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ESC VOLUNTEERING WITH
CHILDREN & ADOLESCENTS

Where: GENOVA - ITALY





WHO WE ARE



Associazione di Promozione Sociale P.E.CO. was born in Genova in 2013 in order to offer opportunities of international mobility and intercultural learning to genoan and ligurian youths aged between 13 and 30. In particular, P.E.CO. targets young people with fewer opportunities or economically/socially disadvantaged, aiming to offer opportunities to those who usually have less access.

We are the coordinating/lead organisation. We manage bureaucratic questions of the project, volunteer's questions, and the flat of volunteers.

We have around 20 ESC volunteers in several projects around the city of Genova with topics of non-formal education in youth centres and after school activities, and immigration-related projects.



WHO WE ARE



Centro Storico Ragazzi project started in 2008 stemming from a shared assessment of the needs of Genoa historical centre. It gathers the parish churches belonging to the central-western Curacy of Genoa, consisting in the most downgraded areas of the historical centre, together with some associations active in the support of minors with fewer opportunities.

Centro Storico Ragazzi carries out educational activities for youngsters aged 6-18, who live in or hang out at Genoa historical city centre. The majority of them have foreign nationality, especially Ecuador, Perù and China. Most youngsters we're working with face disadvantaged family environments, difficulties at school, economical obstacles and do not have a stable connection with the context.

Centro Storico Ragazzi is an oratory-school, at the end of each day there is prayer. No one is obliged to be a Christian (in fact they LOVE diversity!).

OUR ACTIVITIES

Our working methodology is based on the encounter and the care of each child/young person, to whom we offer a space and a time to meet people who they can refer to while we're seeking for cooperation with the family, the school and the other educational agencies.

Despite our religious inspiration, Centro Storico Ragazzi's activities do not have any religious linkage and are addressed to youngsters of all religions, with the aim of favouring not only intercultural but also inter-religious dialogue and learning.

The Centre is open 5 days a week, from Monday to Friday, all year except for August.

The activities take place in the spaces offered by all parish churches and associations. In this sense, we apply the approach of "outreach education" thus not having a fixed headquarter.

During the summer we run summer centres at the seaside

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.



VOLUNTEER'S ACTIVITIES

1

Support in afterschool

Open 5 days week, here we offer scholastic support, in particular concerning Italian language and culture. Due to its daily opening, it is also a place and a chance to analyze and try to solve youngsters' difficulties

2

Attend the canteen

Eating together 3 times per week, in a cozy place, is the answer to the situation of many youngsters who join afternoon activities that cannot have lunch at home: together with a complete and healthy meal, we offer a place for socialization and growth.

3

Summer camps

We offer educational and leisure time activities to children and youngsters also through short trips outside Genova. It is an important opportunity for those who otherwise wouldn't have the chance to move outside their usual context.

4

support "lomellini sport"

A group of youth aged +18 has been entrusted with a support role in the management of the sport activities, with the double aim of responsabilizing them and providing them with small economical support.



THE IDEAL VOLUNTEER

- Age 18–30 years old
- Willing to stay at least 6 months in our project
- Tolerance, patience, firmness, creativity.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Prepared to take up a delicate role in contact with young people that often come from complex family situations.
- Willingness to participate in a development and integration project in close contact with many children.

ACCOMODATION & SUPPORT

Home

The volunteers will live in a shared apartment with double/triple rooms

What's Provided?

A shared bathroom with the volunteers
Shared kitchen & common areas with other volunteers
Accommodation covered by Peco

Money

They will receive pocket money of 6€ per day + food allowance. They eat 3 times per week in the center.

Travel

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

Time

Volunteers will have activities from Monday to Friday, for maximum 35 hours per week.

2 consecutive days off (usually Saturday & Sunday, but subject to change for special events).

In case of a request availability to volunteer during Saturday and Sunday for special events.

Volunteers will have 2 days of vacations per month (with 15 days' notice before).

How to apply

MORE INFO

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please send your CV and
motivation letter in English to:

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