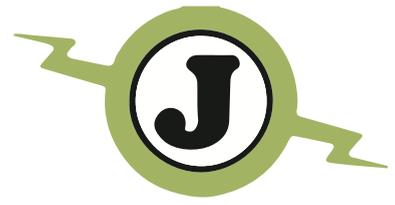


# WORK PROFILE

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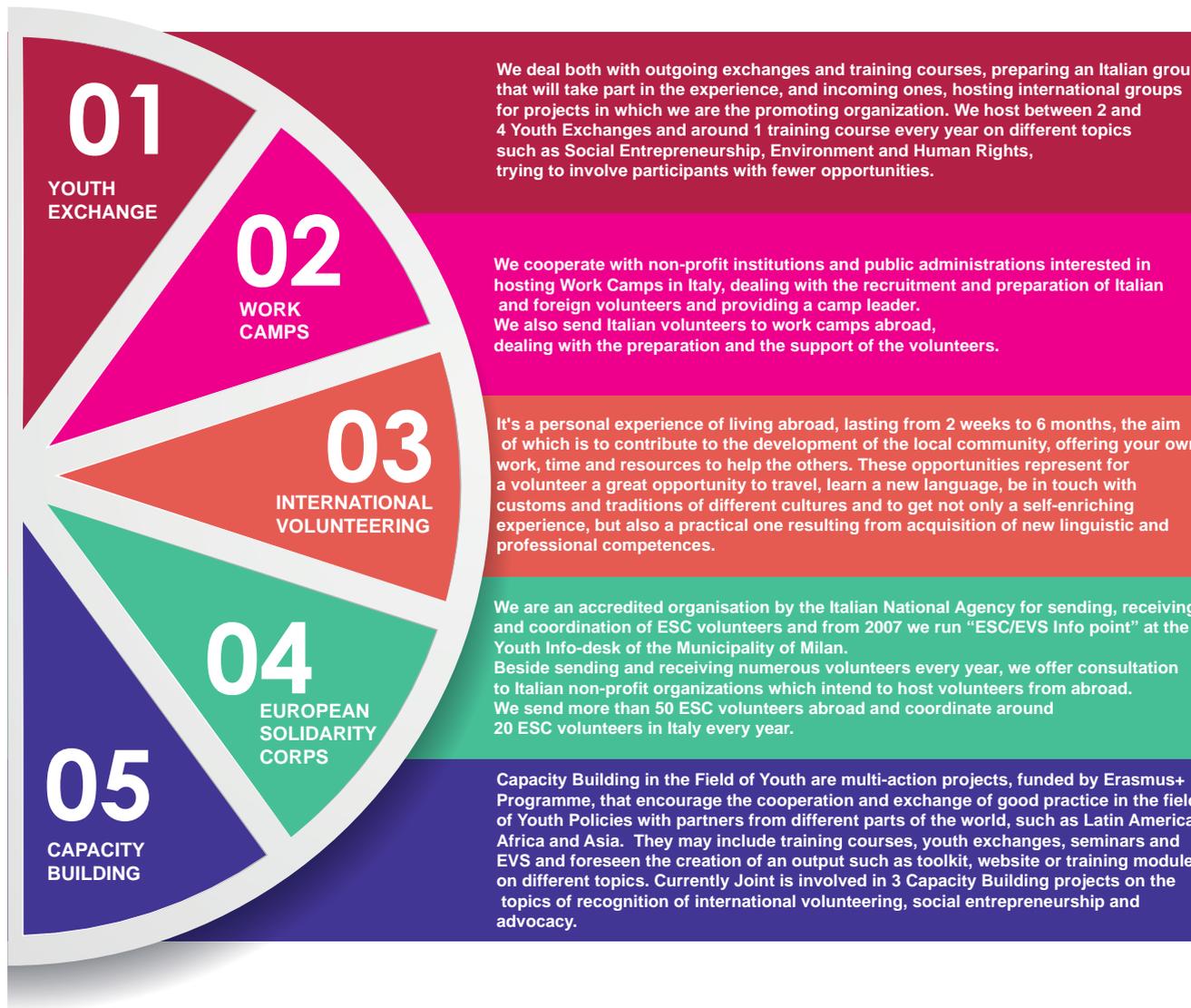
**Joint**  
Association

**Dear friends and future volunteers!**

We are happy that you are interested to come and experience ICYE voluntary work period in Italy! This is the WORK PROFILE of Joint Association. It has been made in order to you some informations about our association and an idea of the different types of voluntary work placement that we can offer.

We trust that will find this Work Profile useful and we suggest you to read it very carefully: any explanation you may need, do not hesitate to contact us for further information.





WHIO WE ARE

**Associazione Joint** is active since 2003 and offers international mobility and non-formal education opportunities to young people.

