

Exchange Program 2010

Every year CIF Hellas organizes a four week exchange program for human services professionals in Greece, mainly the Athens area. The next program is planned for May 2010 (3 - 28). The program has three stages:

1. Induction week
2. Fieldwork Experience
3. Evaluation

Induction week

During the first week an orientation seminar will introduce participants to the program and Greece.

The seminar is a combination of lectures, workshops, field visits, cultural events and discussions covering many topics so as to give participants a basic understanding of Greek culture and socio-economic realities.

Special emphasis is placed on greek social work, social policy, social welfare programs. Arrangements are made for participants to live together during this week giving them the chance to meet and discuss.

Fieldwork Experience

The core three weeks of the program cover various interest areas to do with social work and social services in Greece.

We aim to offer an experience that provides a broad and independent perspective on the chosen field of each participant.

We offer a wide selection of field placements mostly in and around Athens. Other parts of Greece may also be considered.

Participants are not expected to understand the Greek language. They receive guidance in English and are encouraged to engage in the field experience through observation and commentary.

Evaluation

The last couple of days of the program are used for evaluation and the sharing of experiences, including a farewell event.

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Accommodation

During field placement (three weeks) participants are welcome to stay with host families. Living with host families is an essential part of the program as it is a good way to know the Greek way of life.

Host families will normally provide room and board free of charge, unless otherwise specified.

Eligibility

Successful candidates should:

- be professionally qualified and employed in social work related area
 - be involved in direct service with a minimum of 3 years professional experience.
 - be fluent in English.
 - be able to provide their own health insurance.
- Knowledge of Greek is welcome but not required.

Financial Terms

Participants are asked to contribute 400 euros as a registration fee towards the costs of the CIF Hellas exchange program and local transportation.

The registration fee excludes travel to and from Greece and any personal spending during the course of the program.

Application

Application forms can be obtained from your respective CIF national branch or contact person, where completed applications should also be sent. If CIF has no representation in your country of residence you may contact CIF Hellas directly.

The deadline for applying to our 2010 program will be December 1st 2009.

About CIF Hellas

CIF Hellas is a private, non-profit organization formed in 1978 by Greek alumni of CIP (Council of International Programs) USA as part of the CIF international network.

Together with our CIF partners around the world we contribute to the development of new methods for dealing with social problems and seek better international understanding by means of exchange programs for human services professionals.

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