

INFOSHEET

EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS **Sport and recreational activities with kids** **Palermo, 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.

SAN GIOVANNI APOSTOLO ETS

The Association "San Giovanni Apostolo", founded in 2000, is a local youth centre working with kids, adolescents, young-adults and families in a suburb area in Palermo.

The centre aims to promote the healthy development of all young people in a stimulating and enriching environment, based on the values of solidarity, mutual support and professional progress, as a core part of the educational and social path. In particular, our actions are focused on groups and individual activities aimed to foster the sense of belonging to the community and develop strong social attitudes among young people.

As well as other, the centre supports the following activities (for pupils from 6 to 12 years old; for teenagers and young adults from 13 to 25 years):

- learning support (after-school homework, remedial schooling/drop out)
- socialisation
- recreational and sport activities
- peer education
- psychological and social support activities for individuals and groups





LOCATION

Palermo, Italy

DURATION

5 months

VACANCIES

n. 1 volunteer

SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT

This volunteering project, funded by the European Solidarity Corps programme, is aimed at offering young people the opportunity to undertake a path of personal and professional growth in the field of social volunteering. They will get the chance to work in organisations that have been operating for years in the areas of intervention linked to their territory and the inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities.

Through the project, therefore, we intend to offer volunteers the possibility of:

- acquiring new skills in the field of youth animation and social planning;
- influence active participation in initiatives aimed at a concrete impact on the community, and at the same time develop their sense of belonging to the European community;
- inspire creativity and a sense of initiative, ability to work in a team and gain self-esteem;
- strengthen and promote values such as multiculturalism, respect for diversity and a spirit of solidarity;
- improve their employability and encourage the smooth transition between education and the labour market.

The project will represent an additional value to the social action of the involved organisations and aims to have a positive impact on local communities, mainly in terms of promoting learning opportunities offered by European programmes and stimulating the active citizenship of local young people in favour of social inclusion.



The project aspires to involve young people with fewer opportunities (e.g., unemployed, NEET, young people from disadvantaged social background, or at risk of gender and/or ethnic discrimination, asylum seekers, young people from rural areas).

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Travel, board and lodging expenses are covered by the European Solidarity Corps programme. Volunteers will receive pocket money to be managed autonomously. The volunteers will be enrolled in the HENNER insurance system.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- motivation to undertake a volunteering experience abroad
- an attitude for teamwork, open-mindedness and flexibility
- creativity and interest in the specific topics of each activity
- basic knowledge of English (at least B1) and Italian (at least A2)

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

VOLUNTEERS' ACTIVITIES

- after-school educational activities for kids (support with homework, English or French language workshops)
- recreational and creative workshops (guitar lessons, dance lessons, theatre, drawing, manipulation of raw materials, etc.)
- support in the implementation of sports activities (training, support during matches)
- preparation of specific events such as Carnival, Christmas or Easter parties for the local community.
- Promoting ESC volunteering through InformaGiovani blog, social media, promotional events on EU programmes.

Volunteers will use their own ideas, creativity and experience to develop a personal project/activity related to the work of the Receiving Organisation.



VOLUNTEERS' PROFILE

- aged 18-30 years
- strong motivation for working with kids
- ability to work in a team
- ability to implement sport activities (sport education)
- creativity and artistic skills (e.g. music, painting, drawing)
- flexibility and adaptability to different cultural contexts
- some knowledge of Italian language is welcome
- being enrolled in ESC database https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity_en

SERVICE CONDITIONS

The service will be approximately 30/35 hours per week, including language preparation.

Travel costs

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

Accommodation

Volunteers will be hosted in a double-room shared with another volunteer. Flat is equipped with all needed (water, electricity, heating, furniture). Free wi-fi is available. Accommodation is located in the city centre, and well connected with public transportation.

Local transport

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 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/placement/33216_en

VOLUNTEERING IN SAN GIOVANNI APOSTOLO

Click on the links and check what former volunteers said about their volunteering in San Giovanni Apostolo:

Efrem: *Il mio volontariato Erasmus+ a San Giovanni Apostolo a Palermo*

Evelina: *From the edge of Europe to the periphery of Palermo*

Ole: *My experience in a youth centre in Palermo*

LINKS

https://europa.eu/youth/volunteering/organisation/50536_en

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