



# ***Lunaria >> 2024***

*International Workcamps Program*  
*“A moving world”*  
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## About us:

Lunaria is a *nonprofit association for social promotion*, secular, independent and autonomous from political parties, established in 1992.

It promotes peace, social and economic justice, equality and ensures the rights of citizenship, democracy and grassroots participation, social inclusion and intercultural dialogue.

Lunaria practices and promotes processes of social change locally, nationally and internationally through advocacy, political and cultural animation, communication, non-formal education, training and research, information and awareness campaigns and the networking.

Mobility and international volunteering, youth policy, migration and the fight against racism, public policy analysis budgetary, economic and social sustainable development, fight against inequality, are at the center of its social commitment.

Every year, Lunaria involves around 1000 young volunteers in its programmes, including workcamps, youth exchanges, medium and long term volunteering. This is possible thanks to the collaboration with the organizations of the Alliance of the European Voluntary Service Organizations and to the Italian network coordinated by Lunaria, where local groups, associations, cooperatives and municipalities can plan and implement international voluntary services projects.

“We ask the international volunteers to commit themselves in the mission of the hosting projects, having an **open mind**, and arriving aware that the accommodation conditions may not be suitable for those looking for cheap and comfortable holidays. Every project is made by many factors, and we need from the volunteers a problem-solving approach.”

The workcamp is coordinated by an experienced volunteer, who is not the boss of the camp: we ask the camp-coordinators to ease the first days of the camp and to involve the volunteers in being responsible for the project, using consensus methodology. The camp-coordinator is not at all responsible for volunteers' fun and the best camp has a camp-coordinator who slightly goes back to the status of normal volunteer.....So, prepare to take responsibilities!

**Age limits:** Teen projects 15-17, For adult camps see details in the program tables

**Common language used in the camps:** English

**Fees:** No fees in our projects

TEEN workcamps have a **participation fee of 250€** to cover the cost of the professional leaders and part of the project costs. No administrative costs are covered by the participation fee. Extra fee should be paid one month before the start of the workcamp by bank transfer.

Inscription fee for Italian volunteers is 130€.

**Insurance:** Lunaria provides insurance to all the volunteers

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# WORKCAMPS SHORT DESCRIPTIONS

LUNARESC01 “Refuge Renovation in Trio”, Poggio Catino, 30/04/2024-15/05/2024 ENVI/MANU/RENO  
VOLS: 11 AGE: 18-30

**SUMMARY:** Volunteers will work in il Trio Refuge helping with the renovation of the rooms inside the shelter enjoying the nature! **#lunarcamp #rifugioiltrio #wearealliance #escinteam**

**PARTNERS:** ALA Associazione Liberi Artigiani – organization active since 2009, work to develop educational framework and workshops specializing in activities for youth and adults in the rural areas. The focus of its work is in Sabina, an agricultural area north of Rome ( 40km) where it has made local development and youth policies its main vocation. The methodology and the educational approach mixes non formal methods, art, creativity, and outdoor practices.

**PROJECT:** The association works to build an idea of an inclusive educational community where everyone has the opportunity to find the space to express himself, outside of any judgment, social or political. On a daily basis it deals with youth aggregation, active citizenship, reception and receptivity, and local development for the purpose of sustainable tourism.

This project takes place at Rifugio il Trio, a new space that the association is aiming to redevelop starting from the renovation of the spaces. This camp will be one of the first held in this facility and the restoration work will focus on restoring the dormitory areas.

The management of a refuge is an act of care for this rural area, offering an active presence in the mountain area and facilitating access to the hinterland for everyone. The ordinary management of the refuge requires constant maintenance and renovation, which is why the camp focuses on this space, on the one hand offering volunteers the experience of living in a mountain refuge in its wildness and using this space as a place of experimentation were expressing one's creativity and rediscovering the value of manual skills and traditional knowledge.