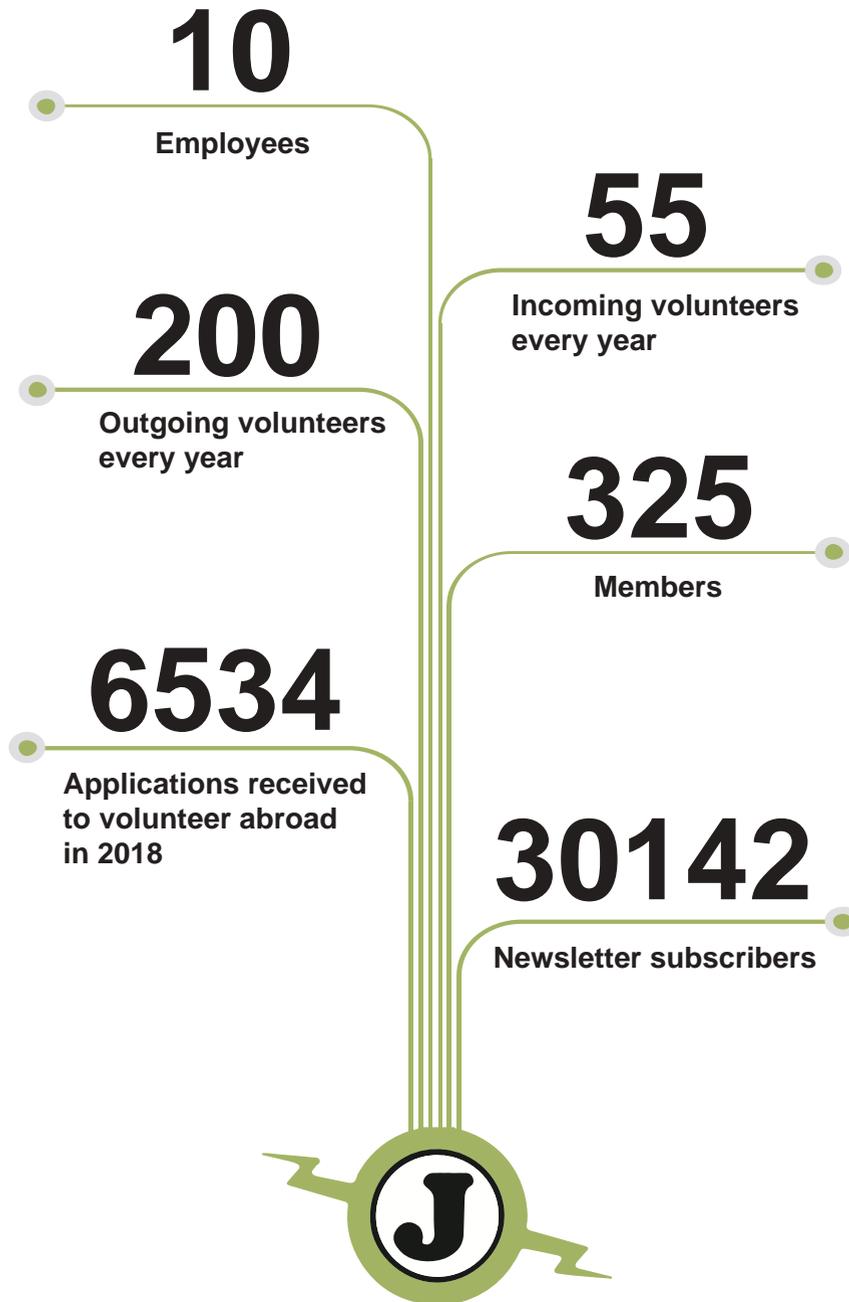
We specialize in projects related to non-formal education and intercultural learning mostly addressed to young people between 13 and 30 years old, trying to include participant with fewer opportunities.

