SERVICE CIVIL INTERNATIONAL

What I need to know to be a Mentor

What is my role as a Mentor?

Being a mentor means to support a volunteer, improve their volunteering experience, be a friend, a local guide, advisor and listener and a link between the volunteer and the hosting organization







Tasks for the ARRIVAL:





- Meeting the volunteer,
- Showing the local places,
- Helping with practicalities (bank account, sim card, buying supplies),
- Supporting with daily activities,
- Introducing the volunteer to local norms.

Tasks DURING the project:



- Assisting with the needs of daily life,
- Checking in regularly (personal life and volunteering life),
- Facilitate a reflection on their learning journey,
- Keeping the host organization informed.







Tasks at the END of the project:

- Doing an evaluation with the hosting organisation, to discuss the positives and negatives of the project,
- Doing an evaluation with the volunteer.



Being a mentor means supporting a volunteer, it means being a friend, but it is also important to set limits and be able to say no.



