



European Voluntary Service in Italy

PROJECT 1

Host Organisation:	“Cooperativa Sociale Famiglia Ottolini”. Community house for un-accompanied foreign minors and Italian minors which committed little crimes
Theme:	Anti-discrimination and Immigration
Start date:	1 June 2011
Duration:	6 months
Volunteers requested:	2
Deadline for candidature:	20 jan 2012

Brief description of the organisation:

The volunteer will be hosted in our Community “Mulino di Suardi”, a family house for unaccompanied foreign minors and Italian minors which committed little crimes. In the Community actually live 18 male adolescents in the age of 14–19 years, with various nationalities (Italian, Rumanian, Moroccan, Tunisian, Egyptian, etc.) and different religious and cultural backgrounds.

Inside the Community the boys participate in educational and creative programmes such as placements in schools, language lessons, psychological assistance, cultural mediation, promotion of intercultural dialogue, development with family of origin, juridical assistance, guiding to develop self-management, assistance in job search and placement possibilities, organization of events and initiatives in order to create awareness among the local territory about themes such as minor’s rights, intercultural dialogue, friendship between populations, international cooperation.

The community works since last year with EVS volunteers and is therefore familiar with young volunteers, their necessities and the opportunities. There will be hosted 2 volunteers from 2 different European countries. They will live outside the community together in an apartment in a village nearby the community. The community is situated in an isolated village at 45min drive from Pavia, the nearest big town (80.000 inhabitants). With the volunteers will be weekly agreed about their activity schedule from Monday till Friday, which could be from 8.00 till 15.00 h and from 15.00 till 23.00 h.

Proposed activities for the volunteers:

- assisting at the educational activities during the day, school assistance, transport
- participation in the weekly team meetings and in the periodical supervising
- participation in the training sessions for the educators
- assisting the activities carried out during the various workshops
- participating at / or organising the creative workshops
- collaborating during the daily housework
- collaborating during the organization of events and awareness initiatives about themes such as minor’s rights, intercultural dialogue, friendship between populations, international cooperation

Some elements that will help to realize a positive EVS experience:

- some verbal knowledge of the Italian language, which will enable a minimum of comprehension / communication between the volunteer, the habitants (minors) and the educators (of course the volunteer will have the possibility to follow an Italian language course).
- better if not too young, which helps the volunteer to develop a pedagogic relation towards the minors in age between 14 and 19 years.
- strong interest for social, psychological and pedagogical matters
- eventual interest or competences regarding some of the professional areas of the Workshops: cooking and taste education, biological agriculture, ICT, bicycle reparation, carpentry, keeping little farm animals
- eventual competences regarding the possibility to organise creative and art workshops about music, photography, video, painting, theatre etc.
- availability to live in a rural area. The nearest, but important cities are Pavia at 45 km (with one of the most ancient Universities in Europe) and art cities as Vigevano and Alessandria at 40 km. (45 minutes by car).
- driving licence

None of these elements will be considered obligatory; the volunteer will be selected regarding his or her complete professional and personal profile.



PROJECT 2

Host Organisation:	Cooperativa "Gli Aironi" - Integration of people with mental distress or social disability into labour market
Theme:	Anti-discrimination and disability
Start date:	1 June 2011
Duration:	6 months
Volunteers requested:	1
Deadline for candidature:	20 jan 2012

Brief description of the organisation:

Volunteers will be hosted at Cooperativa "Gli Aironi", a social cooperative (type B), which aim is to accompany and introduce people coping with mental distress or social disability into the labour market, by searching and creating employment opportunities in different professional sectors.

One of the main activities of "Gli Aironi" is the "job placement service" which aims to create specific pathways towards employment for disadvantaged people in the territory of Lomellina, creating the foundations for the definition of a methodological pathway into work.

The Cooperative "Gli Aironi" is managing at, together with the Cooperative "La Collina" a brand new structure, organized, with 5 residential apartments on the 1st floor and plenty of space on the ground floor for daily therapy and educational activities (training, technical workshops, accompaniment, listening and guidance activities) in order to respond to the needs of people experiencing mental, physical or existential distress. The final objective is to accompany them towards opportunities for inclusion, social integration and employment.

The volunteer will live together with other European volunteers in an apartment in Pavia or Garlasco.

Proposed activities for the volunteer:

- collaborate with the operators during the daily activities of the Cooperative (as well in the office at in the various indoor and outdoor activities with users)
- participate and collaborate in the "job placement service" and interact with various types of users
- Participate in activities of the integrated new structure of Garlasco, (the Autonomy Training Service, daily household management, participating in the organization of workshops)
- Participate in team meetings and planning activities that will include the development of a personal project.

Some elements that will help to realize a positive EVS experience:

A minimal knowledge of Italian language at oral level will help to accomplish a faster inclusion in the organization activities and facilitate a better communication with the operators (who unfortunately have few language skills) and the users.

We consider essential that the volunteer has a strong interest in social and employability issues and to working with disadvantaged persons.

PROJECT 3

Host Organisation:	"La Collina" Cooperativa Sociale a r.l. Onlus – Human and social integration of disadvantaged citizens through social, health and educational services
Theme:	Anti-discrimination and disability
Start date:	1 June 2011
Duration:	6 months
Volunteers requested:	1
Deadline for candidature:	20 jan 2012

Brief description of the organisation:

The Cooperativa Sociale La Collina was born in 1990 and carries out its activities aiming to foster human and social integration of citizens by offering social, health and educational services. The target is highly diversified in terms of age, role and social status. The Cooperative works with children, adolescents, adults with mental, physical or existential disability, people with addiction problems and problematic user of substances and alcohol.

Main activities: management of integrated structure for "Training to Autonomy" in Garlasco; Mediation and accompaniment towards labour market; drop-in for people with addiction problems; pre and post-school activities; services connected to school (like pupil transport for example); listening, guidance and counseling spaces.

The cooperative is managed as follows by a team of educators and operators: Management and Coordination, educators, counselors, psychologists, teachers of art that manage business-training workshops, technical staff and secretarial staff. The cooperative's members are 20 and pay all, in different ways, work in favor of the cooperative. The volunteer will live together with other European volunteers in an apartment in Pavia or Garlasco.



Proposed activities for the volunteers:

- collaborate with the operators during the daily activities of the Cooperative (as well in the office at in the various indoor and outdoor activities with users)
- Participation during the educational assistance to users;
- Participation in weekly team meetings;
- Participation in training sessions for professionals and educators;
- Participation in training activities of the Workshops;
- Management and / or co-management of the recreational and expressive workshops;
- Collaboration in the organization and promotion of awareness-raising events, and information regarding the activities of the cooperative.

Some elements that will help to realize a positive EVS experience:

- a minimal knowledge of Italian at oral level would allow the volunteer a faster inclusion in the various areas of the Cooperativa and a better understanding / communication with operators, users and guests of the structure
- strong interest in educational, psychological and social issues;
- any interest and / or expertise regarding matters relating to the workshops proposed by the Cooperativa
- driving license is preferable

Application for all 3 projects:

Please send CV with photo and motivational letter specifically for the project(s) of interest before 20 January 2011

Final candidates will be contacted for an interview via Skype or telephone.