

Mikros Dounias is looking for volunteers for the reinforcement of its pedagogical team

Mikros Dounias is a pedagogical project on the Greek island of Lesvos. Intercultural education, free experiential learning, and outdoor playing & learning form its basic pedagogic axons.

Every day, local and refugee children of preschool age play and learn together in the small forest of PIKPA refugee camp, run with the contribution of the N.G.O. "Lesvos Solidarity".

Beyond any form of discrimination, we respect each child's rhythm, needs and wishes and encourage self-regulation. Outdoor learning brings us closer to the creatures and the elements of nature, reinforcing our relations to ourselves and to everything around us.

We are offering:

- Theoretical & practical training in intercultural education.
Daily interaction with children and people from different cultures.
- Theoretical & practical training in free, democratic, experiential learning.
- Experience & knowledge in forest and outdoor pedagogics.
- Written certification of the above.
- Inspiration & expertise concerning the creation of innovative pedagogical projects.

You need to be motivated to...

- ...daily interact with a multicultural group of young children (2,5 to 5 years old).
- ...deeply acknowledge and practically accept the right of every child to self-regulation, freedom of choice and expression, unconditional respect.
- ...become an active member of the pedagogical team of Mikros Dounias, which explores, learns, shares, and reflects upon its pedagogical practice on a daily basis.

Skills & experience that could help you along the way:

- Studies in educational or social sciences.
- Experience in working with children of early childhood age.
- Experience in working with children of multicultural backgrounds.
- Experience, studies or training in intercultural education/ democratic education or experiential learning/ forest pedagogics or outdoor learning.
- Knowledge of Farsi, Kurdish, English or Greek language.
- Experience in collective procedures or self-organized projects.
- Interests that have to do with art.
- Hobbies that can be shared with the children and/or their families.

The invitation concerns the period from September 1, 2020 till June 30, 2021. Every applicant should be able to stay for a minimum of four weeks - the longer the better!

Please send us your CV and a short motivation letter to the e-mail address mikrosdounias@gmail.com. A skype interview will follow. Do not hesitate to contact us for any clarification!

With excitement,

The pedagogical team of Mikros Dounias