

Volunteering Project in Italy

Project Title: **SUNRISE** Infopack for volunteers

Dear future volunteer,

EU Volunteering projects are a unique opportunity to be actively engaged and make the difference in a local context and community, developing solidarity among people but also open mindedness, communication and cooperation between different nations and cultures.

In this project you will work in a team of experienced staff in and have the opportunity to live new experiences, know new friends and work in an international team, working in the field of youth information, communication and promotion, project management and non-formal education.

We will support you to implement your own projects, cooperate with other volunteers from different countries and you will know our city – lively and rich of artistic works and monuments. We will know each other, our cultures, habits and traditions, language, traditional food and lot of other things...

See you soon!

➡ STUDIO PROGETTO Social Cooperative from Cornedo Vicentino (Vicenza) - Italy, is looking for **one volunteer from France** that will be hosted by “IL MOSAICO” Social Cooperative in Vicenza.

COORDINATING, SENDING AND HOSTING ORGANISATIONS

The **coordinating organisation**, “**Studio Progetto**” **Social Cooperative**, runs from 2012 EVS projects and regularly hosts volunteers. Till now, it has hosted 36 volunteers from EU and non-EU countries. The positive impact of the EVS volunteers not only inside the organisation, but also outside and in the local community, has been a motivation to promote volunteering projects also in other contexts of our province. With “Il Mosaico” Social Cooperative, it cooperates and manages the Youth Information Office in Vicenza under “Prisma” Consortium as general contractor.

The **sending organization**, **European Association for Local Democracy - ALDA**, is a French based organization, with legal headquarter in Strasbourg, c/o the Council of Europe, and an operational branch office in Vicenza, Italy. It is devoted to the promotion of inclusive and equitable societies at local level, through the promotion of active citizenship and facilitation of dialogue among local stakeholders (associations, cooperatives, local authorities). The social and economic inclusion of youth in the community, the promotion of values such as intercultural understanding, tolerance and solidarity are among the values supported by ALDA, since its creation, in 1999.

The hosting organisation is “Il Mosaico” Social Cooperative together with another volunteer from Belarus.

From its foundation in 1993, "**Il Mosaico**" **social cooperative** works in the province of Vicenza and neighbourhoods to promote and diffuse in different communities a changing process through a multidisciplinary approach. The mission is to give concrete answers to big social problems, related to welfare, job access and life cycles, promoting cooperation, active citizenship, intercultural dialogue and solidarity in the local communities. The target groups we address to are mostly young people, their networks or main life context: families, schools, job and volunteering. "Il Mosaico" is a non-profit, laic, non-political organisation which manages local projects pursuing the general interest of the individual and the community, which are the focus of our work, respecting individual freedom and cultural differences.

THE PROJECT



The 2 volunteers in Vicenza will be engaged in the 4 services for children and youth of the Municipality of Vicenza, located in 4 different spaces that are managed by "Il Mosaico" in different quarters of the city. Some activities may be organised in other contexts: schools, parks, main places of the city centre and other youth meeting places.

This call is to candidates from France: we are looking for one volunteer who will be engaged in the Youth Information Centre and Polo Giovani B55.

The Youth Information Centre offers guidance about training and education, placement, mobility and volunteering activities, stimulating the participation of young people to social life.

"Polo B55" is the place of innovation, professional training and new professions. It is also the place of coordinating desks of "Progetto Giovani Vicenza", that includes the 4 different services managed by "Il Mosaico".

The main purpose of all the 4 services are to prevent social hardship, school leaving and youth unemployment by giving information and increasing awareness about opportunities at the local and international level, but also about personal skills and potentialities, empowering young people to face the challenges they will run into and improving their individual and informal groups skills through participatory activities.

General aims of the project – in line with Erasmus+ aims:

- increasing active participation of young volunteers and local young people, who will have the opportunity to know European volunteering activities;
- promoting ERASMUS + program, European Solidarity Corps and the mobility opportunities promoted by EU;
- increasing the sense of European citizenship among young people and citizens in general
- encouraging the sense of solidarity and tolerance among young people
- facilitating intercultural dialogue in our territory
- stimulating the creativity of the young volunteers, who will be actively involved in the places they will operate.

THE ACTIVITIES

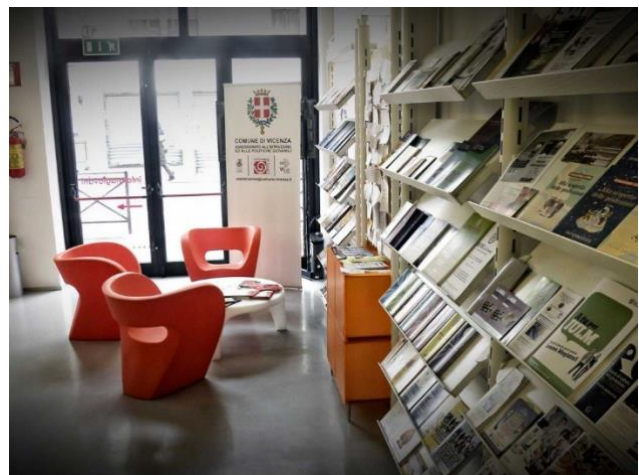
AREA 6: Youth Information Center and “Polo Giovani B55”

Link (Facebook): @ProGioVi – @InformagiovaniVicenza - @Bcinquantacinque
www.informagiovani.vi.it

The volunteer will be engaged for 30-32 hours per week in 2 services of the Municipality of Vicenza for youth information, innovation and training.