**WORK:** The days will be structured by including a part of manual work and redevelopment and maintenance of the space and area. In particular, the main body of work will be aimed at restoring the dormitories. Volunteers will work around 5/6 hours a day. As always, there will be space to give vent to creativity and much more. Group life, shared management of cooking, cleaning and convivial moments including games, excursions and other experiences. This field requires a high sense of adaptation, the ability to disconnect from digital devices and the internet connection, the desire to disconnect from everyday life to connect with a life more in relationship with the people around you and nature. By joining this workcamp you will contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals: **Reduce inequality -SDG10** and **SustainableCommunities-SDG11**

**ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD:** The group is accommodated in a tent, in the camping area around the refuge. The shelter and the spaces inside are used by the staff for cooking and rain emergencies. Scarcity of resources, spartan accommodation, with shared bathrooms and outdoor showers. Cleaning and cooking will be managed by the volunteers themselves through cleaning/cooking shifts. The group will have access to a pantry based on which to build a weekly menu respecting allergies/intolerances and particular diets.

**LOCATION AND LEISURE:** Rifugio il Trio is located near Poggio Catino, a small village in the Province of Rieti in the Italian region Latium. It is located about 50 kilometers northeast of Rome and about 20 kilometers southwest of Rieti. During their free time, volunteers could make some excursions, workshops and sports **TERMINAL:** Rome Fiumicino airport (FCO) and then direct train to Poggio Mirteto or Rome Ciampino airport (CIA) and then bus connection to Rome Tuscolana and then train to Poggio Mirteto.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** Come with proper equipment and be ready to go hiking (trekking shoes, working clothes, etc...). Be ready to become part of a local small community. Be open minded. This project is supported by the European Solidarity Corps. Food and accommodation are covered by the European Union. Transportation costs will be refunded according to the distance band rules of the programme. No fees are required. The workcamps are open for international volunteers (coming from EU ESC countries projects).

**LUNAR02 "The School in the Wood", Anzio, 04/05/2024-18/05/2024 RENO/KIDS VOLS: 12 AGE: 18+**

**SUMMARY :** If you love to contribute in a meaningful way to child education while participating in playful outdoor activities in the beautiful coastal city of Anzio, near Rome, this is the project for you! **#lunarcamp #wearealliance #volunteering**

**PARTNERS :** Public Pre- School belonging to a School Institute called Anzio IV situated in Anzio near Rome; this institution has an experimental school plan "The school in the rabbits' wood" in order to involve our children to become a world citizens and to be encouraged and stimulated for an inter-cultural education and learning by spending time and being involved in group outdoor activities in the nature. In this way the project could increase their world vision, it could educate them to the differences, to the peace and to their ability of integration.

**PROJECT :** The classes that will participate in the project with different activities based on the age of the pupils are:

- Ten classes (Don Pino Puglisi school): two of which are children from 3 to 6 years of age and 7 primary schools with children aged 6 to 10;
- Secondary school (Falcone school), the students (from 11 to 14 years) will also participate in the project through meetings aimed at cultural exchange.

Our aim is to enrich our educational assortment on offer putting into practice the outdoor method, that is an education and a teaching outside the usual school classrooms in touch with nature. Volunteers will be involved in our experimental school plan "The school in the rabbits' wood".

During the school day, children have gaming, teaching and recreational activities in order to achieve social, emotional, relational, motor, cognitive and cultural goals appropriate to their age. The most important aim for this school level is the complete independence of the children..

**WORK :** The volunteers will work specifically within the external space of the "Apicio Colonna Gatti" Institute, alternating part of their working hours between childcare facilities (sandblaster, shelter, veranda, maintenance and restoration of the area, etc.) with games with the students depending on the volunteers' skills (music, dance, sports, singing, games, etc.). The volunteers will also meet middle and high school students (11-17 years old) who will discuss the aims of the international exchanges. The working day is approximately 6/8 hours from 8.00 to 16.00 during the school time. By joining this workcamp you will contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals: **QualityEducation- #SDG4.**

**ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD :** Volunteers will stay in 3 empty and therefore available classrooms of the "Don Pino Puglisi" plexus with sleeping bags they will have to bring from home. They will have the school's bathrooms at their disposal. For breakfast and dinner, volunteers will have at disposal a camp kitchen that will be set up inside the plexus where their accommodation will be and in which they can prepare their own meals. The lunch will be in the school canteen with children, teachers and volunteers.

**LOCATION AND LEISURE :** Anzio is a beautiful city located on the Tyrrhenian coast about 60 km from Rome. Apart from being a summer holiday destination, it is also a place of residence. In fact, the city has more than 50,000 inhabitants, including the hamlets. It boasts an illustrious past. But it is also a seaside with beautiful beaches, numerous restaurants and lots of fish (Anzio is an important fishing port of central

Tyrolean Italy). Beautiful port (seen in hundreds of films) and the remains of various Roman villas.  
**TERMINAL** : Rome Ciampino airport , then COTRAL bus to Anzio (outside the airport) or Rome Fiumicino airport “Leonardo Da Vinci”, then train Leonardo express (at the airport to Roma Termini Station where every hour a train takes direction Nettuno (get down at Anzio Centro).

