



ESC IN A RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY FOR YOUNG WOMEN AND GIRLS

Host organisation: BUON PASTORE

Where: GENOVA, ITALY

When: SEPTEMBER 2022 - 31 AUGUST 2023

Duration: 12 MONTHS

WHO WE ARE



THE CONGREGATION OF BUON PASTORE

has a very long story of commitment to the assistance of young girls and women. Its activity has always addressed the female world through the reception, education, and vocational training of the weakest, younger groups.

In the '70, Buon Pastore started a collaboration with the Territorial Social Services of Genoa, and, consistent with the social and political changes of the time, it undertook a significant reformation in the educational system, becoming more personalized, less restrictive, and open to the outside and voluntary groups.

In recent years, the Congregation has transitioned toward secular social-welfare initiatives, establishing institutions in charge of educational services.

In 2019 the Buon Pastore Cooperativa Sociale - Impresa Sociale was created. Now it runs two residential centers hosting and taking care of young girls and helping them in their independence and self-fulfillment.

OUR ACTIVITIES

The Cooperative operates two women's residential services:

The CEAS

is a residential community that is home to girls aged 6 to 18.

The staff consists of 7 educators, including the coordinator. Educational work takes place on a continuous 24-hour shift, 365 days a year.

The community offers a path of personal growth that aims to promote the person globally, taking care of every area of the lives of minors: self-care, socialization, respect for others and rules, school/work, leisure management, relationship with reference adults, but also educational and pedagogical strategies to expand these skills and consolidate them.

The Youth Accommodation (Alloggio Giovani)

houses six girls from 18 to 21 years old in administrative custody of Social Services.

The accommodation staff consists of 2 educators, including the coordinator. Each placement in the accommodation goes through a concerted work between sending service, coordinator, reference educator, the girl herself, and, when possible, with the family.

The goal is to support girls on a path of personal, work, and housing autonomy. The active and conscious participation of the girls is essential both in the realization of the project and its outcome.



