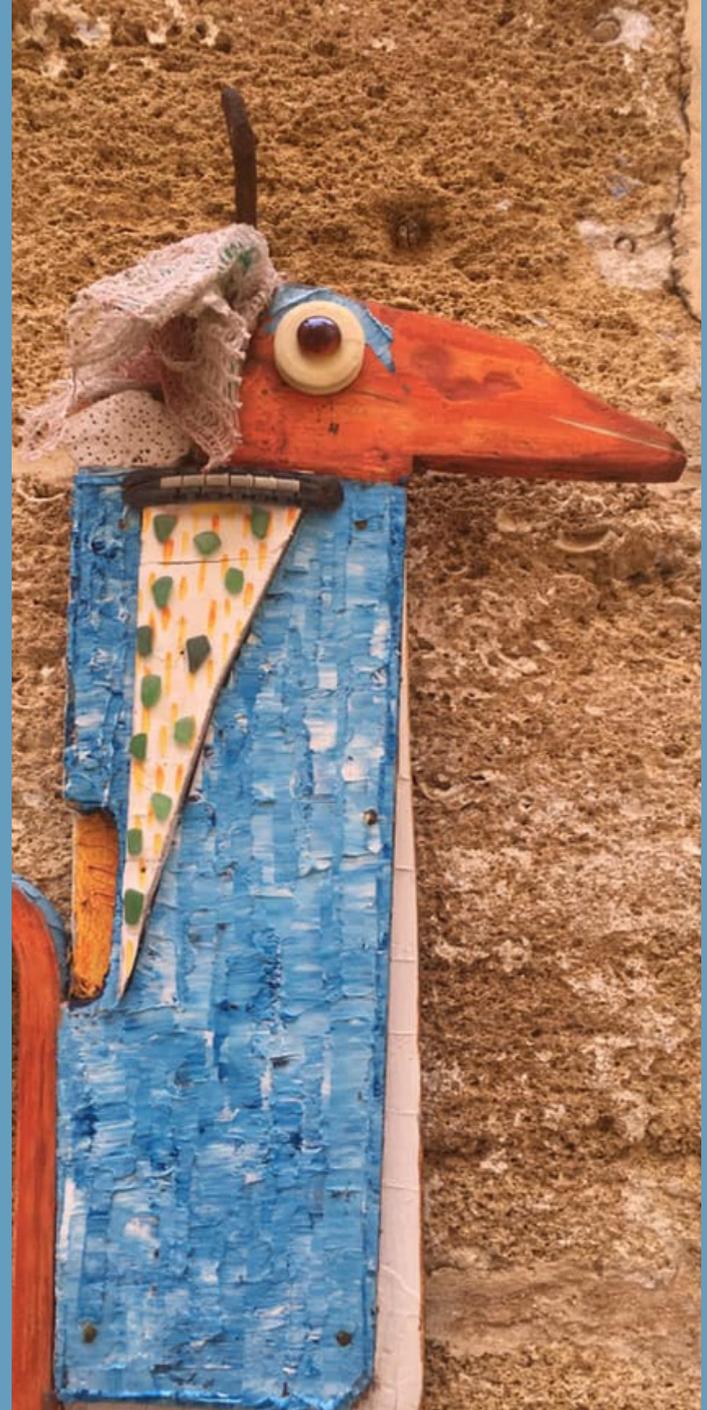




# VOLUNTEERING IN A HOUSING COMMUNITY FOR AT-RISK YOUTH

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**HOSTING ORGANIZATION:** Istituto Walden