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS** : We ask to the international volunteers to commit themselves in the mission of the hosting projects, by showing off an open mind and arriving on the camp, aware that the accommodation conditions may not be suitable for those looking for cheap and comfortable holidays, but they are modest and welcoming. Every project is built by many factors, and we need you, volunteers, to find solutions to improve and support.

**LUNAR03 “Cleaning the coast of Giglio”, Isola del Giglio (Tuscany), 13/05/2024-26/05/2024**

**ENVI/MANU VOL: 12 AGE: 18+**

**SUMMARY** : An amazing opportunity to support the local community by cleaning the Mediterranean coast of the beautiful island of Giglio and enjoying the seaside life! **#lunarcamp #teamspirit #enviprotection**

**PARTNER** : The workcamp is organized by Proloco, a cultural organization, that has among its institutional tasks the valorization of the natural, cultural and historical resources of Giglio island, as well as the realization of initiatives of touristic interest. The Pro.Loco promotes the workcamp in collaboration with the municipality and a network of associations in the area: Lega Navale, Giglio Ambiente and a Consortium of local waste companies, which work together every year to clean the island's coastline.

**PROJECT** : The Mediterranean Sea, although constituting less than 1% of the planet's water surface, is the sixth area of accumulation of waste in the world. Plus, during winter storms, waves dump an important amount of waste, mainly plastic. And an Island like ours, which lives mainly on tourism, the care and maintenance of its natural resources is the first ticket to see, as well as the minimum requirement to allow our visitors to live the fantastic experience they deserve. The objective of this project is to reduce the waste on the island's coast which would benefit the environment and tourism. By joining this workcamp you will contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals: **Climate Action-SDG13; Life below water-SDG14.**

**WORK** : Volunteers will be asked to collect wastes along the coastline of the island during the project. The activities will be concentrated mainly in the morning hours. The volunteers, together with local groups, will carry out various activities: cleaning the beaches, collecting plastic material (bottles, polystyrene boxes, corks, abandoned fishing tools) for disposal. Volunteers will be accompanied to the places of collection of waste either by car, or on foot along the paths of trekking, or by sea with boats, while the waste will always be collected and brought to the dump by sea by specialized personnel. Please, be prepared for a physically demanding work.

**ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD** : Volunteers will be hosted in a flat with shared rooms. All supplies will be guaranteed, 3 bathrooms/showers, wi-fi connection, use of washing machine and kitchen. The volunteers will take care of the common areas and prepare meals. Vegetarian food is available.

**LOCATION AND LEISURE** : The island of Giglio is part of the Tuscan Archipelago National Park and the "Cetacean Sanctuary" protected area. The Island of Giglio, situated opposite Monte Argentario, covers an area of 21 square kilometers, is the second largest island in the Tuscan Archipelago and is renowned for its natural beauty: the crystal-clear emerald sea, with its rich and fishy seabed, frames an area that is still 90% wild. In addition to its natural heritage of beaches and coastline, the island has two towns, Giglio Castello, a charming medieval village that stands on the heights of the island, and Giglio Porto, the island's only port, small and picturesque, with multicolored houses and a clear sea.

Isola del Giglio has a resident community of about 1000 people, mainly engaged in tourist activities,

strongly linked to their territory and always used to dealing with new visitors.

**TERMINAL** : The nearest airport is Leonardo da Vinci in Rome Fiumicino, the railway station is Orbetello Scalo. Giglio Island can be reached by ferry from Porto Santo Stefano (1 hour). It takes 4 hours to reach the island of Giglio from Rome Fiumicino airport.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS** : Volunteers will support coastal cleanup; we recommend that you know how to swim and not get seasick. Some activities will be by boat

**LUNARESC04 “Inclusive Educational Community in Trio”, Poggio Catino, 28/05/2024-12/06/2024  
ENVI/RENO VOLS: 11 AGE: 18-30**

**SUMMARY** : Volunteers will help il Trio Refuge to prepare the external teaching room they used for summer camps activities **#lunarcamp #rifugioiltrio #wearealliance #escinteam**

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**PROJECT** : The association works to build an idea of an inclusive educational community where everyone can find the space to express himself, outside of any social judgment. Daily it deals with youth aggregation, active citizenship, and participation, welcome and receptivity and local development for the purposes of sustainable tourism, redevelopment of abandoned or disused public spaces. Since 2014 it has managed several reception spaces, including two shelters, a hostel and a library.

