



VOLUNTEER

**VOLUNTEER
PROGRAMS
IN SPAIN**

SPANISH SCHOOL IN BILBAO

The volunteer work program at the Hemingway Institute offers a unique opportunity to live and work in Spain as a volunteer. Find out about the culture richness of our country while cooperating with social institutions.

Volunteer work allows you to expand your professional and personal horizons, learn about the Spanish culture up close, improve your level of Spanish and increase your professional and personal capacities by building a network of international friends.

The program is open to any applicant who sincerely wants to have new experiences and meet people from different cultures: Students, graduates, retirees, liberal professionals, etc. Everyone is welcome.



We accept volunteers
between 14 and 99 years of age

The program includes:

- Accommodations in a shared room in an apartment near the school
- Airport pick-up service
- Intensive Spanish course for two weeks - 20 hours per week. Level test, books and a certificate upon completion of the program
- Participation in volunteer work with a maximum of 20 hours per week
- Equipment and materials for the volunteer work
- Guidance and supervision
- Participation in leisure and cultural activities
- Certificates
- 24/7 support in the case of emergency
- Option to extend the program week by week
- Accident insurance

ACCOMMODATIONS

The program includes accommodations in a shared room with other volunteers of the same gender. If you want an individual room in an apartment, family or dormitory, please ask about the difference in price.

PROGRAM DURATION

The minimum duration is 1 week. If you are planning on staying more than 3 months, we recommend a visa if you are from a country outside the European Union. We will process it for you.

SPANISH COURSE

The volunteer experience includes two weeks of intensive Spanish classes (20 hours/week). If you want more weeks, you can request for them. This will help you communicate and interact with others better. The courses are adapted to your Spanish level, from beginning to advanced.

Types of Volunteer Work

Participants can choose the area in which they prefer to volunteer.

Possible areas include the care and protection of animals, digital marketing for charitable organizations, football for the integration of young people, social ventures, cleaning beaches, teaching languages to underprivileged groups, art therapy for disabled persons.

Free time activities

During the week, we organize free leisure and cultural activities, such as sports, wine tourism, wine tastings, excursions, visits to tapas bars or to museums. All are free for our volunteers.

On the weekends, students can also enjoy their hobbies, such as hiking, surfing or winery tours. The area is perfect to enjoy outdoor activities.

TYPES OF VOLUNTEER WORK

- 1- Cleaning beaches
- 2- Art therapy
- 3- Social and environmental entrepreneurship
- 4 - Animal care





BEACH CLEANING

Reasons to participate:

- Improving our coastal and oceanic ecosystem by helping to ensure that no trash can jeopardize marine life or be toxic enough to interrupt the marine life cycle.
- Help the environment
- Concern for the environmental impact of our actions
- Improve your Spanish while doing volunteer work
- Contribute to the health of the oceans and mountains, doing something positive and gratifying for the lives of others.

Many beach and mountain areas are still not adequately protected from an environmental perspective; the support of volunteers is fundamental.

With your participation in this project, you will make a significant contribution to preserving the environment, marine ecosystems and ocean life.

The goals of this project are to improve the quality of the sea water by collecting kilos of trash and waste from beaches and mountains.

Typical day

9:30 am to 13:30 pm: Spanish classes during the first 2 weeks

16:00 pm: Team meeting.

16:15 pm: Travel to the beaches.

17:00 am to 19:00 pm: Work on the beaches.

19:30 pm: Collect materials and return trip.

20:00 pm: End of the day and free time.

ART THERAPY

Reasons to participate:

- Cooperate on a wide range of community projects targeting people with special needs.
- Develop creativity and learn art techniques. Design activities and learn more about art.
- Assist people with special needs and help them to get ahead in life, in spite of their difficulties.
- Meet the network of local artists and volunteer program staff.
- Improve your Spanish by taking courses with us during the first 2 weeks.

We propose forming part of a volunteer program, helping in a school for persons with special needs, assisting both children and adults. You will help people who have different learning difficulties.

The volunteers in this program work as assistants in different classrooms, supporting teachers in various activities in the morning or afternoon. We include indoor games, as well as art activities and crafts to help disabled students in their learning process.

There are 2 different shifts to choose from; mornings 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and afternoons 4:00 p.m. To 7:00 p.m.

Typical day

9:30 am to 1:30 pm: Spanish classes during the first 2 weeks.

4:00 pm - Meeting with the program coordinator

4:15 pm to 6:45 pm. Performing volunteer tasks with persons with special needs.

7:00 p.m.: End of tasks. Free time.





You can help

Give

save the world



SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Reasons to participate:

- Knowing and being aware of the different social realities in order to contribute your experience and assistance.
- Cooperating with social organizations, associations and NGOs committed to social projects.
- Helping to publicize social projects and their importance inside and outside Bilbao, making new contacts and finding ways to increase their impact.
- Interacting with local people and sharing personal experiences and ways of life.
- Developing social skills such as empathy, tolerance and understanding, putting them into practice in real situations.
- Improving your Spanish, taking courses with us during the first two weeks.

The goal of this program is to support social projects in the community.

The tasks to be carried out include the design of publicity campaigns and promoting educational actions, helping strengthen the social networks, fundraising and promotional efforts, searching for new alliances and developing synergy maps.

Volunteers will use social networks, crowdfunding, etc. to disseminate all the information that they obtain while performing their tasks and completing their weekly objectives.

Typical day

9:30 am to 1:30 pm: Spanish classes during the first 2 weeks.

4:00 pm - Meeting with the program coordinator.

4:15 pm to 6:45 pm: Performing volunteer tasks in organizations at the destination.

7:00 pm: End of tasks. Free time.

ANIMAL CARE

Reasons to participate:

- Cooperating as a volunteer at animal shelters.
- Offering your time and availability to animals that have been abandoned or abused by their owners and finding them a new home.
- Learn from the animals you care for and see how they transmit their affection and gratitude.
- Experience the value of giving without expecting anything in return.
- Improve your Spanish and experience the Spanish lifestyle.

Volunteers work in animal shelters where they perform many different tasks, such as cleaning the shelters, feeding animals, walking dogs and cats and helping rehabilitate traumatized animals.

You can also participate in efforts to control stray animals, administer medications and provide support for sterilization procedures and adoption processes, helping with public relations and educational work with the community.

Many families do not have knowledge about animal well-being, especially about their feeding. This is why it is so important to educate families that would like to have an animal as part of the family. Animals must only be adopted when the family is capable of taking care of a dog or cat.

Typical day

9:30 am to 1:30 pm: Spanish classes during the first 2 weeks.

2:00 pm: Team meeting and leave for the animal shelter.

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm: Performing tasks with the animals.

6:30 pm: End of tasks. Free time.