PROJECT CONTEXT



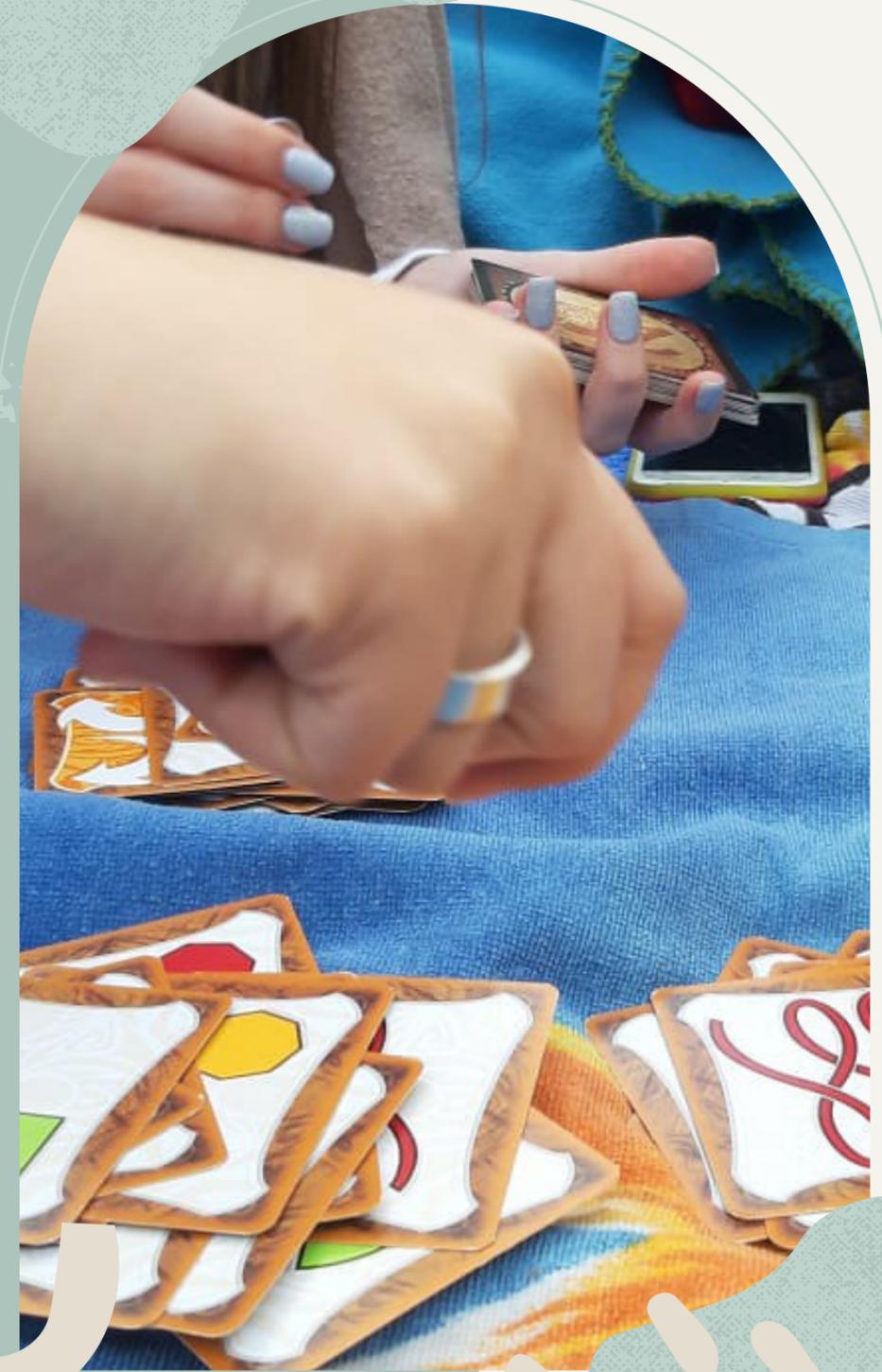
Genova (Genoa) is the most important seaport of the Mediterranean and one of the most important ports in Europe. It is the sixth most populated city in Italy that connects the industrial triangle of Turin and Milan. Its privileged location, as the “door to the Mediterranean”, has made Genoa one of the most prosperous financial and commercial centers and one of the most influential in the West.

Genoa has gone through a time of economic and social hardship caused by the de-industrialization and impoverishment of the economy in the last decades. For this reason, it has undertaken a significant process of urban renewal.

Buon Pastore cares about activities in a safe, lively residential neighborhood characterized by the presence of university faculties, the conservatory of Genoa, religious institutes, gardens, and sports areas. Most of our events take place inside the institution spaces. The volunteers will also have the opportunity to operate outside the structure, thanks to the different activities that girls host in the community.

VOLUNTEER'S ACTIVITIES

- Daily management of the relations with the girls hosted in the residential center and support of everyday life and activities: welcome the girls after school, have lunch together, help with the homework, accompany the girls to the sport or other afterschool activities, etc.
- Prepare with the staff activities during summer or free time and participate in the outdoor activities and trips.
- Support the association to promote its activities on the web.
- Organization of social events.



IDEAL VOLUNTEER

- Autonomous, mature and responsible, open to sharing and meeting other people, and, above all, motivated to join our activities.
- Able to assist with the educative and training process of Buon Pastore.
- Since it requires a delicate role in contact with young girls that often come from complex family situations, the volunteer should possess such qualities as high tolerance, patience, firmness, creativity, and excellent communication and interpersonal skills.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The volunteers will live in a shared apartment with double rooms in a historical center of Genova.

The volunteer will receive pocket money of 5 euros per day + food allowance.

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 and motivation letter in English to:

apply.esc@peco.genova.it

(subject: ESC volunteering in Buon Pastore)

YOU CAN ALSO
CHECK OUT INFORMATION HERE:

<https://www.cooperativabuonpastoregenova.it>

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