

ESN organises Social Inclusion Days to advocate for inclusion and social engagement in student mobility

Erasmus Student Network (ESN) is organising the Social Inclusion Days initiative during which more than 500 local associations in 42 countries will advocate for inclusive mobility programmes and will organise activities to **bring together international students and local communities through volunteering**.

The two-week initiative, running from the **25th of March until the 8th of April 2020**, will provide opportunities for international students to expand their knowledge of their host countries' cultures. While experiencing their Erasmus+ exchange, young people will take part in **impactful activities focusing on social inclusion**, from visits to local schools and nursing homes to awareness events. ESN volunteers will use their knowledge to **inspire social change** and **unite people** from all different backgrounds.

“The Social Inclusion Days initiative interprets the mentality and the attitude that our generation needs to adopt. It is the driving force that promotes civic engagement and active citizenship. It is our duty to **build bridges between the international students and the local community** and foster intercultural awareness. From the 25th of March to the 8th of April, we will make our voices be heard through our actions. Volunteers from 42 countries, together with the universities and other civil society organizations, will develop volunteering activities giving the opportunity to international students to interact with the local community and to make a great impact. **ESN believes that our generation will make the change!** ESN volunteers are dedicated to creating opportunities for every single student who studies abroad to realise that the exchange experience can change their lives and make them realise that they can be active actors in today's challenging world.”

- **Kostis Giannidis**, President of the Erasmus Student Network

Erasmus Student Network (ESN) is the biggest student association in Europe. Present at over 1000 Higher Education Institutions, it unites over 500 local associations in 42 countries. More than 15,000 volunteers take care of international colleagues under the motto “Students helping students”. ESN works for the creation of a more mobile and flexible education environment by supporting and developing the student exchange from different levels and providing an intercultural experience.