



LOOKING FOR CANDIDATES FOR INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEERING PROJECT

Coordinating and Receiving organization:

Associazione casa a colori (Bassano del Grappa, Italy)

website: www.casacolori.org

Period of volunteering:

Start date	End date	Duration in months
14/03/2022	14/01/2023	10
30/05/2022	30/03/2023	10

Profile of the volunteer:

- friendly, flexible and pro-active attitude;
- keen to develop personal relationships and to immerse in the local community's life;
- open-minded and with a responsible attitude;
- Strong interest in volunteering in the context described below and to have interest or intensive experience of work with people at risk of social exclusion (migrants, homeless, women victims of violence...), with children (also 0-3) and young people.
- adaptable to a cohabitation in an apartment and sharing a double-room
- aware that Esc is a volunteer experience for the development of key- competences and non-work experience for the improvement of technical skills
- adaptable to changes in the weekly routines due to emergencies, seasonality, development of new projects or new beneficiaries...
- very eager to live in a small town (13.976), using the bicycle and public transports;
- interested in learning a different European language;
- IT IS COMPULSORY TO BE ENROLLED IN THE EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS DATABASE

Description of the receiving organization

"Casa a Colori" is located in Bassano Del Grappa (43.347 inhabitants), a little town next to the Dolomities, the famous mountains.

Bassano is also dominated by “Grappa” Mountain, and it’s close to Altopiano di Asiago. In these places, where the First World War took part, you can visit museums, buy the famous cheese “asiago”, taste the famous liquor “grappa”, but you can mostly admire the amazing landscape and enjoy the nature.

Coming back to Casa a Colori...

In 1992 a group of local volunteers who were working for a migrant center run by Scalabrinian Fathers (a religious organization who helped migrants for decades with their Institutes spread all over the world) decided to found this Association.

Casa Colori was born to solve the housing problem concerning migrants coming from North Africa and Eastern Europe. Later the Association developed specific solutions in order to facilitate the access to a decent house for all persons in need.

The association currently offers the following services for immigrants and for the community:

- It’s a reception center for asylum seekers who are in the procedure of granting refugee status in Italy. It provides suitable accommodations and food. It offers Italian classes, and cultural, social, recreational and sporting activities, to promote the asylum seekers’ self-sufficiency, their independence and their integration in the local community;
- It provides information and it gives legal advices to migrants in order to get their documents and to have access to public services;
- It offers After-school activities for children from 6 to 14 years old. (“Extra-Che?” Project);
- It runs the Soup kitchen for poor people and homeless people.
- It runs a youth-aggregation center in Marostica where recreative and sportive activities take place. In this place the association organizes after school activities (6-14), events, meetings and exhibitions.

COVID EMERGENCY SITUATION

Casa a colori respects all the Italian rules about the sanitary Covid emergency to promote the health and the security of all people involved in his services and all citizens in general.

The chosen volunteers will be informed in advance about the mandatory obligations to be carried out upon their arrival based on the country of origin (eg: swab, days of quarantine, other requests by the Italian health services ...)

The activities of the services could undergo changes (not foreseeable now) based on the trend of the health emergency (reduction of activities, modification ...)

Location:

1) Bassano del Grappa – Province of Vicenza (Veneto Region)

Bassano del Grappa is a city well connected by trains and buses to the cities of Padua, Trento, Venice (one hour by train – direct connection).

There are many leisure activities for young people: gyms, courses of various kinds, cinemas, theaters. There are also many opportunities for recreation with bars, pubs, night clubs and many places where young people meet. Attending courses can be an opportunity to make some friends.

2) Marostica – Province of Vicenza (Veneto Region)

The apartment is situated above the youth aggregation centre settled in Marostica. Marostica is presented as one of the most important medieval town of the Veneto region. It takes the appearance of a fortified town thanks to the Scaligeri, Lords of Verona. It consists of two castles: the upper castle on top of the hill that nowadays it is reduced in ruin, and the lower castle in perfect condition. The two castles are linked by two fortified walls. Overlooking the lower Castle, there is the Chess square where, since 1954, is re proposed a chess challenge with alive people and represents an important town festival, dressing traditional costumes of the fifteenth century. This event is held once every two years, in the first week of September. The next one is on 2020. Also, here you can find bars, pubs, supermarkets, gyms, open all days of the week. Most weekends there's a market or an event and lots of tourists are always present. Marostica is very well connected with Bassano del Grappa.

There's a bus almost every 30 minutes, and it takes 15 minutes to reach Bassano del Grappa. (by bicycle: about 30 minutes).

Topic: Children/ inclusion-equity/ inclusion of migrants – asylum seekers and refugees

Role and tasks:

Volunteers will be involved, in accordance with their abilities and interests, in these services:

- Immigration office
- Soup-kitchen
- Recreational activities and cultural laboratories for asylum seekers
- Baby-sitting for asylum-seekers' children
- After-school activities for children
- Youth-aggregation center

These services involve different targets: immigrants, young people, homeless, men, women of all ages.