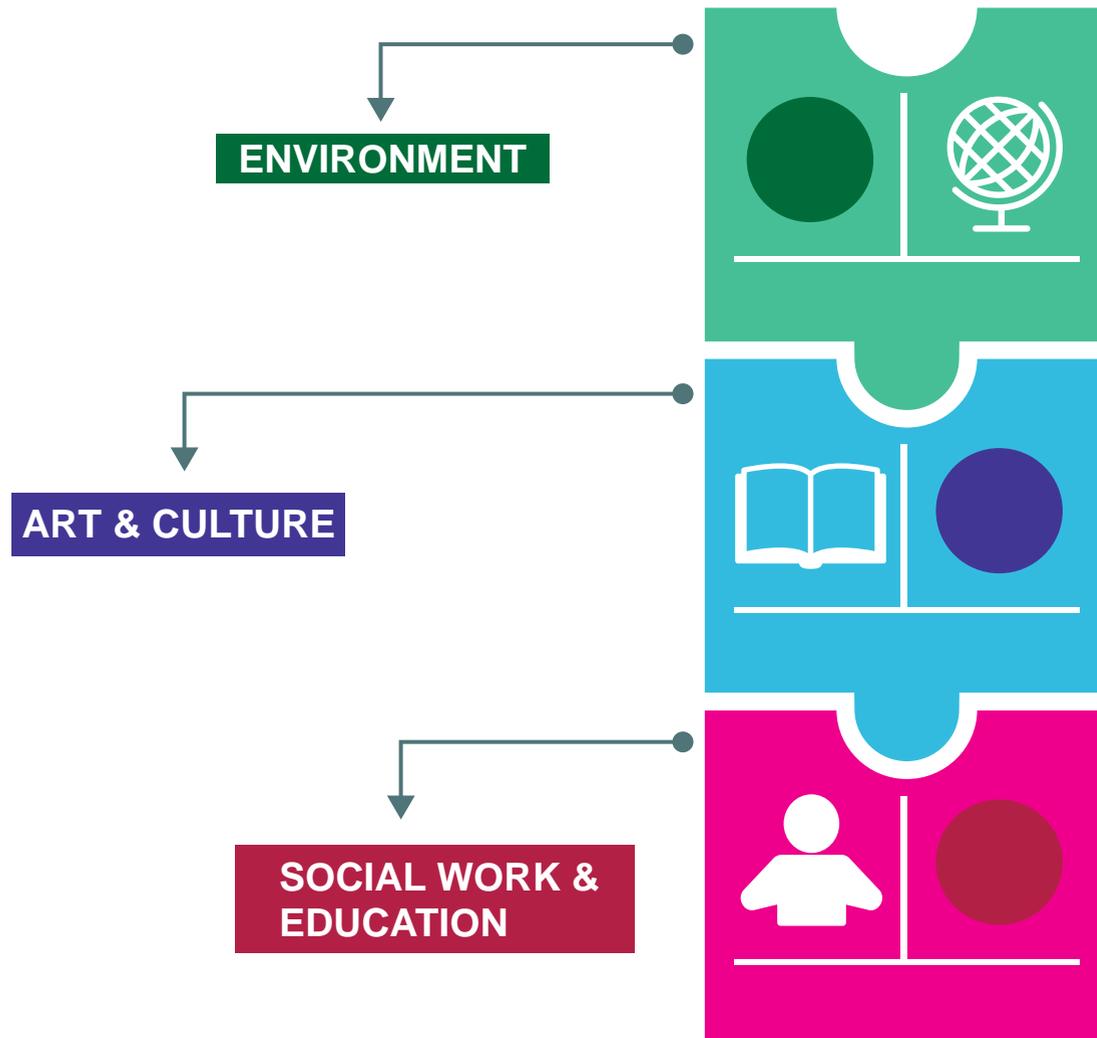
Our main **activities** are related to Erasmus+: Youth Programme, financed by European Commission whose objective is to promote the education through low costs international mobility projects and to improve the skills of young people, of organizations and youth workers. In particular, we promote activities related to Erasmus+ Programme, such as: **European Solidarity Corps (ESC), International Exchanges, Training courses, Capacity Building and Strategic Partnerships**, etc.

# WHO WE ARE

We are a founding partner of **RIVE** (Italian Net of European Volunteering), a volunteering association that gathers several Italian organizations with the purpose of promoting international mobility among youth, in particular through European Solidarity Corps.

In the last few years we extended our work succeeding in providing more and more volunteering opportunities even outside Europe, thanks to work camps, international volunteering and Capacity Building projects in partnership with organisations from Africa, Asia and South America.





# VOLUNTARY WORK

Most of our ICYE voluntary work placements are in 3 different fields:

- SOCIAL WORK AND EDUCATION
- ENVIROMENT
- ART AND CULTURE

In the voluntary work placements the most important thing for a volunteer is to have a positive attitude and motivation for voluntary work and for learning new things. In addition, previous experience, interest and some knowledge of English (or Italian) will make it easier to find a placement for you.

On the other hand, the work tasks depend a lot on the volunteer's own initiative! There is usually an opportunity to shape the work tasks according to your interest and skills.

In the next pages you will find different types of voluntary work placements that Associazione Joint coordinates:

## MAIN AIMS AND ACTIVITIES

The afterschool program takes place every weekday afternoon from 14.30 to 19.00, involving an average of 22 children and young people aged 5-18 from primary, secondary and high schools. It is an open access service attended by those in need of a space for socialization and help with homework. They do their homework in an environment aiming at reinforce their abilities, autonomy in the study process, motivation to learn, self-esteem and mutual help alternating work and breaks to favour socialization and group dynamics.

In the field of educational services for adults, CIF offers training opportunities on different topics in order to promote socialization and guarantee the acquisition of useful skills. In this context, the following activities are carried out:

1. Language workshops (English, Spanish, French),
2. Italian language workshops for foreigners,
3. Language Café on Saturday afternoon: a friendly way to improve language skills without attending formal classes,
4. Computer Literacy,
5. Workshops on nutrition and lifestyle,
6. Thematic meetings about the importance of doing sport activities.

During the summer: Summer Camps take place, including both recreational activities and help with homework.

At weekends and on particular celebrations, CIF Volunteers carry out socialization activities for the local population and for the elderly:

1. Sunday Raffle/Tombola
2. Afternoons for seniors
3. Events (Halloween, Epiphany, Carnival, birthday parties)
4. Alzheimer's Café, a project foreseeing meetings among patients with senile dementia, art therapy and workshops with family members/ people who take care of patients to provide help and share experiences.

