



Today, for International Volunteer Day, the Formentera Office of Social Welfare is pleased to present a video salute to the valuable work of local volunteers. The clip highlights the wealth of volunteer actions on Formentera and, secondly, as Rafael Ramírez, Councillor of Social Welfare, pointed out, "we want to thank the people who offer their selfless work day in day out". "Our institutions must actively recognise the role of volunteers and their visibility in society", said Councillor Ramírez.

He remarked that "Formentera has a diverse, committed and supportive fabric of associations that face new situations and challenges every day in a bid to secure a society that is fairer and more egalitarian". The councillor took the opportunity to applaud the local chapter of the Spanish Association Against Cancer (*Asociación Española Contra el Cáncer, AECC*), which received the Balearic government's Savina Prize on 1 December. "The AECC is an example of volunteer work bridging the values of commitment and generosity", he said.

Volunteer work is cross-cutting, covering many areas and groups. It is an essential instrument in our society, not only on account of the values implicit in the organised participation of citizens, but because it represents a commitment to the general interest and encourages justice, social cohesion and a more inclusive, relational and participative society.

Training days

To promote volunteering, last week the Consell de Formentera staged two days in which thirty people participated. In the first, an information session, there were eleven attendees from six local groups; about twenty people took part in the training day held Saturday.

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