The **Youth Information Centre of Vicenza** works in the fields of youth information and youngsters' involvement for the development of their active citizenship. It deals with counselling on education, training and job, mobility abroad and youth participation in the activities. The daily activities consist in organizing paper and digital information, promoting events and training activities about guidance, mobility, volunteering, learning and training opportunities, that often take place also in the high schools of Vicenza.

POLO GIOVANI B55 is the place of innovation, professional training and new professions, with lot of spaces and rooms for lessons, workshops, training courses and so on.



Tasks: The volunteer will be involved in the following activities

- Work with young people, public relation - front office, mostly spreading information about the opportunities for youth offered by ERASMUS + Program
- Work with students in high schools (meetings, infodesk during schooltime...) giving basic information about Volunteering Projects and other opportunities (job, voluntarism, youth participation, etc.)
- Events organization

- Management and promotion of the spaces that are reserved to young students aged 14-25 and to co-workers.
- Help youth workers to find funding opportunities to achieve the main purposes of “Polo B55” and the other services for minors and youth and to participate to new Erasmus+ projects, i.e. youth exchanges or training courses for youth workers.

The volunteer will have the opportunity to gain social competences, but also in the field of communication and project-management.

The volunteer will be actively involved in online and local promotion of the different activities run by all the 4 centres of Progetto Giovani Vicenza.



Beside this, volunteer, in cooperation with the other European volunteers, will be involved in additional activities and their tasks will be:

- Participate to linguistic exchanges called “tandem”: with young people that are in Vicenza to study or work as interns, we successfully organise conversation groups or linguistic one-to-one exchanges in many languages, like French, Spanish, Chinese, English. Volunteers will be actively involved.
- Non-formal training session with all the volunteers hosted by “Studio Progetto”.
- There are also volunteers hosted by other organisations in Vicenza; our aim is to promote the meetings so that they can socialise and know each other. In July 2018, we have already organised a meeting, called “WWV - World Wide Vicenza”.

TIMETABLE (standard week – may be modified)

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
MORNING	11.00 – 13.00 Staff meeting	10.00 – 13.00 Youth Information Center	8.30 – 10.30 Information and non formal education activities in the schools	10.00 – 13.00 Youth Information Center	9.30 – 11.00 Group mentoring
			11.00 – 12.00 Italian language course		11.00 – 12.00 Think tank – developing ideas together
AFTERNOON	15.00 – 18.30 Polo Giovani B55	15.00 – 18.30 Polo Giovani B55	17.30 – 21.00 Polo Giovani B55	17.30 – 21.00 Polo Giovani B55	15.30 – 18.30 Youth Information Center

EVENING	19.30 – 21.00 Polo Giovani B55				

The **team** you will work with is composed by education professionals, youth workers, trainers, psychologists, project managers. These professionals are well known at the local level and gained years of relevant experience in the field of children and youth education and information.

There will be also a volunteer from Belarus that will be engaged more in the 2 Youth Centers of the city. The 2 volunteers in Vicenza will run some activities together and will have the opportunity to propose ideas using their formal/non-formal competences. They will cooperate with the team to conceive and manage weekly activities, giving support to promote and plan them, participating to team meetings with the other youth workers of the structure they work in and the coordinator.

They will also have the possibility to take a special time with the tutors to think and develop new projects and ideas for the young people and children of Vicenza, plan events and activities that will be open to the whole local community and create with young people concrete tools that will be useful to Vicenza Youth Project, like videos to present Erasmus+ and Volunteering through their concrete experience in Vicenza.

THE CITY

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Vicenza proudly exhibits the signs of its Roman background and its 'unique appearance,' largely owing to the work of influential sixteenth-century architect Andrea Palladio, has led to the town's designation as a UNESCO World Heritage Site: City of Vicenza and the Palladian Villas of the Veneto. Today Vicenza is, in fact, one of Italy's cities with the highest number of monumental complexes compared to its extension. This makes it a real unexpected jewel to those visitors who take a walk in the old town center.

But Vicenza is also economy, industry and handicrafts, production and export. Vicenza has an active role in building the "Veneto model" which enabled the region to reach a good level of well-being and social ease, which was un hoped for until a few decades ago. Right next to large groups, stand

out medium-sized, small and very small companies, endowed with a lively spirit of enterprise, production flexibility, technical innovation and a strong export orientation. Veneto is a striking example of what in the sixties was called "Italian economic miracle". Until the mid-fifties it was a land of peasants, poverty and migration, plagued by constant floods, while later on it became one of the leading Italian industrial regional economies.

From the geographical point of view, from the '60s the sudden growth of industries and economic activities inexorably changed the Po valley landscape where the city is located. Before, Palladio villas were surrounded by huge cultivated fields and vineyards. Nowadays the fields have mostly left space to houses, industries, warehouses, shopping centers. But the neighborhood is an ever-changing landscape of mountains, valleys, water courses, art cities, and food and wine itineraries offering evocative landscapes.

Vicenza is a medium-sized town, with a population of 110,000. While there is a quite diffused wellbeing among the population, the number of citizens with chronic problems have increased, due to the economic crisis and problems, like unemployment.

ARE YOU THE RIGHT VOLUNTEER?

Profile of volunteer:

- age between 18-30 years old
- interested in youth issues
- willing to get involved in communicating with young people
- team spirit
- responsible, creative, curious, open-minded
- good competences in using computer, internet, social networks: communicative, graphic and promotional competences and abilities will be positively valued.

Period: from October 2018 to June 2019

Deadline: 03/09/2018

If you are interested in becoming volunteer
please register on europa.eu/youth/solidarity and send your registration number to
progettazione@studioprogetto.org

and in cc to

lara.lupato@studioprogetto.org and anna.ditta@aldaintranet.org

If you have questions or doubts don't hesitate to contact us!