Casa a Colori believes that working with different beneficiaries is a great opportunity for the volunteers to empower their skills and to do a deeper intercultural experience.

The role of the Esc will be:

- 1) Listening to people coming to the immigration office, and help the association's consultant to fill forms and to make research;
- 2) Building an educational relationship with children and young people in the after-school service "Extrache?", playing with them, helping them with their homework;
- 3) Supporting the asylum seekers' inclusion in the local community, taking part to activities and laboratories addressed to them and look after their children during Italian classes time;
- 4) Helping with the food distribution to asylum seekers;
- 5) Helping the association employee to collect food from Restaurants and canteens and bring it to the Soup Kitchen. Heating up the food and serving it to the guests.
- 6) Helping with the management of the youth-aggregation center.

1- The volunteer has to welcome the migrants coming to the office, listen to their specific requests and try to provide them a first help (the volunteer will benefit from a period of observation, training

and study, in order to get familiar with Italian laws and local services). Establishing a good relationship with customers is important.

2- In the “Extra-che?” project (After-school) the volunteer will support educators. The volunteer has to look after children, help them with their homework, and he can also propose activities and leisure activities. “Extra-che?” is a space where about 20 children and young people meet to share their lives, to stimulate the full expression of their abilities, to improve their scholastic skills.

3- Esc volunteer will take part to laboratories where asylum seekers are involved to promote the socialization.

The Esc volunteer will be involved in the team of educators and he can offers his support to their actions.

He/She has to support the Italian teacher looking after asylum seekers’ children (playing, staying with them).

4- Esc volunteer will help the Association employee in distributing the weekly food to asylum seekers, going directly to their houses, and helping them to fill the shop lists.

5- Esc volunteer will help the Association worker, designated to operate in Kitchen soup, in collecting leftover food from Restaurants and supermarkets. Then he will heat up the food and he will serve the guests with lots of other volunteers.

6- Esc volunteer will look after the youth aggregation center activities.

Every year almost 100 children from 6 to 12 years old participate in the summer camp organized by the youth-aggregation center.

Here around 20 entertainers prepare activities and workshops and they play with kids for all the mornings during the month of July. Esc volunteers are asked to help the entertainers and to plan and do the activities.

In any case..

The volunteer will be invited to all events of the association, including courses and trainings.

The volunteer will be employed for 33 hours per week, according to the organization weekly routine

The volunteer will be able to try out the different services, also considering the organization needs.

PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

- Food: the volunteer will receive a food allowance by the day 7th of the month of 120 euro.
- Accommodation: the volunteer will live in a shared flat with the other volunteer of the project in Marostica, about 15 minutes by bus far from Bassano del Grappa.
In the apartment, there’s a 3 bedroom. In the apartment there’s a washing machine, a microwave oven and wifi. Address: Marostica, Corso Mazzini 71.
- Working hours: 33 hours/week (32 of service +1 of tutoring).

- Day off: Free weekends (Saturday and Sunday). In case activities will be carried out in the weekend (it might happen, but not regularly) two consecutive day off will be given during the week days.
- Holidays: 2 days/month (they can be gathered and enjoyed maximum in 15 consecutive days) and a week during Christmas period (7 days in total).
- Pocket money: 5 Euro/day, paid every month by cash
- Local transport: the organization provides a bicycle and the bus tickets from Marostica to Bassano Del Grappa with a monthly pass valid from Monday to Friday
- Language support: volunteers will take part to an Italian language course. This course will be run by a professional teacher. The volunteer will have the chance to use the Online linguistic support, an online course provided by EU
- Trainings and support: guaranteed by the sending, receiving and coordinating organizations
- Hosting guests: it is forbidden to host people who don't belong to the project without the permission of the association (maximum 5 consecutive days one person at a time).
- Insurance: The volunteer is responsible for the payment of any medical expenses occurred during the Esc service and he/she has to fill out the Healthcare Claim form to get the reimbursement by Cigna.
- Leisure: it is the volunteer's responsibility to organize free time. the Organization offers suggestions based on the expressed interests of the volunteer

Casa a Colori hosts 4 volunteers at the same time (2 from March 2022 to January 2023, and from June 2022 to March 2023 other 2)

There are other esc volunteers in the area (in Schio – 15 km; Calvene – 30 km; in Bassano del Grappa).

HOW TO APPLY: Send cv with photo, motivation letter and application form within 10th March 2022

TO:

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The candidates will be contacted by e-mail by the coordinating organization for a skype interview.

Person in charge of selection process: Tania Reginato (Casa a Colori)



Some activities of the organization with children and Asylum seekers