## VOLUNTEER TASKS & ROLE

Participation in the staff meetings to settle the programme activities;  
Support in the afterschool programme, open 5 afternoons per week, helping children with their homework through workshops, group work or individually work.  
Support children with specific learning disabilities and linguistic difficulties;  
Organization of linguistic workshop for children and young people both in group and individually;  
Presence to the canteen service with the educators, children and adolescents;  
Organization of games, outdoor and recreational activities before and after the afterschool programme;  
Support teachers, educators and the staff members in tutoring and linguistic activities with adults and elderly people;  
Support adults and elderly people during the online training courses;  
Organization and management of workshops;  
Participation in the monthly coordinating meetings with public stakeholders.



*Centro Femminile Italiano*

### WORK FIELD

Educational Center

### NAME OF HOST PLACEMENT

Centro Italiano Femminile

### BRIEF PLACEMENT DESCRIPTION

The Italian Female's Centre (CIF) of Vicopisano is a voluntary organization which belongs to the CIF national organization with sections in 90 provinces and 500 municipalities in Italy. For over 20 years CIF Vicopisano has organized afterschool activities for young people, formal and non-formal educational activities for adults and the elderly, meetings with experts and seminars as well as socializing activities for all ages. Currently the association is made of 19 volunteer members of which 13 are active volunteers; these last ones are in charge of the entire management of the organization and cover management and administrative roles of the various activities.



# WORK PLACEMENT

## DESIRED VOLUNTEER'S SKILLS

An open-minded young person with a positive attitude to work in an education and training programme with different kinds of people: children, teenagers, adults and elderly people;  
Ready and motivated to interact with local people and live a deep cultural experience;  
Patient, kind, polite, tolerant, able to listen actively and willing to work in team.

## LOCATION

Rural area in a small city, 20 km from Pisa and 80 km from Reggio Emilia and Parma.  
Internet is free.

## DURATION

Minimum (weeks) : 10  
Maximum (weeks) : 24

## ACCOMMODATION

Double room for 2 persons with kitchen and bathroom

## FOOD

The food will be provide from the CIF with breakfast, lunch and dinner.

## MAIN AIMS AND ACTIVITIES

The activities promoted by the association are different, according to the multiple targets. The regular activities are:

- Thematic weekends for children and families where the donkey is at the centre of the program and the trekking, giving the slow rhythm of the journeys, so the participants can fully enjoy the contact with nature and dedicate to the observation of naturalistic places and to listening themselves;
- School trips about environmental education, aware tourism and man-nature relation;
- Educational workshops for kids and youngsters based on various topics like art, recycling, animals and rural life-style;
- Summer camps for kids and youngsters from 7 to 14 years old that every year involve more than 150 participants. The participants experience the coexistence with others, the contact with the nature and the animals, a sustainable life style and their harmony with the environment that surrounds them.

Some camps are residential, with a program of activities to be carried out in the neighbourhood of the hostel, others are itinerant, with a program that includes a trekking in stages and camping with tents.

## VOLUNTEER TASKS & ROLE

Provide assistance during excursions with donkeys, trekking and summer camps: preparing the donkeys, assisting the children with tents, organizing educational activities for children  
Assist the ideation and design of eco-sustainable touristic path for visitors, with the goal of widening the offer for foreign visitors,  
Assist in the preparation and implementation of didactic workshops for primary school students: support in the facilitation, conduction of some workshops, support in the group management

## DESIRED VOLUNTEER'S SKILLS

The ideal volunteer is ready to live for a long time in a rural environment. He/she should love nature and animals and open air activities and be ready to perform tasks in close relation with donkeys such as excursions. Furthermore they should have a strong motivation in working children's be ready to follow the association's code of conduct when working with them.

## LOCATION

Rural area, 11 km from Ligonchio and 80 km from Reggio Emilia and Parma.  
Internet is free but not working so fast so is better to buy a sim card in Italy.



*Ostello dei Balocchi*

## WORK FIELD

Sustainable tourism and educational activities

## NAME OF HOST PLACEMENT

Ostello dei Balocchi

## BRIEF PLACEMENT DESCRIPTION

The "Ostello dei Balocchi" is managed since 2010 by Legambiente Ligonchio Aps, but owned by the municipality. The hostel is settled in the National Park of Apennino Tosco-Emiliano. It is located inside the ancient village of Casalino di Ligonchio (province of Reggio Emilia). This building was previously the primary school of Ligonchio village but it has been totally renovated and expanded in order to adapt it to offer a simple and good hospitality. Its aim is combining sustainable tourism with local traditions and territory enhancement. This happens especially through different activities based on environmental education, developed with structured paths and guided visits with donkeys. Ostello dei Balocchi is the first touristic service in the area that connects the traditional hospitality of the mountains with the patient company and the slow walking of the donkeys.



# WORK PLACEMENT

## **DURATION**

Minimum (weeks) : 10  
Maximum (weeks) : 24

## **ACCOMMODATION**

Double room for 2 persons with common kitchen and bathroom

## **FOOD**

The food will be provide from the Ostello dei Balochi with breakfast, lunch and dinner.

