



ESC VOLUNTEERING WITH TEENS AND CHILDREN



Host organisation: IL CE.STO

Where: GENOVA, ITALY



WHO WE ARE



ASSOCIAZIONE IL CE.STO ONLUS

Associazione Il Ce.Sto Onlus has been involved since 1987 in the promotion of integration and social promotion processes among the different ethnicities living in the historical center of Genoa, with particular attention towards minors, second-generation migrants, and other actors in the neighborhood (residents, shopkeepers, schools and institutions).

The association has built a space that empowers educational, recreational, and creative goals among minors of different ethnicities and Italians; stimulates and encourages positive relations between people, encounters, mutual knowledge, and solidarity; provides paths and tools to value and enforce individuals and community's potential.



The association services include 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 has 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 after-school leisure-time activities. 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) 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.

The activity of Il Ce.Sto is rooted in the historic center of Genoa that developed through a maze of narrow streets and alleys where it is impossible to enter in any other way except on foot. Liguria has always been the destination of arriving migrants, and today more than ever, it includes different cultures often in conflict with each other and local authorities. It is indeed a tough neighborhood, where marginalization and petty crime hinder the process of integration and where Il 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 center and summer camps.

Organizing workshops, events, or sports activities with the youngsters and local volunteers.

Afterschool tutoring activities.

SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES

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

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



THE IDEAL VOLUNTEER

- ✓ High flexibility and adaptability to new situations, open-minded and cheerful personality.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Ready to work in the multicultural environment.
- ✓ Tolerance, patience, firmness, creativity.
- ✓ Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- ✓ Good knowledge of English, willing to learn Italian.



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 with teens
and children in IL CE.STO)**

You can also check out information here:

<https://www.ilcesto.org>

<https://peco.genova.it>

<https://youthforeurope.eu>