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.