## **PRACTICAL & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Important to bring clothes to work in the Ostello, wind jacket, old cloths to work with the animals.



## MAIN AIMS AND ACTIVITIES

Our staff is composed of 55 women and 2 boys, divided in the three centers between Sciacca and Menfi.

Recently, the cooperative has focused on the integration of disadvantaged people, former drug addicts or alcoholics, and women and men who have been in jail. Walden Institute has also opened an office in support of family relationships and educational responsibilities.

Today the organization has a strong experience. This is the result of a strong professional identity and an effective collaboration among all the staff members, who have been able to adapt to different situations and changes. Walden Institute has always operated in social work field, using the knowledge and the experience of everyday life in order to remove obstacles and thus strengthen and consolidate the various cognitive processes and training.

## VOLUNTEER TASKS & ROLE

The volunteers will be involved in different activities with children and teenagers from 0 to 15 years old, in the educational centers of Sciacca

The principal tasks they will carry out are:

- Support and help children between 0 and 17 in after-school activities, helping them with home-work and giving supplementary lessons if needed.
- Organize new events like storytelling evenings.
- Help the staff and the local volunteers in food preparation and in cleaning the premises before and after services  
Help the staff to cook Italian food for the childrens.

## DESIRED VOLUNTEER'S SKILLS

- Knowledge and experience of working with people with fewer opportunities;
- Creative, patient, flexible and proactive personality;
- Basic skills of Italian languages;
- A friendly, communicative and active attitude;
- Willingness for live in a small, traditional and provincial town;
- Open-minded and responsible attitude.



Walden

## WORK FIELD

Psycho-Social Center for people with Handicap, Disability and Marginalization

## NAME OF HOST PLACEMENT

Walden

## BRIEF PLACEMENT DESCRIPTION

Walden Institute was formed in 1993 as "Psycho-Social Center for people with Handicap, Disability and marginalization". This institute manages now four residential communities for minors, 3 in Menfi (AG) and 1 in Sciacca (AG), and a Center for pregnant women and single mothers and women have been abused in Sciacca. Walden Institute also manages a daycare center in Menfi. It carries out preventive activities for Pre-teens and Teens. It offers home care services for disabled children, adults, women and generally people with fewer opportunities.

WORK PLACEMENT



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## LOCATION

Sciacca is an Italian town of 40 538 inhabitants in the province of Agrigento in Sicily. A maritime city, tourist and thermal, rich in monuments and churches, Sciacca (the most populous municipality in the province after the capital) is known for its historical carnival and its ceramics.

The town of Sciacca is located on the coast of the Sicilian Channel between the mouth of the Platani and Belice rivers, about 65 meters s.l.m.

Is 2 hours from Palermo.

In Sciacca, the climate is warm and temperate. In Sciacca, in summer it gets much less rain than in winter. The climate has been classified as CSA according to Köppen and Geiger. The average temperature in Sciacca is 18.1 ° C. The average annual rainfall is 474 mm.

## DURATION

Minimum (weeks) : 8

Maximum (weeks) : 16

## ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation will be provided by Walden in a house in the center of the city 10 minutes walking from the Cooperative.

The house is provided with 2 double rooms, 1 kitchen, 2 bathrooms and 1 living room.

## FOOD

The volunteer will receive 85€ to buy money for eat and the lunch will be provided by the center .

## PRACTICAL & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The volunteer needs to bring a lot of desire to give a happier experience to the children from Cooperative Walden .

## MAIN AIMS AND ACTIVITIES

Recup is a project that aims to fight food waste and social exclusion in local markets. It consists of simple but effective actions:

- At the end of the market the food is recovered from the traders who freely decide to donate the products that otherwise would be discarded;
- The recovered food is grouped in a meeting point inside the same market, where good products are divided from those actually no longer edible;
- Everyone will then be free to take what he prefers, respecting others people and everyone's needs.

The beneficiaries are the same performers of the work: in this way a concept of collaboration and community among different people is created, an intercultural and intergenerational contact that was previously lacking. The market place is perfect for everything to happen: the market is folklore, exchange, conviviality, fun, meeting.

## VOLUNTEER TASKS & ROLE

The volunteers will help RECUP group and help us fight the food waste and:

- Helping the activities in the markets, 2 hours per day;
- Web communication;
- Participation and organization in local events;
- Participation in the meetings of Recup with the staff;
- Laboratories with the kids.

## DESIRED VOLUNTEER'S SKILLS

- Sensitive to food waste and environmental issues
- Knowledge and experience of working with computer;
- Creative, patient, flexible and proactive personality;
- A friendly, communicative and active attitude;
- Open-minded and responsible attitude.

## LOCATION

Milan, the world capital of fashion and design, is a metropolis of Northern Italy and is the capital of Lombardy. Seat of the Italian Stock Exchange, it is a financial center famous also for the exclusive restaurants and shops. The Gothic-style Cathedral and the convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie, which houses Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper" fresco, bear witness to the city's artistic and cultural heritage.