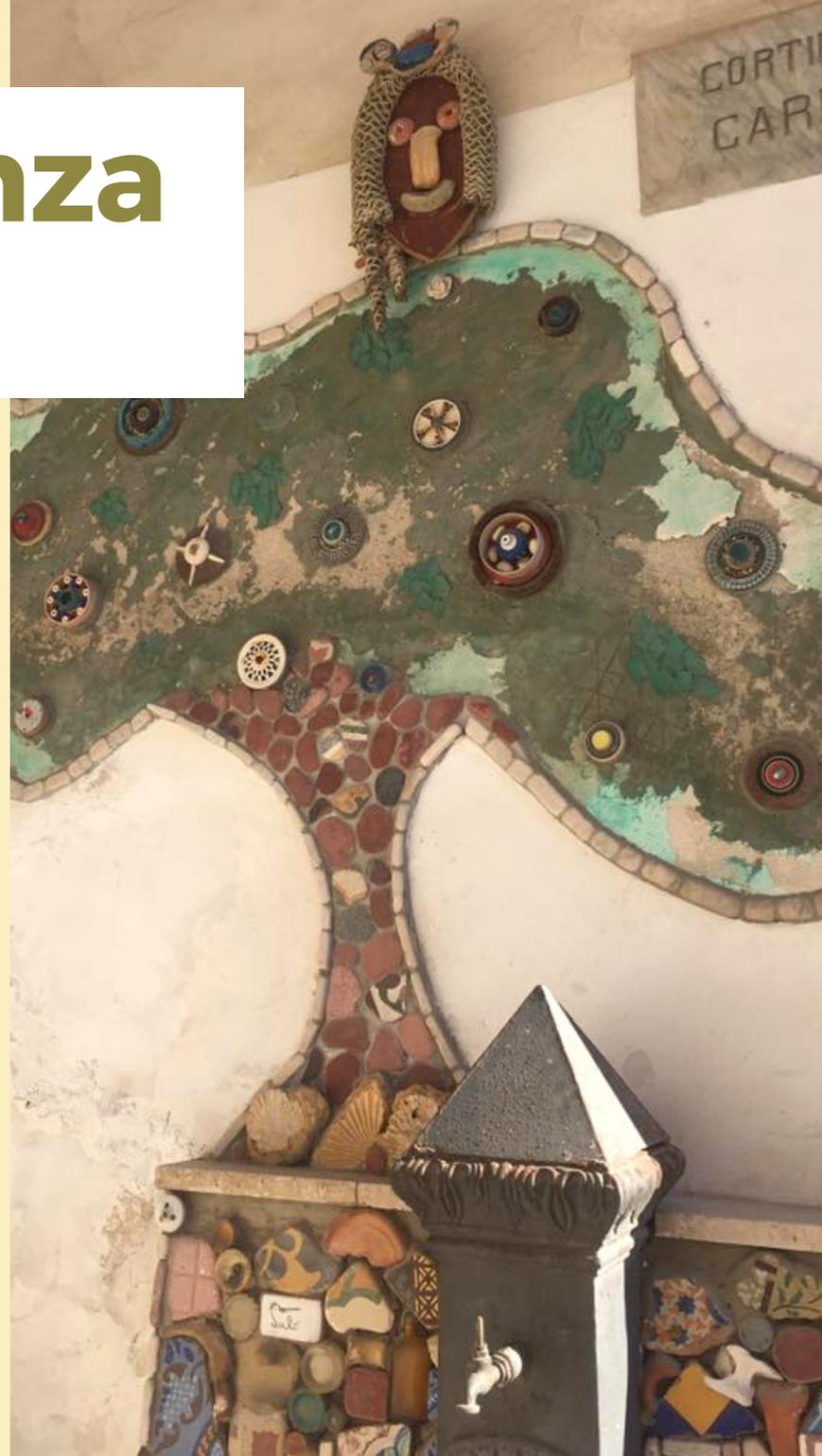
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# Casa di accoglienza Istituto Walden

The Walden Institute is a social cooperative that was founded in 1993 and since its creation the cooperative has managed various projects. Today it manages 2 housing communities for minors, one shelter for mothers and minors and the school assistance service for children affected by autism spectrum disorder; all services are located in Menfi and Sciacca.

The cooperative has always worked in the social sector focusing on knowledge, the experience of daily life, in order to remove the obstacles and in that way strengthen and consolidate the various cognitive and formative processes.

Since 2013, the cooperative has decided to join the International Volunteer projects with the aim of providing minors and mothers of the various structures a possibility to get closer to different cultures and traditions so as to help them grow and at the same time transmit to the volunteers a working experience that serves as personal and professional growth.



# Volunteers' tasks

The following main tasks will take place in Casa di Accoglienza Istituto Walden in Sciacca:

Afterschool activities (homework, lessons of foreign language, teaching workshops)

Recreational workshops: cooking, theatre and music

Linguistic workshop in the volunteers' mother tongue

Organization of the events: carnivals, Christmas, Easter etc

Management of daily life in the community or in the shelter: preparation of the food, cleaning of the rooms and common areas, taking care of children

Helping the users of the centre to get to: doctors, hospitals, gyms, swimming pools, trips to the sea, etc.





# Timetable

Volunteers will be working 5 days per week, for maximum 35 working hours per week. They will have 2 consecutive days off (not obligatory Saturday and Sunday).

Volunteers will get 2 days of holiday per month. The days off cannot overlap with the days of other volunteers (meaning that the volunteers will not be able to take the days off together) and will not be the weekends.

# Accomodation

Volunteers will be sharing a flat in Sciacca, with shared bedrooms, a kitchen and 2 bathrooms. It will not have internet access.



# Volunteer profile

A smiling woman with long brown hair is looking out from a teal window frame. The background shows a rustic building with a red door and a stone wall. The overall scene is bright and positive.

motivated to work with kids and women that come from different social backgrounds, survivors of abuse and mistreatment

open to learn

flexible and organized in order to manage working hours and activities

respect of the rules

proactive and creative in organizing activities

ready to live in a small, traditional town and to share living spaces



# Financial support and transport

A pocket money of 5 euros per day for month will be provided plus 85 euro for month for covering the food expenses. One meal per day (lunch or dinner) will be in the organization.

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

An **online** italian language course will be provided.

Volunteers should bring with them towels and sheets, and most important your laptop, indispensable to work and a very good ally in learning italian!





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.

Thank you everybody for your interest and time,

**GOOD LUCK!**

# How to apply

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