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### Breña Alta, La Palma

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#### Description

La Isla de San Miguel de La Palma, also known as La Palma is one of the 7 Canary Islands. La Palma is the most northwesterly island of the Islands and is called by many Canarian people "La isla bonita" - The beautiful island. La Palma, like the other islands of the Canary Island archipelago, is a volcanic oceanic island.



#### Placement



The Voluntary Service will take place in Breña Alta. Breña Alta is a municipality on the eastern side of the island of La Palma, in the province of Santa Cruz de Tenerife, in the Canary Islands. It has a population of 7.420 inhabitants, of which 1481 are between 12-30 years old. The Ayuntamiento (municipal office) is in the town of San Pedro, at 350 m above sea-level, and only 9 km south of the island's capital Santa Cruz de la Palma. Breña Alta lies on the main highway encircling the island, just north of La Palma Airport.

Until the 17th century the area was known as Breña, but was then divided into Breña Alta and Breña Baja. The municipality is very vivid and does not want to miss the opportunity to get on "the train of progress". It actively cooperates in the advances of the society. That is why we

are convinced that the European Voluntary Service is the ideal tool to introduce new cultures and new perspectives to the local young community by involving the european volunteers in the society of Breña Alta and La Palma! The final goal is to include those volunteers in the planned activities of the municipal office.

The Island is a specially conserved territory, with a unique flora and fauna worldwide! The approximately 83.000 inhabitants of the island of which 16% are youngsters, are considered as a very open minded and peaceful community rooted to traditions like their

agriculture, fishery, art...Most of those traditions are deeply connected to the nature.

### What's in Breña Alta?

The local young community of Breña Alta is confronted with a series of difficulties because of the lack of opportunities. It is hard to get an employment and/or superior and professional schooling. The immense unemployment, shortage of public transport, risk of social exclusion, lack of European awareness (Erasmus+) and child poverty are most of the issues of the youngsters we work with on the island, and especially in the municipality of Breña Alta.

We think that introducing the European Voluntary Service to the municipality is of extraordinary help, as it will improve the inclusion of the youth in the program and as well the exchange of knowledge, traditions and culture between the local and international youth. The volunteers will be accommodated in the urban center near to their working place and the zone of social activities, so they can get a part of the local community and spread the call of the Erasmus+ program. The volunteers will be able to learn new skills and get numerous new qualifications by working in this field and especially under those conditions. Working in a Canarian organization, therefore, not only allows the volunteers to get to know the work we do, but as well what it means to live (with) and think about the people, culture, traditions, advantages and disadvantages of La Isla Bonita!



## So, what would you do there?

Our aim is to make concept of Europe closer to a local youth generation. It is very important that the volunteers are dynamic, outgoing, that they know to empathize with young people and are ready to engage in activities that we offer. Also, create new activities that will support the idea of connecting the youth with European values, for examples, conducting a weekly radio program, making the township cultural tours for youth groups, making videos of Erasmus+, or even making videos of making traditional food! We will adjust each project according to capacities and interest of each volunteer.

*“Our volunteer work is made of various project such as Embarriate (after-schools activity with kids and youngsters), Embarriate + (activities with elderly people) Centro Infantil (kindergarten), Centro Ocupacional (English lessons for people with disabilities), banco de alimento (foodbank), cafe de idiomas (giving clases of English and German etc.). That means we sometimes work in the morning or afternoon and occasionally on weekends depending on the activities. It's a very fulfilling and interesting volunteer position in which you can learn a lot and also give a lot as you are working with people from all ages and backgrounds. This gives you the opportunity to explore you interests and experience working in fields you never worked before/ or you like working in. If you really don't like office work then this project is definitely for you!” – Leonie & Danka, volunteers*



## What are we looking for?

Please have in mind that there are several important issues about this project: We are selecting volunteers who will be participating in the project that will start in September 2019 and end in August 2020. We need volunteers who can commit to this period of 11 months and most importantly to this project. It is important that potential volunteer

understands that this position asks for devotion toward development of youth and society, to be willing to embrace the experience and promote solidarity and equality.

The project itself has an established time-table, but we are counting on ideas and initiatives of the volunteers. They need to be conscious that they will be representing a Public Body, therefore punctuality, responsibility and kindness should be on a high level. Every violation of the rules will have consequences, which are established in the Activity Agreement, in agreement of all parts involved.

### You

- Young people between 18 and 30 years
- Dynamic, entrepreneurial, outgoing and participative
- Creative and open-minded
- People who like to be in touch with the nature and like to live in rural areas.
- Interested in working in youth projects and with youngsters
- A basic level of Spanish so they can begin to help with basic tasks
- Passionate about culture (Spanish) and youth and eager to discover new cultures and experiences
- They should be motivated to continue developing new projects within the Erasmus+



### Next steps...

If you are interested in the project, please fill in the Google Form <https://goo.gl/forms/ftFJImBOAmR0HKus1> and attach us your CV with the a subject: **BREÑA ALTA EVS 2018**

