



# VOLUNTEERING IN A HOUSING COMMUNITY FOR AT-RISK YOUTH

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**HOSTING ORGANIZATION:** Istituto Walden

**LOCATION:** Menfi, Italy



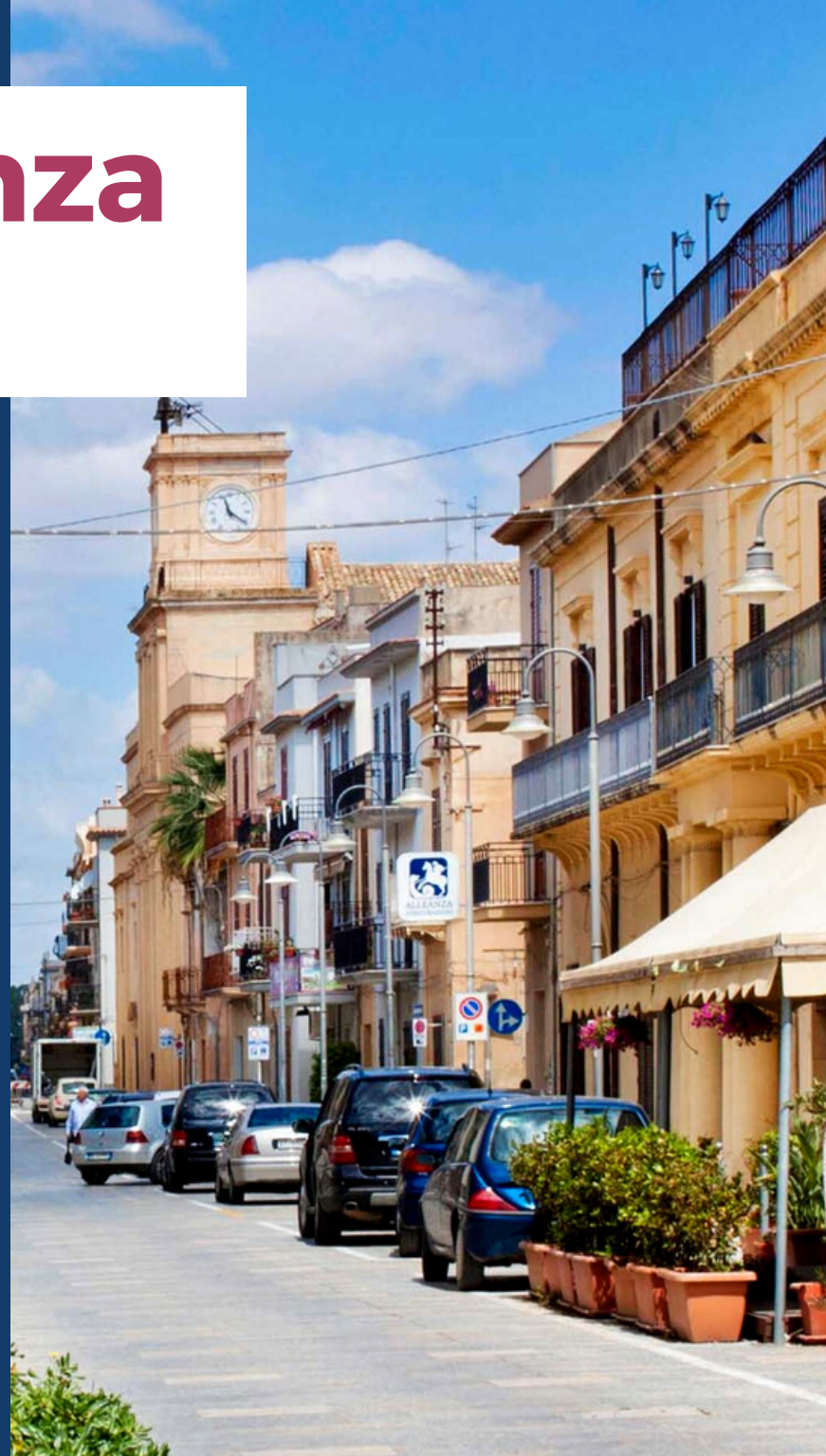
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# Casa di accoglienza Istituto Walden

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 Menfi:

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.

# Accommodation

Volunteers will be sharing a flat in Menfi, with DOUBLE bedrooms, a kitchen and 2 bathrooms.





# Volunteer profile

- ready to work with young people (**boys 13-18 years old**) that come from different social backgrounds
- has a strong respect of the rules, patient and creative
- communicative and open-minded
- positive and proactive
- flexible, adaptable, with a good time management skills
- able to cooperate with educators
- ready to take responsibility and reliable in a crisis
- can plan, organise and manage activities
- interest in videomaking & social media
- ready to live in a small town
- ready to learn Italian or already knows it





# Financial support and transport

A pocket money of 5 euros per day for month will be provided plus 90 euros per 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 laptop,





# 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.

**Walden: <https://www.istitutowalden.it>**

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