ESC PROJECT IN ASSOCIAZIONE LA STRADA

EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS

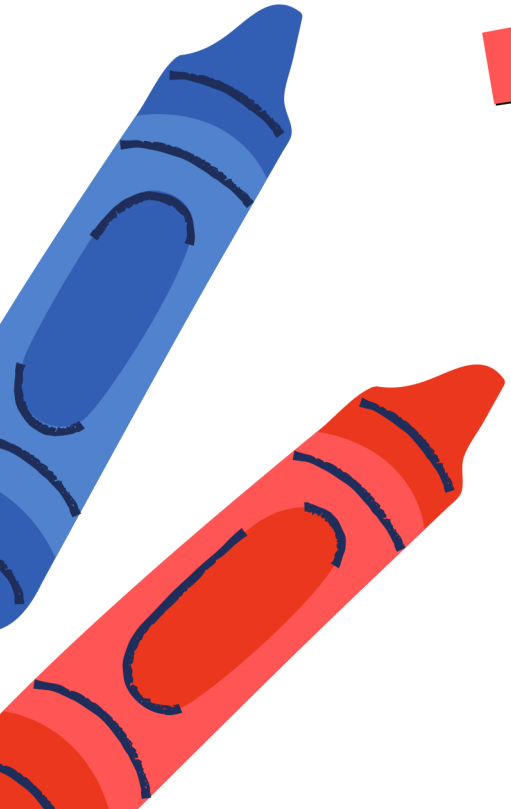
MEDICINA (ITALY)

INFOPACK FOR VOLUNTEERS

Voluntary project, coordinated by ***YouNet***, aims to promote mobility and transnational volunteering as a non-traditional form of emancipation and learning, aimed in particular at young people with fewer opportunities, in order to obtain a better knowledge of the active role that they can play in their communities of origin as well as in society, for a transition to adulthood and the responsibilities that this entails.

Host Organisation: **La Strada** (Medicina)

Check their webpage here!



Topics

CREATIVITY

CULTURE

MIGRANTS

YOUTH WITH FEWER OPPORTUNITIES

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Context & Environment

Medicina is a small municipality in the province of Bologna. The non-profit association ***La Strada*** has been working for 15 years in Medicina and Castel Guelfo in social work, ***especially to help children with social difficulties***.

Over the years, the work has expanded, involving young people and adults, especially immigrants. The activities begin each afternoon with specific and personalised support open to boys and girls reported by the school and local social services. ***Activities include educational and entertainment*** moments with various topics that are developed over the entire year. The association is also helping the learning process of italian for immigrants who have recently arrived in our country and it started an information point about job search and other bureaucreatic issues.

La Strada also carries out a course about intercultural and peace education in collaboration with teachers and local schools. The main topics discussed are: peace education, visits to Fossoli and Monte Sole, immigration and North-South relations in the world, foreign debt, equal and fair trade, Islam and Christianity in history and today. La Strada also organises periodical cineforums to reflect on certain topics (racial hatred, bullying, sexuality, friendship...), artistic workshops, trips, etc.

Local impact: the activities are meant to reduce the risk of social exclusion or disadvantage and achieve the reintegration of this people. For this, La Strada cooperates with local institutions (city council, social services, schools and other organisations).

All together, volunteers will also develop some ***common projects***, supported by their mentor, p.e. the video about the project, radio interviews, public language tandems, public events... All volunteers have the responsibility to contribute to the visibility of the project and of the European Solidarity Corps programme.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Accommodation: it will be in a shared flat for 2 volunteers. Please consider that Medicina is a small village, we are looking for independent volunteers willing to live in a rural area.

Local transport: a bus ticket for activities will be provided if needed.

Food & Pocket money: volunteer will receive a total ammount of 170 €/month for food and 6 €/day as pocket money. **This payment will be done via bank transfer every first week of the month**

Travel costs: travel expenses (round trip) will be reimbursed to the volunteer according to the distance band. Bologna is the closest airport, but it is also possible to land in Milan, Venice or Rome and then take a train to Bologna. From Bologna the volunteer can take a regional train, available every 20 minutes.

Free days: during the project, volunteers will have two consecutive free days per week, as well as two additional free days per month. Holidays should be negotiated with the organisation to guarantee its proper functioning.

Language training: volunteers are welcome to learn Italian before and during their service. Volunteers will have access to OSL (Online Linguistic Support) so that they can start the course provided by Erasmus+ programme. If needed, Younet will provide an additional training with an Italian teacher. At the end of the oroject the volunteer will take an asessment in order to know the final level of Italian.

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