*Recup* ●

## WORK FIELD ●

Sustainability and Social activities

## NAME OF HOST PLACEMENT ●

RECUP

## BRIEF PLACEMENT DESCRIPTION ●

In 2014, after having lived for a period in France, Rebecca took part personally in the activity of food recovery at the market, favored by a cultural approach more sensitive to social and ecological issues.

Once back in Italy, she decided to also import this good practice in Milan, adapting it to the local reality, from this idea is born Recup.

Since October 2016 we have officially founded the Association for Social Promotion RECUP, which currently consists of about thirty volunteers including students, unemployed, retired, homeless, Italian citizens, Europeans, non-EU citizens and stateless persons, distributed in the markets and in the various activities.

WORK PLACEMENT



# WORK PLACEMENT

## **DURATION**

Minimum (weeks) : 8  
Maximum (weeks) : 16

## **ACCOMMODATION**

The accommodation will be provided by an active member from Recup n in a house 30 minutes by local train from the center of Milan.  
The house is provided with 1 double room, 1 kitchen, 1 bathroom and 1 living room.  
The volunteers will leave with 1 Italian member of Recup.

## **FOOD**

The volunteer will receive 100€ for the food.

## **PRACTICAL & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Important to bring old clothes to use in the markets.



## MAIN AIMS AND ACTIVITIES

The activities of Farfalle nella Testa cover many different areas, but they are focused in three specific fields.

**Greenhouses and animals:** The cooperative is one of few realities in Italy which specializes in the realization and management of open-air exhibitions with live animals. It deals with every aspect of the process, from the choice and supply of structures (mobile or fixed) to the design and installation of the interior (plants and animals), to the training of technical and scientific staff, to the didactic offer for children, young people and adults. It can act as a management entity or a consultant for the entire process or specific phases.

**Exhibitions:** It deals with the creation of temporary or permanent exhibitions on scientific themes, with particular expertise in the field of natural sciences. In this case too, it can take care of the whole process, from the initial idea to the inauguration and management, marketing and promotion, or it can be a consultant on specific aspects: exhibition concept, executive design, writing content (texts, images, videos), suppliers and partners selection, communication campaign management, design and implementation of multimedia software.

**Didactics:** It designs and implements didactic activities for the general public or on specific targets (children and teenagers in various school cycles, people with disabilities, elderly people). The offer mainly covers the fields of earth sciences, natural sciences, biology, chemistry and physics. The cooperative proposes thematic demonstrations, informal talks, laboratory activities, lessons in the field, front lessons, conferences, educational and entertainment activities. It provides complete packages, specific interventions or consulting activities.

## VOLUNTEER TASKS & ROLE

The volunteers will be involved in the management of the house of butterfly and in the environmental education activities as follows:

- Support during guided tours, educational workshops and events organized especially during the summer season (hikes, theme days etc.);
- Participation in the creating, planning and realization of such events;
- Creation and realization of activities, events or workshops: after an initial phase of adaptation, the volunteers will be encouraged and supported to enrich the Butterfly House with their ideas and experiences;
- Assistance to the staff during the ordinary and extraordinary management of the Butterfly House: management and maintenance of tropical greenhouses and more in general of the museum structure;
- Help during the breeding and care of insects and other invertebrates and vertebrates;
- Assistance to the staff for the care of plants and outdoor gardening activities;
- Participation in staff meetings and specific meetings on various aspects.



*Farfalle Nella Testa* ●

### WORK FIELD ●

Science Education Center

### NAME OF HOST PLACEMENT ●

FARFALLE NELLA TESTA

### BRIEF PLACEMENT DESCRIPTION ●

Farfalle nella Testa is a cooperative society that deals with communication of science. It was born in 2013, bringing together various fields of professionalism (management, scientific advice, research, exhibitions, educational projects, technology, communication) with a great experience in science museums, science centres, zoos, aquariums, research groups and/or experience in the dissemination. Farfalle nella Testa since 2015 has been managing the House of Butterflies in Bordano (UD), the biggest structure of this kind in Italy, owned by the Municipality of Bordano. The cooperative has also designed, created and managed the Naturama Science Center in Martignacco (UD), a model of a science museum new for Italy, located within the City Trade Fair area (Città Fiera).



# WORK PLACEMENT

## DESIRED VOLUNTEER'S SKILLS

- Knowledge and experience of working with people with fewer opportunities;
- Creative, patient, flexible and proactive personality;
- A friendly, communicative and active attitude;
- Willingness for live in a small, traditional and provincial town;
- Open-minded and responsible attitude.;
- If possible knowledge in photography and Photoshop

## LOCATION

Bordano (Friulian: Bordan) is a comune (municipality) in the Province of Udine in the Italian region Friuli-Venezia Giulia, located about 90 kilometres (56 mi) northwest of Trieste and about 30 kilometres (19 mi) northwest of Udine, on the right bank of the Tagliamento river. Udine is a city in northeastern Italy. The hilltop Udine Castle is home to several museums and an art gallery with works by Tiepolo and Caravaggio. It has views of the city and surrounding mountains. The central Piazza della Libertà has Renaissance buildings, including the pink-and-white-marble Loggia del Lionello and a clock tower. Udine Cathedral has a baroque interior and a museum of religious decorative arts.

