

Erasmus + Project: Sustainable Mobility, Sustainable Community

A Volunteer from the Cyclist.ie network is sought to participate in a week-long study visit / series of workshops and kick-off meetings for an Erasmus+ project in Corella in Spain in late March 2019. Flights, accommodation and basic expenses will be paid for.

1 - Introduction / Background

Biciclistas de Corella (Spain), Green Schools/Cyclist.ie - the Irish Cycling Advocacy Network, and Frie Fugle (Denmark) have collaborated with a youth association (LAG Suduva, Lithuania) and Alhama High School (Spain) to devise a project (entitled Sustainable Mobility, Sustainable Community) that combines social inclusion, intergenerational relationships, community building and sustainable mobility.

The project is all about sharing good examples of sustainable mobility and cycling promotion, and to provide positive cultural exchange experiences for secondary school students and cycle campaigners. The project involves study visits to Corella in Spain (March 2019), Copenhagen (in May 2019, TBC), Dublin (in June 2019 to tie in with the *Velo-city* cycling conference) and Lithuania (meeting date to be confirmed).

More information on the project can be read in the articles linked to in Appendix I below.

The kick-off meeting and first study visit will take place in Corella in the province of Navarre in the North of Spain arriving on Tuesday 26th March and leaving on Sunday 31st March 2019. The week of events will include:

- Meeting of all the project partners / attending the kick-off meetings
- Visits to schools, the Town Hall and other destinations
- Bike rides
- Study visits of sustainable tourism enterprises
- Visits to local towns and the local environment
- Participating in various evening-time social events

The schedule of the week's events is currently being finalised.

At the gathering in Corella, there will be (approximately) nine attendees from each of the four participating groups (i.e. Spain, Ireland, Lithuania and Denmark). Of the nine Ireland based attendees, there will be one teacher with five students (school still to be confirmed) and three representatives from An Taisce / Cyclist.ie (AT / C.ie). Jane Hackett, Manager of the Travel Team with AT Green-Schools, is one of the three. Dr. Damien Ó Tuama, National Cycling Coordinator with Cyclist.ie, will also attend (as the initial point of contact on this project).

2 - Volunteer Sought

We are seeking one person - someone sociable who likes meeting new people involved in sustainability projects! - from the Cyclist.ie network to participate in the project meetings and study visits / workshops in Corella. Flights and accommodation will be paid for and basic expenses covered (mainly food!). The person must be:

1. **A paid-up member of any Cyclist.ie affiliated group** (see <https://cyclist.ie/map/> for the current groups).
2. **Active in one of Cyclist.ie's groups** and hence have a decent general knowledge / experience of what is happening in cycling advocacy in Ireland.
3. **Willing to explain to an international audience** (say, in small workshop contexts with participants of all ages) **what the main cycling issues are in Irish towns / cities** and give a flavour of the types of initiatives and policy responses campaigners are working on.
4. **Willing to participate in the various scheduled activities in Corella** and interested in learning about ideas and experiences of cycling advocates in other countries.
5. **Available for the full period of Tue 26 to Sun 31 March 2019 in Corella.**
6. **Willing to be Garda vetted in advance of the trip** (because of the involvement of school children on the trip). Note that, for the selected candidate, this involves completing a slightly laborious online form and providing the information listed in Appendix II below.
7. **Willing to present a written report to Cyclist.ie** on the events in Corella (e.g. by drafting a web-story for <https://cyclist.ie/>) **and/or present verbally at a Dublin Cycling Campaign or Cyclist.ie meeting.**

It is hoped that following the Corella study trip, the volunteer may wish to remain involved in the Erasmus+ project and perhaps feed into the study trip of Dublin taking place in June 2019, and/or other study trips to Copenhagen and Lithuania.

3 - Application Process

If you are interested in putting yourself forward for the above trip, please email damien.otuama@antaisce.org by **Wednesday 23rd January**

- (i) explaining why you would like to be part of this study trip / project meeting, and
- (ii) responding clearly to each of the seven numbered points above.

It is on the basis of answers to (i) and (ii) that applications will be assessed.

Please keep your letter concise (say, no more than approx. 500 words). You may also wish to attach short (2 page) CV to give us a better sense of your experience.

We expect to choose a candidate by **the beginning of February 2019** so that the Garda vetting procedure can be completed and travel arrangements made ASAP.

APPENDIX I - Further Information on the project

[1] In this short story on the website of the European Cyclists' Federation: <https://ecf.com/news-and-events/news/three-ecf-members-start-exciting-new-3-year-erasmus-project>

[2] In this presentation prepared by the project leader: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-Qma2bJVm_0qrtP4Dcj8YQM6WL2fbgDg/view?usp=sharing

[3] In this further presentation prepared by the project leader: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1efr2oFkilosoE2tE3YXplTcjfBIN88cK/view?usp=sharing>



APPENDIX II - Information for Garda Vetting

Note that in the pro-forma Vetting Check-list email circulated by An Garda Síochána, it asks applicants to ensure they have the following information readily available:

- List of names that you are also known as i.e. maiden name, married name, name change on divorce/separation, name change by deed poll, nickname or name you are commonly known as other than the name on your birth certificate.
- Previous addresses since birth.
- Passport Number (where applicable).
- The following information is required in relation to a criminal record, court date, court name, offence and court outcome.

Note that the form is sent directly to the candidate after their contact details have been sent to a staff member in An Taisce's Green Schools.