



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS "VOLUNTEERING: A STEP UP IN YOUR LIFE"  
SERVIAM SOCIAL CAFÉ – LOUTRA VILLAGE – TINOS ISLAND - GREECE



**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

During the last two years, Caritas Naxos-Tinos, with the support of Caritas Hellas, launched an initiative in the field of social economy, within the framework of the project "Social Economy at Work", which was funded by Caritas Spain and Italy. This initiative concerned the renovation of two specific buildings owned by the "Former Monastery and School of Ursulines" in Loutra, Tinos, with the aim of restoring and transforming them into a social and cultural space (social café) as well as a hub of solidarity and responsible tourism for the inhabitants and visitors of the island.

The restoration of the existing infrastructure was decisive for the preservation of the cultural heritage of the "Former Monastery and School of Ursulines", while the redevelopment of the site, with a social impact, was the necessary condition for the creation of a new vision for the present and the future of the region.

Several cooperating partners of the project participated at local, national, and international level, towards the development of a plan and the implementation of a project, in accordance with the objectives of the project. In this direction, the main priority was the development of an initiative with a social impact for the local community, which will promote the spirit of cooperation and volunteering, in connection with the social and philanthropic mission of the Catholic Church and Caritas Naxos-Tinos.

The aim of the social café was to become a meeting place for all, offering rest and recreation to people of all ages, thanks to the beautiful natural environment it is surrounded with, which is children friendly, and it's planned to become accessible to people with reduced mobility.

The expected revenues from the operation of the café will be used for the charitable mission of Caritas Naxos – Tinos while the venue serves as a focal point for various purposes (e.g., organization of cultural events, presentations, screenings, meeting place for discussions and a stop for tour guides of walking routes in Tinos, among others).

As a result, upon its completion and during its first season of operation, a series of events related to the culture and history of the place has taken place (music festivals, book presentations, exhibitions, walks in nature, gatherings of groups), with respect to the environment and the cultural tradition of the area.

#### **VOLUNTEER CALL:**

Serviam Social Café is looking for young, motivated volunteers to support the implementation of its projects by undertaking the following tasks:

- To promote the Serviam Social Cafe's activities for youth in the region of Tinos and inform the local and non-local people about them
- To promote the Serviam Social Cafe per se as well as its volunteering aspect both to the local people of Tinos and to its visitors
- To support the implementation of Caritas Naxos Tinos' summer workshops for children (ages 7-10) held by professionals and local volunteers (topics: drawing, photographing & drama / period mid-April - mid-June 2023)
- To assist the preparation needed and the implementation of special events, festivals, and socio-cultural gatherings at the Serviam Social Cafe
- To provide the Serviam Social Cafe with their help in the daily tasks required for its operation (such as cleaning up, tidying up, gardening, etc).

#### **LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS DURING:**

The volunteer's contribution to the SERVIAM SOCIAL CAFE is more than welcomed during its whole seasoning period. Specifically, from the 30th of May 2023 till the 31st of September 2023.

The period between the 15th of July 2022 till the 31st of August 2023 is an ideal one based on the needs of the SERVIAM SOCIAL CAFÉ (minimum participation of 30 days is required).

## PROJECT LOCATION:

Loutra village, Tinos Island, Greece.



## PROJECT TOPICS

- Social Economy
- Responsible Travelling
- Creativity and Culture
- Social Inclusion
- Children and Youth Participation
- Local products
- Environmental awareness/preservation
- Volunteering

## VOLUNTEER PROFILE:

We are looking for motivated volunteers 18 to 30 years old with:

- Being acquainted with Caritas and its goals and embracing Caritas' moral standards and ethics.
- A positive outlook and good communication skills, ready to learn and share new knowledge and skills.
- Good working knowledge of English (additional languages will be most appreciated).

Knowledge and skills in the following areas will most definitely be welcomed:

- NGOs, tourism and servicing, gardening, social economy
- Experience in activities with children, pedagogic studies
- Organization of events and workshops (crafts, music, dance, sports, photo etc.)
- Driving licence

## HOW TO APPLY:

The candidates for the position can send their CV and motivation letter to Caritas Naxos-Tinos: [caritasntm@caritas.gr](mailto:caritasntm@caritas.gr). We will make the selection by the end of April and will organize a skype interview with pre-selected candidates.

## APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Application deadline: 15/04/2023

## **ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORT:**

Accommodation. Caritas Naxos Tinos is going to facilitate the volunteers to their accommodation on the island. Related to the period, the accommodation can be free of charge in Catholic Dioses of Tinos guesthouses or in a shared apartment in Tinos town. The lack of enough free accommodation during the summer limits the possibilities of hosting a maximum of 4 volunteers at a time.

Food: The suggested accommodation places have kitchen facilities, and the organization will provide light lunch or dinner to the volunteers during their duties.

Travel: The necessary internal transportation to / from the venue will be managed by Caritas Naxos-Tinos.

## **TRAINING DURING THE PROJECT:**

On-arrival training, organized by Caritas Naxos-Tinos will be provided. Evaluation and assessment of the volunteer progress work will be held at agreed intervals with the volunteer mentor assigned for each project volunteer.

OTHER:

Towards the final approval of the volunteer participation in the program, the volunteer/sending organization will have to submit/attach a signed copy for the following documents:

1. Declaration of consent for the collection and processing of personal data.
2. Private agreement of the international volunteer program of Caritas Naxos-Tinos.
3. Valid health/medical insurance.

## **RELATED LINKS:**

To learn more about Serviam Social Café and Caritas Naxos - Tinos, please visit the following links of audio-visual material.

[https://www.instagram.com/serviam\\_cafe/](https://www.instagram.com/serviam_cafe/)

<https://fb.watch/aYNble2P2Q/>

<https://fb.watch/aYNeQhKNGO/>

<https://fb.watch/aYNgbtGpR0/>

<https://www.caritas-ntm.gr/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1871990833061617>

Thank you for your kind attention and we look forward to hearing from you!!!