

The Formentera Office of Social Welfare (*Conselleria de Benestar Social, CBSF*) is working on the draft of the first Island Volunteer Plan "to develop public policy that promotes volunteering on the island", said Rafael Ramírez, Councillor of Social Welfare. This plan can be traced back to Balearic legislation on volunteering, which calls on the island councils to draw up and promote the planning of volunteering policies in their jurisdiction.

According to Councillor Ramírez, the Consell is "working with the Balearic Islands Volunteer Platform [*Plataforma del Voluntariat, PVIB*], which has set the roadmap to develop the plan to promote, encourage and protect volunteering on the island". The CBSF chief stressed that "institutions must promote and strengthen volunteering as a transformative force in society that aims to achieve a more just and egalitarian world". In November the island's government teamed up with the Platform to host two training sessions for local organisations and volunteers.

The PVIB brings together a total of thirty volunteer organisations in the region, and represents more than seven thousand individuals who volunteer every day in assorted programmes. It strives to participate actively and on an ongoing basis in crafting proposals on volunteer policies and programmes developed by the Consell in all fields.

Working days

To study and assess the current state of volunteering and volunteer groups on our island, this week two working days have been put together, the first with political leaders and staff specialists of the Consell de Formentera. For the second event on Saturday 12 March, local volunteers and volunteer organisations are invited to take part in a deep-dive on the dynamics of participation and group work. The event will take place from 10.00am to 1.00pm in the Consell de Formentera auditorium (Sala de Plens, Centre de Dia de Formentera). To participate, please confirm attendance by calling 971 321 271 or emailing immigració@consell deformentera.cat

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