

## INFOSHEET

### **EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS** **A New Hope: Volunteering in Caritas' Social Centre** **Sant'Agata di Militello, Sicily, Italy**

#### **PROJECT COORDINATOR: INFORMAGIOVANI ETS**

Associazione InformaGiovani is a non-profit organisation active since 2001 in the field of youth by promoting the right to information, local and international volunteering and youth mobility with a focus on young people with fewer opportunities. In the frame of European Programmes we have been implementing training, seminars, youth exchanges, and etc. about interculturalism, inclusion, volunteerism, active participation and media literacy through non-formal education methods. We regularly involve young people in volunteering projects as coordinating and a supporting organisation for Erasmus+/ESC projects. Furthermore, we run local international workcamps for promoting tolerance, diversity and cultural understanding. Since 2014, we have coordinated the EU informal network supported by Erasmus+, which nowadays counts up to 16 organisations in 14 European countries.

#### **CARITAS DIOCESANA DI PATTI**

The Caritas Centre in Sant'Agata di Militello (ME) was established at the end of 2021 for providing assistance to people with economic difficulties and with different social backgrounds. It intervenes in different activities such as solidarity pharmacy, with a storage for food and clothes to donate to people living in the surrounding areas, and running a listening center. The activities of Caritas Diocesana di Patti are carried out in order to achieve the organisation's objectives, which are to promote volunteering and to support people with fewer opportunities. Volunteers will be involved in solidarity activities (such as food distribution, clothing distribution and the organisation of solidarity events), in orientation and support activities for young people and in the management of a meeting place. Volunteers can make it possible to provide direct and continuous support for the activities, while at the same time promoting a culture of active participation and solidarity.

#### **Location**

Sant'Agata di Militello, Sicily, Italy

#### **Dates**

10 months

#### **VACANCIES**

n. 2 volunteer



### **VOLUNTEERS' ACTIVITIES**

- Volunteers will assist the Caritas Centre with the management and implementation of recreational activities during the summer. They organise a summer camp in June and July for local children and young people, many of whom are already supported by Caritas' daily social support and inclusion activities. Volunteers can organise and suggest activities, games, dances and songs. The work will mainly take place in the mornings.
- They will take care of games, sports activities, leisure time and arranging the space for activities. Other tasks may arise on the spot. The group could be divided into smaller groups for a better organisation of the work and to experience different tasks.

### **VOLUNTEERS' PROFILE**

We are looking for volunteers aged between 20-30 years old with previous experiences in participating in workcamps, volunteering activities in country and abroad, with a strong interest in the youth sector, in promoting youth participation, volunteering and social inclusion, interested and motivated to use non formal education methods. Skills in communication to young people and working in a team. Previous international volunteering experience and driving licence is welcome.

### **LEARNING RECOGNITION**

All the activities foresee a first short period to introduce volunteers to the new context, and a final period dedicated to the evaluation and elaboration of the acquired competencies. Each volunteer is entitled to receive a YouthPass certificate, created by the European Commission to certify the knowledge and skills acquired in a non-formal learning setting.

### **DISSEMINATION**

Each participant will contribute to the promotion of the volunteering experience:

- by writing blog articles on the InformaGiovani website
- by creating small videos/photo collections to publish on social media
- by participating in public events organised by InformaGiovani or host/supporting organisations



## **SERVICE CONDITIONS**

The service will be approximately 35 hours per week, including language preparation. Service is ALSO run during weekends according to the activities implemented.

### **Travel costs**

Final amount of travel expenses will be calculated based on the sending country location according to [Erasmus+ distance calculator](#).

### **Accommodation**

The host house is located in the centre of Sant'Agata di Militello. Volunteers will sleep in a double room shared by both sexes. Toilets and showers are also shared by gender and free Wi-Fi is available. At certain times of the year, volunteers may have the opportunity to share the common areas of the house with small groups of international volunteers who support the centre in its activities.

### **Local transport**

Buss pass will be provided by the organisation.

### **Pocket money**

Monthly cash allowance (Euro 6,00 per day).

### **Food**

Monthly cash allowance (Euro 150,00 per month).

### **Insurance**

Volunteers will be enrolled in HENNER insurance provided by EU Commission insurance, provided by the EU Commission.

### **Training throughout the ESC**

On-Arrival Training and Mid-Term Evaluation organised by the Italian National Agency (online training)

Online Linguistic Support (Italian language)



## HOW TO APPLY

Send your application through the European Youth Portal from the following link:

[https://youth.europa.eu/solidarity/opportunity/44248\\_en](https://youth.europa.eu/solidarity/opportunity/44248_en)

Volunteering in Associazione Informagiovani ETS:

<https://www.informa-giovani.net/>

<https://www.facebook.com/associazioneinformagiovani>

<https://www.instagram.com/campidivolontariato/?hl=it>