

"Join the Wonderful Winning World of Special Olympics World Summer Games

Athens 2011"

Group EVS Athens, Greece
Volunteers Program of the
Special Olympics World Summer Games
ATHENS 2011

We invite you to take part in the Action 2
Group European Voluntary Service Project
**"Join the Wonderful Winning World
of Special Olympics World Summer
Games"**

which aims to provide the unique
opportunity
to 100 young European citizens to
volunteer for the
Special Olympics World Summer Games
ATHENS 2011.



Who:

- a group of 100 volunteers aged 18-30
- from: Austria, Belgium, Estonia, France, Germany, Italy, Lithuania, United Kingdom, Spain, Turkey



Special Olympics
WORLD SUMMER GAMES
ATHENS 2011

When: June 10-July 10, 2011

Where: Athens and surroundings, Greece

Coordination: Citizens in Action, Greece

What:

Volunteering at:
the Special Olympics World Summer Games
ATHENS 2011 as Village Services Assistants
offering your enthusiasm, knowledge and
skills in order to support Special Olympics
Athletes and Delegation members from 185
countries from all around the world.



If you are interested in taking part in this group EVS project and contribute actively to its success, please contact:

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Deadline for applications: 31st March 2011



Background Information



Special Olympics World Summer Games Athens 2011

The Special Olympics World Summer Games will be held in Athens from June 20 to July 4, 2011. 7,500 athletes with intellectual disabilities from 185 countries, 2,500 coaches, 3,000 officials and 25,000 volunteers will participate in the Games, while it is estimated that 40,000 athletes' family members will come to Greece from every corner of the world, to celebrate the triumph of the spirit and the will power of the Special Olympics Athletes who participate in the joy that Sports can offer, within an environment of respect and acceptance for all.

The volunteers who will participate in the ATHENS 2011 Games will experience this unique climate of accepting the different, combating discrimination in an atmosphere of constant intercultural learning.



«**Citizens in Action**» is a nonprofit, non-governmental, organization based in Athens.

The aims of C.i.A are:

- To support and promote the idea of active citizenship among young people, through new forms of social commitment and participation, for a democratic, interdependent and open society.
- To encourage the circulation of people and ideas through international exchanges, with the aim of the enhancement of knowledge, mutual understanding and peace.
- To contribute to community and local development through the participation of local and foreign volunteers in projects of benefit to all, with an emphasis on rural areas.
- To promote people's participation to defend and define their quality of life, aiming at the protection of the human person and the environment.



European Year of Volunteering 2011

2011 is the **European Year of Volunteering**! It is both a celebration and a challenge! A celebration of the commitment of millions of people in Europe who offer voluntary work in their communities and a challenge to encourage everybody to make a difference by volunteering.

This year aims to promote volunteering in the EU, empower volunteer organizations, improve the quality of volunteering, reward and recognize volunteering activities and raise awareness about the value and importance of volunteering.

With this project, the organizations involved also wish to support and promote the aims of the "European Year of Volunteering 2011".ⁱ

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