



Project TEN

International Community Development
By The Jewish Agency For Israel

SAMOS GREECE



ABOUT

Project TEN is an international development program that operates volunteer centers in developing areas. We bring together young Jewish adults from all over the world, to a program that combines volunteer work with local communities and service-learning in the fields of international development, culture, identity, and Jewish activism.



SAMOS ISLAND GREECE

The Project TEN Center operates on the Greek Island located on the Aegean coast, Samos.

The refugee community in Samos Island is continuously growing and now has approximately 7,500 people. Most refugees come from Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Congo and more. As the refugee crisis continues, the community is growing, and more and more people are in need of assistance, from everything related to physical needs such as food, sanitation through formal and informal education that will help them later in life and achieve their future goals.

Our staff and volunteers focus on creating informal education options for the children and youth of the refugee community on the island. The activity takes place in full cooperation with Human Rights 360, a Greek civil society organization. Our volunteers help with running the dining room where community members receive a hot meal a day. They take part in physical assistance as well as and leading enrichment and language acquisition programs.

Our center is an idyllic and calm place where the children from the refugee and asylum seeker community get comfort and a friendly environment in which the children become students again. They get to meet with the volunteers and enjoy educational activities all in a safe environment where they could have some relief from their day to day life and receive a sense of normality in an abnormal situation.

WHO WE ARE

Young people in their twenties from Israel and the Diaspora volunteer at the TEN Greece Center. Volunteers engage with one of the most vulnerable communities of the 21st century. Refugees and Asylum seekers from Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Congo & more.

WHAT WE DO

Volunteers will take part in volunteer activities for asylum seekers and refugees and will be part of the dozens of young Europeans on the island who take responsibility and lend a helping hand to the community.



Working with CHILDREN, YOUTH AND TEACHING STAFF in SAMOS ISLAND, Greece!

VOLUNTEERS EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM

Volunteers undergo training before and after arrival at the Center. The training is designed to prepare participants for group life, the volunteering experience, and it enables a connection to the wider global context in which Project TEN operates. The delegation opens with a week of orientation of in-depth familiarity with the Center. During this week, the volunteers meet the local staff, get to deeply know the work, visit volunteering locations and are exposed to the local culture and lifestyle.

During the three months of volunteering, there are regular weekly meetings led by the Center's Directors and Coordinators and in collaboration with local professionals. The meetings cover various topics such as international development, education and community, Shabbat and holiday activities, language lessons and group time. The purpose of the meetings is to process the volunteering and group life experiences, to provide tools for the professional implementation of Project TEN's educational and ethical model, to expose the volunteers to the culture and lifestyle of the community in which they live alongside their own identity as Jews, as Israelis and citizens of the world.

*Every second weekend, participants are free to go and travel around the country. The program welcomes religious and secular participants. All activities on Saturdays and Jewish holidays are suitable for traditional observers. However, every participant is free to keep the Shabbat as they see fit.



ACCOMMODATIONS:

As part of the project, the volunteers live in an apartment building located in the town of Viathi located on the shores of Samos Island. It is a tourist area and is surrounded by seashores, Greek cafes, restaurants, taverns and mountains where you can hike.

COST: \$1,350

Includes: accommodation, three nutritious vegetarian meals a day, clean water, professional staff in the field, basic Wi-Fi and security.

Not Included: flights, health insurance, vaccines, visas and free weekends.

VOLUNTEER 2020

- January Cohort
- May Cohort
- September Cohort

For more details on dates and other centers check out our website!

