



Activity description

Join ICYE Brazil in the SASID Project, a Humanitarian Aid ESC initiative, as we embark on a journey to make a meaningful impact in Alvorada City, Brazil. We are seeking four passionate and dedicated young volunteers from Europe to partake in a 10-month volunteering experience at the Umbuntu Social Project, nestled within one of the city's most impoverished districts.

At Umbuntu, we've cultivated a vibrant community hub that serves multiple purposes. From hosting workshops on unconventional edible plants processing and handicraft classes to fostering cultural exchanges through capoeira, percussion, and language teaching, our space is a beacon of learning and empowerment.

Tasks:

- As a volunteer, you'll actively engage in these workshops, leading activities with a non-formal education approach. Through this hands-on involvement, you'll not only impart knowledge but also cultivate invaluable skills, attitudes, and behaviours that contribute to a rich intercultural learning experience.
- You will also have a hands-on experience in environmentally sustainable practices by participating in farming, permaculture gardening, construction, and other manual activities of our project.

Our project is rooted in promoting environmentally sustainable and responsible behaviour. With this ethos in mind, you'll be tasked with designing activities that align with an eco-friendly approach. By incorporating elements of environmental awareness into our workshops, we aim to spark conversations about climate change, encourage critical discourse on environmental issues, and inspire action at the grassroots level. Together, we'll brainstorm and implement greener alternatives, fostering a collective commitment to sustainability.

This is more than just a volunteering opportunity; it's a chance to make a tangible difference while immersing yourself in a new culture, forging lifelong connections, and honing your skills. Join us in the pursuit of solidarity and global citizenship as we strive to create positive change in communities beyond borders. Apply now and embark on a transformative journey with ICYE Brazil.





Accommodation, Food and Transportation

As part of our commitment to ensuring a safe and enriching experience, ICYE Brazil will meticulously select and prepare local host families to accommodate volunteers. These families will provide a comfortable living environment equipped with essential amenities, including hot and cold water, Wi-Fi, and access to laundry facilities. Volunteers will have both private and communal spaces to share with their host families, fostering meaningful connections and cultural exchange.

Throughout the week, volunteers will enjoy breakfast and dinner provided by their host families, while lunch and snacks will be offered by the project. During weekends, all meals will be provided by the host families, allowing volunteers to experience authentic local cuisine and hospitality. Moreover, as part of the Um-buntu project's focus on organic produce, volunteers will have access to fresh and healthy food options, further enhancing their well-being during their stay.

To facilitate transportation to and from the project site, local transportation arrangements will be made for volunteers. Depending on their location, transportation options may include local bus services or rideshare platforms like Uber, both of which are readily available and efficient in the city of Alvorada.

Host Organisation

ICYE Brasil - Associação Brasileira de Intercambio Cultural is a non-profit, multi-cultural and non-governmental youth organisation based in Porto Alegre, southern Brazil. Its mission is to enhance peace and understanding between different cultures and nations through the promotion of youth exchange activities. The organisation is part of the ICYE Federation (International Cultural Youth Exchange) and works with local and international volunteers on a range of informal education and activity programmes, including international training, preparation of voluntary host families, intercultural learning activities for disadvantaged communities, and the promotion of voluntary work.

Since 1987, the organisation has gained extensive experience in the field of mobility, having hosted volunteers from Europe, South America and Asia. It has also promoted intercultural learning and volunteer work, with a particular focus on long-term voluntary service programmes. The organisation offers a diverse range of voluntary experiences in Porto Alegre and the surrounding area, with a primary focus on supporting marginalised communities in the favelas by working with children and youth in various youth centres.





Participants Profile

We seek individuals who embody open-mindedness, passion, dedication, and motivation to collaborate with underserved communities. Ideal candidates are enthusiastic about engaging with children and have a keen interest in urban gardening, agroforestry, and bioconstruction. While fulfilling assigned tasks, volunteers should demonstrate initiative and resourcefulness, actively seeking opportunities to enhance project outcomes through their contributions.

Proficiency in Spanish or Portuguese is advantageous, although not mandatory, as it facilitates communication and cultural immersion. We welcome volunteers with varying levels of language proficiency, recognizing the value of linguistic diversity in our projects.

If you're eager to make a meaningful impact, immerse yourself in new cultures, and contribute to community-driven initiatives, we invite you to join us on this rewarding journey. Apply now and become part of a dynamic team dedicated to creating positive change in the lives of others.

Application

Please apply via <https://www.icja.de/content/freiwilligendienste/programme/humanitarian-aid-volunteering> until 31.07.2025.

If you have any questions or need assistance while applying, please contact us via esc@icja.de.

