



# VOLUNTEERING IN OASI DI SCACCO & HOPE

MONGRANDO (BIELLA), ITALY



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# Who we are

Oasi di Scacco & Hope is a non-profit association aimed at recovering horses that have been abandoned, abused or destined for slaughter. The association recovers horses in critical situations and brings them back to a natural state, free to live in herds and with the right attitude to work with man. Within the organization, we look for a green and sustainable way of working with nature through our organic vegetable garden, the search for medicinal herbs, the work with farm animals and meditation practices. Our goal is to create a community based on mutual and fundamental respect and respect for everything around us.



## What we do

**We have a riding school characterized by a relational methodology, based on the mutual respect between the human being and the animal. Over time, Oasi has become a welcoming center not only for animals but also for the local community, whose residents can attend workshops of various kinds, such as music workshops, soap-making workshops, but also organize theme nights and social dinners. The community can also use the library (built with waste materials). Since mid 2019 Oasi Scacco has included within its ongoing activities a new project that aims to establish a music and circus art school for locals.**





# Project context

Oasi di Scacco & Hope is located in the small commune of Mongrando, 30 km from the town of Biella. Mongrado is part of the region of Piemonte, in the northwest of Italy and close to the Alps, as its name suggests (Piemonte = foot of the mountain). It is an area rich in natural beauty, natural reserves, walks and hikes. Biella is reachable with public transports within 30 minutes, and from there a train can connect with the city of Turin in less than two hours.

# Volunteer activities

- Taking care of the organic garden
- Taking care of the horses (cleaning the stables, grooming, creating a relationship with them)
- Cooking meals with local produce
- Forest conservation (cleaning the place, planting new trees)
- Helping during the crafts, music, theatre and circus workshops
- Helping during horse riding lessons
- Welcoming guests







- adaptable and motivated to live in a rural area
- good social and communication skills
- not afraid of getting their hands dirty
- interested in arts and culture
- flexible and willing to learn
- loving animals and nature
- experience with horses is welcome but not a requirement
- experience in education is welcome but not a requirement

# The ideal volunteer



# Work conditions

Volunteers will carry out activities for 5 days a week, usually Monday to Friday, for a maximum of 38 hours per week. It is possible to have activities the during the weekend, but in that case the free days will be moved to the following week. Additionally, there will be two free days for every worked month.

# Accomodation

The organization will provide accomodation in an independent space for the volunteers inside their Bed and Breakfast, with a shared room and bathroom.

# Financial Support

A pocket money of 5 euros per month will be provided. Meals will be shared with the staff during the activities, and the volunteers will be given money for food during free days. The travel expenses will be reimbursed on the basis defined by the European Commission.

A close-up photograph of a horse's eye, partially obscured by its long, light-colored eyelashes. A semi-transparent globe of the Earth is superimposed over the eye, centered on the iris. The background is a soft, out-of-focus view of the horse's face and mane.

# HOW TO APPLY

Send the CV and the application form to [apply.esc@associazionejoint.org](mailto:apply.esc@associazionejoint.org) as soon as possible. Only shortlisted people will be contacted to arrange an online interview.