## DURATION

Minimum (weeks) : 1  
Maximum (weeks) : 12

## ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation will provide by Farfalle nella Testa in a house in the center of the city 10 minutes walking from the Cooperative. The house is provide with 3 double rooms, 1 kitchen, 2 bathrooms and 1 leaving room. The volunteers will leave with 1 volunteer from Portugal and 1 from France from the European Volunteer Service.

## FOOD

The food will be provide buy the center .



● *L'Arca*

● **WORK FIELD**

Educational Farm

● **NAME OF HOST PLACEMENT**

Fattoria didattica e sociale L'Arca

● **BRIEF PLACEMENT DESCRIPTION**

The “Fattoria L’Arca” was founded as a farm in 2002, is certified as a farm in 2005, in 2012 becomes a slow food presidium for breeding in the semi-wild state of the black pig of Calabria, in 2014 is certified as an educational farm and social, in 2014 we are founding members of the BATICOS Biodiversity of the Alto Tirreno Cosentino, in 2016 it is certified as a biological company. Agritourism, which is typically summer, guarantees us the means of support for all the other activities that have not been conceived for profit. In this way we can cultivate in a truly organic way, breed animals in wellness, without exploitation, devote ourselves to the teaching and free reception of people with social, economic and psychological difficulties, as well as having cultural exchanges with volunteers from all over the world.

WORK PLACEMENT

**MAIN AIMS AND ACTIVITIES**

First of all there is me, Anna Brambilla, founder, heart and soul of the Ark. 16 years ago I left my business in Milan and I moved to Calabria, looking for a new way of life more human, in contact with nature, sharing with others. My love for the environment has stimulated me to reach a lot of skills on organic farming and on the free breeding of animals. My profound interest in human beings has led me to study its behavior and to discover the reasons for suffering, to find the right tools to overcome it. This analysis activity, developed in thirty years, has resulted in the creation of a book called "shipwrecked or navigating". At the Ark I am interested in all the activities, even if, more, I work in the kitchen and in the countryside. I also like to compare myself in free time with anyone who wants it. Over the years, many people have shared the principles of the Ark, some stably, some occasionally and many of them live and still share our reality. In addition to the members of our small village Eco, there are workers, equally involved in the philosophy of the Ark and enthusiasts of their work, who perform with competence and ability, trying to pass on their knowledge to volunteers.

We have always been committed to promoting the rural lifestyle to make it known to children and adults in such a way that we can raise awareness of the environment, the importance of psycho-physical health and healthy and natural nutrition. We organize educational tours with children and internships with high school students, we participate in projects for training and integration of refugees and immigrants with political asylum, we host work placements, we collaborate with multiple regional, national and international associations.

**VOLUNTEER TASKS & ROLE**

The volunteers will be involved in different activities as:

**Agriculture**

We will show them how to do under the supervision of a manager. Approximately 36 hours a week . They will learn, within the period of stay, the production cycles and the techniques to implement them. Develop a new crop project and learn a profession.

**Animal care**

We will show them how to do them under the supervision of a manager, then they will start to do alone. Approximately 36 hours a week. They will learn, within the period of stay, the production cycles and the techniques to implement them. Realize or improve a project in the zootechnical field and learn a profession.

**Kitchen:**

The volunteers helps us to make our work with more joy, to achieve better, with better results and to stimulate our motivation. Inventing and making new recipes, learning Italian cuisine for a tomorrow to work or open an Italian restaurant.

## DESIRED VOLUNTEER'S SKILLS

We expect that the volunteers will be motivated, endowed with good character and ability to adapt, who do not have invalidating diseases, who have good will and desire to learn, that are sympathetic to the diversity of others, both patient and collaborative, in a group spirit and respectful of the police of their own person in their rooms and common areas. It is important that you respect the rules of the house, which are punctual in the hours of work and meals, that request anything that need in time, that warn if they stay out for lunch or dinner, maybe during an excursion on the free day that respect the work of others. We do not expect them to have specific knowledge, qualifications and work experience. We only ask that volunteers love and respect nature. We do not like to use drugs to consume alcohol.

## LOCATION

Belvedere Marittimo is an Italian town of 9.254 inhabitants of the province of Cosenza in Calabria. The inhabited center consists of two distinct parts: the medieval village, which stands on a rocky ledge located about 150 m above sea level, and the most properly marinara, developed on the coast and known as Marina di Belvedere at 5 m above sea level. The latter, built in more recent times, houses tourist facilities and residences. The town enjoys a particularly mild winter climate and hot, but not torrid, summers.

## DURATION

Minimum (weeks) : 4  
Maximum (weeks) : 48

## ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

The volunteers stay in the main building where we live also in shared double rooms. In the morning they will present themselves in the kitchen where they will prepare their breakfast with a choice of tea, coffee, milk, yogurt, cereals, bread, butter and jam, homemade cakes, fruit. At lunch and dinner we prepare meals, which they will use at will. Even vegetarians will be satisfied with the choice made available to them. We essentially cook raw materials produced in the farm, organic and healthy.