For 3 years, the Il Trio refuge has been an educational space that hosts summer camps for children. To increase the usability of this space, the association aims to set up an external teaching room suitable for children and families, aimed at increasing socialization with the mountain environment.

**WORK** : The days will be structured by including a part of manual work aimed at creating and setting up the external teaching room. Volunteers will work around 5 - 6 hours each day.

Furthermore, the field involves: group life, shared management of cooking, cleaning and convivial moments including games, excursions and other experiences.

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**ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD** : The group is accommodated in a tent, in the camping area around the refuge. The shelter and the spaces inside are used by the staff for cooking and rain emergencies.

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The management for cleaning the spaces and the preparation of meals will be managed by the volunteers themselves through cleaning/cooking shifts. The group will have access to a pantry based on which to build a weekly menu respecting allergies/intolerances and particular diets.

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**LUNAR05 "Agape 1", Prali, 06/06/2024-20/06/2024 MANU VOLS: 5 AGE: 18+**

**SUMMARY** : Join Agape, a place where you can share an intense community spirit in beautiful natural surroundings. Support local volunteers in managing the Centre with very different tasks. Don't miss this enriching human opportunity. **#interculturalism # sharing #communityLife #mountains #lunarcamp**

**PARTNER** : It's been ten years that Lunaria and Agape are working side by side to create a space where people can meet in harmony. Agape International Ecumenical Centre is an important point of reference in Italian Protestantism, being for 70 years a place of education and development, theological exploration, political engagement, acceptance and validation of differences. A resident group still lives at Agape throughout the year. Agape was built after the Second World War as a sign of hope and reconciliation between people, thanks to the voluntary work of many young men and women. The dimensions of community and voluntary service remain fundamental. By joining this workcamp you will contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals: **QualityEducation-SDG4 and GenderEquality-SDG5**, two of the pillars of Agape mission.

**PROJECT** : Every year many people, with different ages and religious, cultural and political backgrounds, come to Agape to discuss and to be challenged, to get to know themselves and each other and to exchange experiences around a particular theme. The work camp will support the management and support the meetings on issues of political, social, cultural and religious interest. The center is volunteers-driven, and its management is in your hands.

**WORK** : The workcamp is an international experience, giving the volunteers the opportunity to meet young people from all over the world. In terms of communication, the main watchword at the Center is diversity and open-mindedness. This is your chance to discover different cultures, and ideas and exchange experiences. The work accomplished on each camp is very important, the volunteers themselves are the main reason for Agape is able to keep organizing more and more projects every year. Thanks to a group of people living there all year long (the so-called Resident group), but also to the ecumenical and international community coming to help, the center has an effect on its visitors' life. As a volunteer, you will be asked to work with the Resident Group. Every Resident has a sector for which they are responsible (kitchen, cleaning, bar, maintenance,... and so on), in which you will help them, and each of the Residents will be there to help you and support you. You will have 6-7 working hours per day. The Centre will organize every year's national camps in the place and the international group will work in parallel with the permanent residence to guarantee the running of all other project schedules. Volunteers will help in the following tasks: kitchen, meal service (tables and dishes), cleaning, maintenance, bartending, and babysitting.

**ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD** : Volunteers will be host in 3-4 bed bedrooms with shared toilets on the floor. The meals are typical Italian Mediterranean cuisine, with limited consumption of meat for environmental reasons, and the possibility of choices for those who require a special diet. There is a washing machine available for the volunteers.

**LOCATION AND LEISURE** : Agape is in the Alps, close to Prali commune. Games, discussions, and outings can be organized during free time. Programmed activities (especially in the evening) are most of the time open to the volunteers, as long as they do not clash with work commitments. The place is beautiful but isolated, though you will stay together with many international participants attending the meetings of Agape. **TERMINAL** : Torino-Caselle airport, and then Caselle Aeroporto train station.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS** : Volunteers should come ready to accomplish each task and with an open mind. Travel to Agape can be complicated, very isolated place