital of participants of the R2S youth group, as well as the volunteers.

The R2S youth group is open for young people aged between 12 and 17. The group meets every Wednesday from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the Chinese Garden in Santa Lucija. The group is also engaged in additional activities on certain weekends throughout the year, and occasionally is involved in Youth exchanges through Erasmus+.

Through this project, our youth and volunteers develop skills that will empower them in their everyday life by creating stronger social networks and cultural understanding about their own culture and others.

THE PROJECT

Quick Facts

Project: **Youth Mentorship Programme**
Location: **Santa Lucija, Malta**
Collaboration Start: **2016**
Project Type: **Community Based**

Project Objectives

- Empower young people to develop to their fullest potential
- Create a strategy to develop active community partnerships
- Offer a voluntary opportunity for young people as mentors
- Foster caring and supportive relationships with youth
- Involves positive role modelling of youth mentors
- Creating safe spaces in communities

Highlights

- Be part of our Youth Group team and contribute to the development of our youth programme
- Be involved in community outreach and community-based activities;
- Receive training and skills development
- Meet new people, build friendships and expand your social network
- Become part of the Right 2 Smile volunteer community
- Grow personally while making a positive contribution to the lives of young people

Your Role

As a Youth Mentor, your role is to support Right to Smile's mission in Malta to guide young people in their life journey and to develop a positive vision for their future.

R2S is committed to provide induction training on the work involved and your volunteering role, as well as provide a team of professionals who can support you in order to meet the responsibilities of this role.

Requirements

	Volunteer Mentorship Programme **(Both long term volunteers & Interns)**
SKILLS & EXPERIENCE	✔ We welcome all volunteers who have different skills. However, priority will be given to those who already have experience working with youth
DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	✔ A scanned copy of the Police Conduct Certificate, which is not older than 6 months ✔ A POMA (Protection of Minors Application) check will be done on all the volunteers on a yearly basis.

We consider this project ideal for you if you:

- Have experience working with youth;
- Would like to become part of our community in Santa Lucija and contribute to our Youth Mentorship Programme;
- Would like to be involved in community outreach projects;
- Wish to improve your skills and self-development.

How to Apply

It is very simple to apply for the Mentorship Programme. Simply fill in the Registration Form and one of us will get back to you with all the details and how to complete your registration.
Once selected, we will hold a meeting with you to discuss the programme and your application.

Please note that new volunteers will only be recruited if the team deems it necessary to do so.

What's Included

- ✔ Training: Opportunities to participate in training organised by both R2S staff as well as training abroad
- ✔ The R2S team is always available to support you, including a team of youth workers as well as our Psychotherapy team
- ✔ Organise and participate in fun activities with the youth

Welcome to our SMILE Revolution!
We look forward to hearing from you
The Right 2 Smile Team