The Formentera Office of Social Welfare is pleased to announce the week-long programme of activities in celebration of International Volunteer Day (5 December).

Rafael Ramírez, councillor of social welfare, highlighted the work of "Formentera's volunteers -entities and individuals alike- for a more egalitarian, participatory and associative society", and noted that "government agencies have supported them, acknowledged their efforts and increased their visibility".

The programme starts this **Wednesday 30 November**, with two sessions at the Formentera Office of Social Welfare (Sala de Formació; Conselleria de Benestar Social [CBS

]). The first, from 4.00pm to 6.30pm, is a basic volunteer training session and the second, from 6.30pm to 8.00pm, an information session for volunteer organisations. The two sessions will be led by the Plataforma del Voluntariat de les Illes Balears. To sign up for the basic info session, contact CBS. Telephone 971 32 12 71

On **Thursday 1 December**, Formentera will host the Balearic government's awards gala for volunteering. The event will begin at 7.00pm in the Consell de Formentera plenary hall (sala de plens

), and will include a video tribute to the island's volunteers made by the Consell de Formentera.

On **Friday 2 December**, a banner will be hung on the balcony of the seat of local government.

On **Monday 5 December**, Volunteer Day, 10.00am to 1.00pm in the Plaça de la Constitució, volunteer groups of the island will set up information tables and highlight the actions and projects they carry out. The Association of People with Special Needs of Eivissa and Formentera (

APNEEF), Spanish Cancer Association (AECC), Three Kings Association, Intercultural Festival Association, Spanish Red Cross and Acción Francisco will participate. On the same day, the Consell will take to social media to post its video tribute to volunteers.

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