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ESC with children, teens and migrants

Host organization: IL CES.TO

Where: GENOVA, ITALY

When: FEBRUARY-AUGUST 2020

Duration: 7 MONTHS

Who we are

Associazione il Cesto Onlus is involved since 1987 in the promotion of integration and social promotion processes among the different ethnicities living in Genova's historical city centre, with a particular attention towards minors, second generation migrants and other actors in the neighbourhood (residents, shop keepers, schools and institutions). The association has managed to build a space in which to develop and bring together educational, recreational and creative goals among minors of different ethnicities and Italians, stimulating and encouraging positive relations among people, encounter, mutual knowledge and solidarity, providing paths and tolls to value and enforce individuals and community's potential. The association's services are a literacy course for adults, a helpdesk for migrants, the Social Centre for children, the Social Centre for pre-adolescents and adolescents and cultural animation and training activities.

Our activities

LUZZATI GARDEN

In 2012 Il Ce.Sto ha started managing Luzzati Garden, a downgraded area that has been renovated and transformed. In this area. We promote cultural and leisure activities giving life to an alternative place meeting place for locals.

CHILDREN AND TEENS

The Social Centre for children and adolescents provides school support and leisure time activities after school. Summer camp activities take place in the city surrounding and involve children and teens.

REFUGEES AND ASYLUMS SEEKERS

The project includes an emergency service providing support in the asylum seeking procedure and medical assistance; a social, working, housing integration and empowerment process for people having subsidiary protection and a hosting project for single persons and families who are being hosted in apartments and provided with services such as literacy, documents issuing, medical assistance and work integration, and a residential community for Separated Children.

Project context

Genova (Genoa) the most important port of the Mediterranean and one of the most important ports in Europe, it is the sixth most populated city in Italy and is part of the industrial triangle that connects Turin and Milan. Its privileged location, as the “door to the Mediterranean”, has made Genoa one of the most prosperous financial and commercial centers and one of the most influential of the West. The city of Genoa has in recent decades been going through a time of economic and social hardship caused by the de-industrialization and impoverishment of the economy in general. For this reason itl has undertaken in the last 20 years a significant process of urban renewal. The activity of Ce.Sto is strongly rooted in the historic center of Genoa, which is developed through a maze of narrow streets and alleys where it is impossible to enter in any other way except on foot. It has always been the destination of migrants arriving to Liguria and for this reason, today more than ever, includes a number of different cultures often in conflict with each other and with local authorities. It is indeed a tough neighbourhood, where marginalization and petty crime hinder the process of integration and where Ce.Sto has succeeded in spreading the values of tolerance, respect and mutual understanding.

Volunteer's activities

WITH CHILDREN AND TEENS

Creating social animation activities and games for kids and teenagers in the social centre and summer camps

Organizing workshops, events or sport activities together with the youngsters and local volunteers

Afterschool tutoring activities

WITH MIGRANTS

Daily management of the relation with refugees and asylum seekers

Integration and socialization activities (italian courses, sports and cultural activities)

Legal and health support and participation in the support towards the job market

SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES

Supporting the organization of cultural and intercultural promotion activities and events in Luzzati garden

Support to the Association's promotion activities on social networks and "Luzzati Square"

The ideal volunteer

- Willing to take part in a project for the development and integration of an entire community in the center of a large Italian city.
- Prepared to take up a delicate role in contact with young people that often come from complex family situations.
- Tolerance, patience, firmness, creativity.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Good knowledge of English and/or French.

Financial support

The volunteers will live in the city center in a shared apartment.

Monthly pocket money and food or a food allowance will be provided.

The travel expenses will be reimbursed on the basis defined by the European Commission.

How to apply

If you are interested in joining us, please send your CV, motivation letter and questionnaire filled in in English at: sve@peco.genova.it