## PRACTICAL AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATIONS

As far as transport is concerned, we pick up the volunteers at the station upon arrival and take them back to their departure. From the central structure located in the company where we live the volunteers can, with great ease, reach the sea in about 20 minutes on foot, can arrive in 15 minutes to the historic center of Belvedere Marittimo and, if they love the mountains, in two hours of walk can reach the mountain refuge on the mountain La Caccia, part of the Pollino Park.



WORK PLACEMENT



## ● *Genesis Ciminna*

### ● **WORK FIELD**

Education - Heritage - Environment

### ● **NAME OF HOST PLACEMENT**

Genesis Ciminna

### ● **BRIEF PLACEMENT DESCRIPTION**

Genesis Ciminna is a non-profit organization located in Ciminna, Sicily, 45 kms southeast from Palermo. Together with the nearby towns of Baucina and Ventimiglia di Sicilia it possesses a number of archaeological sites of great interest that go from prehistoric caves and rock shelters to indigenous /Hellenized sites, Roman villas and Arab-Norman sites. Genesis has been operating in this area since 2005 and has successfully helped opening two museums that we help running with the local authorities. Our main project Museo Diffuso Territoriale, that is Open Air Museum, consists in managing the museums in Ciminna, Baucina and Ventimiglia di Sicilia in collaboration with the Soprintendenza of Palermo (regional Heritage department of Sicily). At the same time, we work on archaeological sites of the territory and give the opportunity to students to take part in all the activities from the digging to the exhibition of the finds.

## **MAIN AIMS AND ACTIVITIES**

Our Mission is to protect and preserve our Heritage Resources and exploit them in a sustainable way for the benefit of the local community creating job opportunities.

Our target group is mainly made up of young people but we also do activities that involve the local community as a whole and visitors in general of all ages. We work with local schools by doing extracurricular classes in history, archaeology and arts in general as well as educational classes in protecting our heritage and environment.

The museum we run at the moment, Polo Museale di Ciminna, is not just a "container" to keep works of art there but also a place where laboratories are organized such as restoration labs, archaeology labs, painting labs for the locals and visitors alike.

The socio-economic context is relatively poor compared to northern European countries.

Unemployment in Sicily is 22% of the population. Youth unemployment (15 to 24 years old) is 57%. Many young qualified professionals leave Sicily for a better future abroad or move to Northern Italy.

## **VOLUNTEER TASKS & ROLE**

The volunteers will be involved in many activities during the stay. They will take part in the archaeological excavation and post excavation analyses (washing pottery, inventory of the finds and photography). They will learn how to dig and how to record single stratigraphic contexts (drawing and photographic records). In the laboratory they will also learn how to draw pottery and they will be taught how to distinguish the different kind of pottery (Indigenous, Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Arab-Norman pottery)

They will also take part in Field Survey which will take them across the countryside locating and mapping the archaeological evidence found. This will allow us to prepare an Archaeological Territorial Document for the protection of the sites themselves.

They will also learn how museum exhibitions are planned and made and they will also be involved in the activities that will be held in the museums for the local children and for visitors in general.

They will be involved in these activities for 30-35 hours per week.

The volunteers will be organized in small teams allowing everyone to have the opportunity to take part in all the activities or in the activities they prefer.

All equipment and tools will be provided by us.

Short tours will be organized at weekends to some archaeological sites in Sicily and a day in Palermo to see its World Heritage Monuments. To be arranged together.

## DESIRED VOLUNTEER'S SKILLS

Must be interested in Heritage and its safekeeping.  
A background in archaeology and/or history, art would be welcomed but not necessary.  
Anybody with skills that could improve our services at the museums like communication skills, computer skills, drawing skills are more than welcome.  
Ability to work in a team a be part of a team aiming to reach a goal such as setting up an exhibition, carrying out an archaeological excavation, recording finds.  
Contribute to the wellbeing of the communities helping to safeguard and promote their Heritage resources.  
Anybody who is willing to get his/her hands dirty.

## LOCATION

The Villa is located in the countryside just outside Baucina. Ciminna and Ventimiglia di Sicilia are close by and they are 40 minutes away from Palermo while the beach is 20 minutes away. These three small provincial towns get very lively in the summertime and there are several festivals organised with live music and shows  
The weather will be hot and humid at times.  
Internet connection will be eventually arranged.

## DURATION

Minimum (weeks) : 4  
Maximum (weeks) : 8

## ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

They will be staying in a Villa with a swimming pool confiscated from the Mafia and given to the local municipality of Baucina. They will be sharing the whole villa, bedrooms for up to 16 people. Communal areas and a kitchen are provided and a washing machine, too. There is a big garden and plenty of room for barbecues.  
We will be cooking for them and giving them classes in Sicilian and Italian cooking.

## PRACTICAL AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATIONS

For those who are fair skinned sun block or sun protection is strongly recommended.  
Cotton and linen clothing, summer sleeping bags or bed sheets.  
A jacket for the evenings, it can get quite cool.  
Caps or hats.  
Some basic Italian won't hurt.





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