

Quotes:

"The benefits (of #EVCapital 2019 title) will be seen for the current volunteers, future volunteers and the whole population of Kosice. We will be able to give greater recognition to the value of volunteers in Kosice and develop ways to support them better and also facilitate more volunteering. We will do this by developing an even greater culture of volunteering in Kosice and in the development of a dedicated online matching service for volunteers searching for opportunities and initiatives and organisations needing volunteers." Miloslav Klíma, Kosice EVCapital 2019

"We talked to a lot of people who were curious about how we do social activities for children in Aarhus, so it was a nice boost compared to our normal recruitment meetings, which we have once a month at the local Volunteer Center. At the same time, we talked about fundraising, about our recycling shop and networking with other associations. We will definitely use the year to make us even more visible" Volunteer coordinator, Aarhus #EVCapital 2018 Opening Ceremony

"It was a perfect time for us to come out and tell about our work for mentally ill and vulnerable refugees and how we work with inclusion. We usually have 20 volunteers in the center, and they create a safe space. People were very interested and despite the fact that there were so many associations and people, it worked well and in a good spirit for us" Mette Jensby Mortensen from Muhabet Aarhus.

"I was excited about the great participation and the amazing atmosphere that the many attendees created. What an energy the voluntary associations and organizations in Aarhus can create! There are people with good hearts, enthusiasts who make other people curious about gaining knowledge. It was clear that many became interested in learning more and maybe even try to participate in voluntary work themselves", Jacob Bundsgaard - Mayor of Aarhus.

"During the year we will celebrate the volunteer initiatives and together we will maintain the commitment and create lasting changes. Therefore, we must dare to make new demands – both to ourselves and to our cooperation – in order to set the right framework for volunteering and citizenship to grow. The goal of the year is to make it easy, fun and accessible to be a volunteer" Camilla Fabricius - Vice-Mayor of Aarhus.

"Being a Volunteer Capital is in our opinion not about inventing new volunteer projects for a special occasion, but celebrating the citizens of Aarhus and all the things that they already do. And of course, we will use the title to continue developing the strong community and the union spirit that characterize us. By having the title of European Volunteering Capital 2018, Aarhus will also look forward to welcoming European neighbours, exchanging knowledge, networking and

thinking about potential participation in future volunteering projects across Europe.” Francesca Pisano, European Solidarity Corps volunteer Aarhus EVCapital 2018

“Having a European Volunteering Capital in Sligo was of huge benefit to Volunteer Ireland, as the national volunteer development organisation. We saw record-breaking media coverage of volunteering during the course of the year, both locally and nationally, as a result. It also allowed the local Volunteer Centre, who played a leading role in the EVC candidacy, to trial new initiatives that the national network of Volunteer Centres could learn from. And it was particularly useful having the EVC honour in a city that is not our capital, as it inspired us to put our focus outside the capital, for example hosting our annual conference and annual awards in Sligo – which in turn helped us reach a new audience.” Nina Arwitz Chief Executive Volunteer Ireland

“Being a part of the European Volunteering Capital made me feel so proud. It is always vital that we all volunteer and do our role for the Sligo Community. Hopefully I would like to see Sligo, get the title once again European Capital of Volunteering. The people of Sligo, deserve this to make us all feel good and a sense of pride. I would recommend volunteering for anyone it is the feel good factor that you get.” Charmaine Button - Active Volunteer

“As the Sligo Volunteer Centre it was fantastic to be central to the hosting of the European Volunteering Capital in our town in 2017. We interacted with so many new groups and individuals, which broadens our service. We seen a 13.5 % increase in volunteers register with our service and a 20% increase of Volunteer Opportunities on offer. We are delighted to have made so many connections that we will continue to nurture to add value to community sector in Sligo.” Ciara Herity, Manager Sligo Volunteer Centre

“The 2/3/10 Sligo Scout Group congratulate the Sligo Volunteer Centre and Sligo County Council on achieving the European Capital of Volunteering 2017 status for Sligo City. It is a great honour for Sligo and we greatly appreciate the time and effort that you committed to achieving this honour for Sligo, to follow such cities as London, Barcelona and Lisbon was a major achievement.” On behalf of 2/3/10 Sligo Scout Group Joe Doherty, Group Leader

Sergio Giordani, mayor of Padova "The candidacy of Padua to European Capital of Volunteering is a great challenge that wants to honor the extraordinary world of associations and volunteers who have always worked in Padua with initiatives at local, national and international level. The third sector is a fundamental component of our community and our city is the engine of new initiatives and innovative experiences necessary to keep up with the times. The solid and profound motivations of those who volunteer, ethical, social and cultural, do not change, but change the context in which they take place. In this the Municipality of Padua is and will always be at the side of this great resource, operating in synergy with all the realities of the third sector. The European Capital of Volunteering application is a further incentive for us to do better and more ".

For **Emanuele Alecci**, president CSV Padova "the candidature can mark for Padua a just recognition of the past and an incentive for the future. It is evident to everyone, not only to insiders, that Padua has always been able to experience a concrete and at the same time visionary solidarity. From Civitas to Banca Etica, from Zancan Foundation to the Blessed Peace builders, there are many civil commitment initiatives born in Padua and become national heritage. Today, with the 6,200 realities of the third sector surveyed and the thousands of volunteers, Padua is still the spearhead of Italian voluntary service, but needs new motivations and a generational and cultural renewal that can be fueled by this candidacy".

Videos:

Aarhus #EVCapital 2018 Overview [here](#).

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