

INFOSHEET

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

PROJECT COORDINATOR: INFORMAGIOVANI APS 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 a coordinating and 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 to provide assistance to people with economic difficulties and with different social backgrounds. It intervenes in different activities such as a solidarity pharmacy, with 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

Duration

6 months

VACANCIES

n. 2 volunteers



VOLUNTEERS ACTIVITIES

- Volunteers will assist the Caritas center with their daily operations. Food and clothing distribution for people in need. Warehouse management to store food aid for distribution. Sorting and storing donated clothes for the distributions.
- They will assist in the management and animation of the Youth Center, including supporting youth mobility and employment orientation, organizing and implementing youth events, and assisting with the preparation, cataloguing, and logistics of the center's spaces.
- Helping to organize solidarity and community events, contributing to the planning and implementation of the events.

VOLUNTEERS' PROFILE

We are looking for volunteers aged 20–30 with previous experience in volunteering activities, workcamps, or community initiatives, locally or abroad, with interest in the youth sector, solidarity actions, and social inclusion. Volunteers should be motivated to contribute to community activities and promote youth participation. Good communication skills, empathy, flexibility, and teamwork are essential. Previous international volunteering experience and a driving licence are 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 the [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 gender. 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

A bus 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

Volunteering in Associazione Informagiovani APS ETS:

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

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

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