

Cultural Mediator Job Description Velos Youth

Position: Farsi, Dari and Pashto Cultural Mediator

Contract length: 6 months

Location: Athens

Position type: Full-time

Salary: 1124 Gross salary per month (+ Easter, Summer and Christmas Bonuses)

Starting Date: ASAP

Application Deadline: 11th of April

Velos Youth supports displaced children and young people to access their rights, in order to rebuild lives integrated within Greek society. This is achieved through the provision of a safe space that offers a range of basic and professional services, as well as connection with public and partner services. A program of activities centered around wellbeing, identity and social development is offered within the space, fostering feelings of belonging, self-worth and community. More information can be found [here](#).

Job Description:

Velos is looking for a full-time cultural mediator to interpret from Farsi/Dari/Pashto to English. The individual will be based at the Velos Youth Center, where they will mediate during group workshops and activities, and one-to-one conversations between young people and other Velos Youth professionals. The ideal candidate will have experience interpreting the languages listed as well as working with the target group (young people aged 16-23). Velos Youth is a place where young people can feel safe and supported and therefore the successful applicant will have patience towards, and understanding of, the needs of a teenage and young adult population living in challenging circumstances. Applicants must be over 23 (due to the age of young people attending Velos).

Key Roles and Responsibilities:

- Interpreting in one-to-one meetings between young people and youth support workers
- Providing interpretation in a variety of workshops and activities
- Translating written material such as posters and informative documents
- Being present in the Velos Youth Center and interacting with the young people throughout the day
- Leading outdoor activities
- Supporting the day-to-day running of Velos Youth including cleaning and other daily tasks completed by the team
- Attending and contributing to team meetings
- Supporting the ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the organisations activities

Skills & Experience Essential:

- 2 years experience of Cultural Mediation or interpretation within NGOs or services for refugees and migrants
- Experience of interpreting 1-1 conversations which may involve sensitive content
- Competence in Farsi/Dari/Pashto and English
- Good written communication in Farsi/Dari/Pashto
- Strong interest in working with young people
- Ability to engage with adolescents from different cultural backgrounds
- Good communication skills and ability to work as part of a diverse team
- Capacity to work in complex, stressful and intensive contexts
- Commitment to applying relevant policies
- A 'yes' attitude and willingness to support Velos Youth Center in daily tasks

Desirable:

- Competence in Greek, Urdu and Bangla
- Experience of working with young people aged 16-23 years of age
- Good knowledge of children's/adolescent rights and related matters
- Good understanding of equal opportunities, cultural diversity, active inclusion and gender issues

If you are interested in this position please send your CV and motivation letter to info@velosyouth.org.

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