



**Parque de las Ciencias**

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**Cultural Elderly Volunteers  
Programme of Sciences Park  
(Granada, Spain)**

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**This activity is part of a National Programme started in 1998, the programme affects cultural equipment of different regions.**

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**Elderly people who want to be a cultural guide apply for this at the institution. Then they receive training (2 months): general information about the institution, itineraries for the visit, basic rules for dealing with the public, etc.**

**Each volunteer chooses a day (from Tuesday to Friday); preferably in the morning. The programme is aimed at elderly people. Volunteers are people over 50 years old. They guide groups of the elderly. The central government funds the cost of insurance of each volunteer.**

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**This best practice has been chosen because of its innovative character. The Science Park is one of the main tourism resources of the province; elderly people have an important place in the planning centre.**

**Another important reason has been the features of this building, adapted to people with reduced mobility; wheelchairs can be requested at the information point. Guide dogs are admitted. All the itineraries are accessible. This is not usual.**

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**The main challenge is to adapt the training course to the circumstance of each person. The volunteers change every year and the programme has to be adapted for them.**

**The institutions that are involved in the programme are: Parque de las Ciencias as the institution, Volunteer group of the park work, European Union, Spanish Confederation of Elderly Centres (CEATE), Central Government, Cultural Department and Social Issues Department (IMSERSO).**

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## Objectives:

- To adapt the features of this building to people with reduced mobility.
- To adapt the training course to the circumstance of each person.
- To improve the quality of life of the elderly people of the country.
  - To use the human potential of the elderly.
    - To promote active ageing.
    - To contribute to their experience.

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## Results:

- Increase the number of visitors to the museum.
- Involvement of the volunteers in the museum life.  
They usually take part in the exhibitions, conferences and book presentations.
- Elderly volunteers encourage elderly people to visit Parque de las Ciencias.

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