

CAMPAIGNS

Access for All

Since 1998 the Alliance has developed an accessing policy aiming to facilitate access to international voluntary service for all young people or adults facing exclusion. The international permanent campaign was launched in 2004 and is managed by the Access4All Working Group. The Alliance's Accessing principle is to open one or two places in as many international workcamps as possible, to participants with fewer opportunities, who, for any reason, face social, cultural, economical, physical barriers to their participation.

Sustainability Campaign

Since 2010 the sustainability campaign of the network stands for awareness raising on environmental protection. Our members participating in it, commit to environmental friendly practices throughout the year in order to lower the ecological footprint of the activities.

Yearly promotional campaigns

The Flag Tour 2011 and 30th Anniversary CAMPAIGN 2012 are two of the campaigns created and managed by the External Relations Committee, to raise visibility worldwide on the relevance of Alliance' work for international volunteering and local development.

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Begin Anywhere:
Volunteer-Inspire-Engage!

WHO WE ARE

The Alliance is an International Non-Governmental Youth Organisation (INGYO), a cooperative network of independent, national organisations working together on the quality and development of International Voluntary Service.

The Alliance was founded in 1982 and since then the number of its members has significantly risen from 6 to 50 members from 30 countries and more than 30 partner organisations worldwide. The Alliance is a European based organisation: non-European organisations can become associate members and take full part in the life of the network.

Our member and partner organisations promote community development, intercultural and understanding and peace through non formal learning, the implementation of international voluntary service projects and the exchange of about 20.000 volunteers per year. All projects provide resources and support to local communities, giving at the same time individuals from diverse backgrounds and all ages the opportunity to meet and live an intercultural experience.

The Alliance is managed by its members in a participatory way. The General Assembly is the highest decisional body that meets once per year and delegates the Executive Committee to guarantee the implementation of the yearly Plan of Action (PoA). The PoA is concretely implemented by the members through the Working Groups and Committees, that focus on specific networking and training areas relevant to the field of action of the member organisations.

The Alliance is a partner of many regional and worldwide networks active in the field of international volunteering.

OUR MISSION AND GOAL

We consider volunteering as a powerful tool to enhance participation, intercultural dialogue and inclusion: through short and long term voluntary projects, citizens can understand the importance of participating in social life, getting involved in issues of concern for the local community, appreciate cultural and social diversity as an enriching and empowering element in society.

Our aims are to promote better cooperation among our members and to develop common standards and best practice activities for the benefit of volunteers and local partners. The focus lies on improving the quality of the voluntary projects by facilitating the networking and training our members.

ACTIVITIES

WORKCAMPS

International workcamps represent a unique form of voluntary service: they bring together people from different backgrounds to work for micro projects that benefit local communities. They are realized in cooperation with the local communities to answer real needs in a variety of areas, such as environment, reconstruction, festivals etc. For the volunteers, workcamps provide opportunities to explore the potential of an international group to work, live, take decisions and learn together.

TECHNICAL MEETING

It is the main event at which all members, partners and invited guests, meet to exchange and discuss the programmes for the forthcoming workcamp season.

POST CAMP EVENT

It takes place every two years and is addressed to the active volunteers of member organisations, to evaluate their experience and plan their future involvement in the volunteering activities of the network.

GENERAL CONFERENCE

It is organized every two years as a space to meet and discuss a relevant topic for the future development of the Alliance network and volunteering in general.

TRAINING AND INNOVATION

The Working Groups and Committees organize several training opportunities for the staff, leaders, youth workers and individual volunteers of the member organisations, depending on the current needs of the network.

