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#### **Project Title**

# 2nd Life EVS

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## **Project Information**

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#### **Project Summary**

2nd Life EVS is a 6 month EVS project which will take place in Cyprus under the coordination of IEEN with the involvement of two volunteers from the Centre Regional Information Jeunesse Normandie Rouen. The main topic of the project is to draw from the result of a pilot project run by IEEN over the last 5 years and introduce volunteers into the principles of second hand objects as a tool to acquire basic entrepreneurship skills, respect the environment and bridge the inter-generational gap that is evident across the society in Cyprus and beyond.

2nd Life EVS project's objectives are three-fold:

Environmental: To help reduce waste by reusing objects and toys in particular

Inter-generational: To bridge the gap between the generations as the 2nd Life workshops are done by older and younger volunteers who come to work together and learn from each other for a good cause, and end up having lots of fun too!

Entrepreneurial: To introduce the volunteers into the entrepreneurship world by acquiring some basic skills of developing and running a small social business.

The main activities of the EVS project in which the two volunteers will be involved relate to the exploitation of second hand objects which can be divided into the collection, restoration and sale/donate of second hand products. In addition, the weekly tasks of the volunteers include management of other Erasmus+ projects run by IEEN. The volunteers will additionally be offered the opportunity to develop their own Erasmus+ project on a topic of their interest under the support and guidance of IEEN volunteers. We expect that this EVS project will have significant impact on the participants who will be able to make Reuse (Reduce, Recycle, Reuse) part of their life, improve their social attitude towards second-hand buying and to develop knowledge about managing a social enterprise while acquiring environmental consciousness understanding that by reusing second hand products we minimize the waste which harms the environment. Finally, a detailed dissemination plans which includes among others workshops at the sending and hosting organization has been developed to guarantee that the results of the project will be shared beyond the two participating organizations.

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