

Dignity Centre Deputy – job description

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Refugee Support Europe is a small, dynamic charity (1174070) that relies on caring volunteers to deliver our model of aid with dignity. With the help of over 750 volunteers from over 40 nations, we have supported many thousands of refugees in Greece, Bangladesh, Mexico and Cyprus since April 2016. We have been operating as a charity since July 2017 and built a well-deserved reputation as one of Europe's leading volunteer NGOs.

We have just established a new 'Dignity Centre' service in Nicosia, Cyprus with plans to open others in Cyprus over the next year or so. The central idea is for the Centre to offer services to refugees and asylum seekers that enable them rebuild their lives through skills, learning and resources. The website tells the story of where we are and what we are doing: <https://www.refugeesupport.eu/projects/nicosia/>

The Centre has been very successful and is now being managed by previous volunteer and now full time employee Paula Tamarit. She needs help to run the Centre. It is a lot to manage:

- language learning led by local people and local refugees
- cookery and food economics for the vulnerable 18-21 UAMs moved into unsupported housing
- training in commercial cookery for all now that the govt has allowed cooking as one of the jobs refugees can do (in cooperation with the UN peace keeping force)
- we are providing housing transition kits to the 18-21 year olds that move from supported into unsupported housing (in close cooperation with UNHCR)
- textile manufacture so they can make money by selling items locally and online (we are already looking at renting a shop space in Nicosia and have set up an online store for items created and shipped from Nicosia) Current items are tote bags, aprons, dresses all under the guidance of an experienced refugee tailor
- creche facility for parents so that they can use the facilities in the centre
- bike supply and repair so that people can use them to travel to work, an extremely popular service
- art workshop to express themselves but also looking to sell commercially
- (in progress) desktop computers to enable computer literacy lessons (in cooperation with the Cyprus Refugee Council)
- Free breakfast to people using the Caritas legal and asylum advice service 3 times a week (in cooperation with Caritas)
- monthly Let's Eat events to promote integration with a free meal for up to 300 people, themed each month along national dishes
- washing machines to help with hygiene

You will be reporting to Paula, supported by co-founders John and Paul, and work with a great group of supportive and highly committed volunteers.

This is a great opportunity to get experience with an organisation that is doing vital and rewarding work for people who are poorly served by government and other organisations.

We are looking for someone who has similar experience of working with refugees and can join us for at least 3 months as soon as possible, ideally for 6-12 months. It is also ideal if you have a full driving license. We can currently pay you €1,000 per month but expect that to rise as we secure funding for the expansion of the concept.

Either send in your cv to Chief Exec Paul Hutchings or phone him for a chat about the role: paul@refugeesupport.eu +44 77 6881 5472