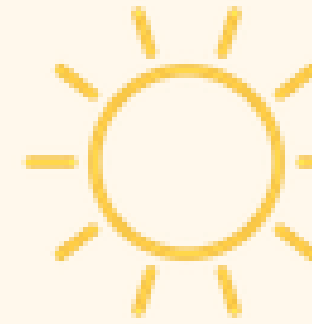


ESC for *early* *childhood & women's* *empowerment*



Volunteering at the nursery Nido Vico Rosa and at
Brigata Alice, the Women's Community House -
Cooperativa Sociale Mignanego

Where: Genova, Italy!



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Who we are: *P.E.CO.*

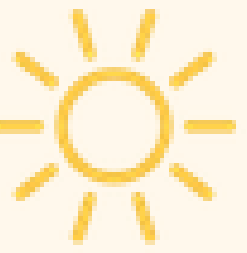
Associazione di Promozione Sociale P.E.CO. was born in Genova in 2013 in order to offer opportunities of international mobility and intercultural learning to Genoese and Ligurian youths aged between 13 and 30. In particular, P.E.CO. targets young people with fewer opportunities or economically/socially 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, volunteers' 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.

 peco.genova.it





Who we are: *Mignanego*



We are a **non-profit social cooperative** born in Genova in 1996. We work for the **promotion of rights** and to **build supportive communities**.

Our focus: early childhood, the fight against **gender-based violence** and the empowerment of people who identify with the female gender.

What we do: a **nursery** for children aged 0–3, **Brigata Alice**, a Women's Community House, the **Pandora anti-violence centre**, and **campaigns and training** in schools, companies and universities against the cultural and patriarchal roots of violence.

Who we work with: **women, children and the LGBTQI+ community**, with a team of educators, psychologists, psychotherapists and cultural and community mediators.

1996
founded

9
worker-
members

3
volunteers

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Where *you'll* volunteer

Everything rests on the pedagogy of relationships: the relationship itself is the tool for growth, and each place feeds the others.

★ you'll volunteer here

Nido Vico Rosa



What: a nursery in the historic centre for children aged 0–3 (27 places) and their families.

Approach: pedagogy of relationships, Montessori, Reggio Children, Munari.

Impact we want to see: children developing skills from 0 to 6; families supported in balancing work and life.

★ you'll volunteer here

Brigata Alice



What: a Women's Community House for women and the LGBTQI+ community, of every age.

Approach: listening and care; workshops, trainings, collectives and a library.

Impact we want to see: people leaving marginalisation and loneliness behind; togetherness and empowerment.



Other places & *our network*



Our other places and services (not volunteer placements)

Pandora anti-violence centre

Active since 2007, for women who are experiencing or have experienced violence. All services are **free and confidential**:

- listening and welcome interviews
- psychological support and psychotherapy
- legal advice, intercultural mediation, job orientation

Biblioteca infanzia

A children's library: "reading to learn and to dream".

Campaigns & training

Awareness campaigns and training in schools, companies and universities.

Prevention in schools

Workshops against gender-based violence, bullying and cyberbullying.

Other services

Parenting support, summer and sports centres, intercultural mediation.

Part of a network

Meet the community

- Public events
- Families of the nursery
- Daily life of the Women's Community House

Our partners

- COCIMA · Rizomi
- Genova che Osa
- Trillargento
- Università di Genova

Our networks

- Territorial network of nurseries
- Regional network against gender-based violence
- National 1522 helpline network

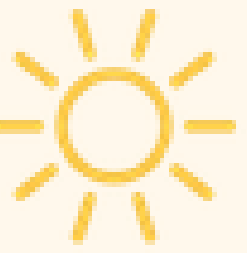
Our neighbourhood

- Two of our places are in the centro storico, often called "unsafe": we work every day to change that





Discover *Genova*



Genova (Genoa) is **the most important port of the Mediterranean** and one of the most important ports in Europe. It is **the sixth most populated city in Italy** and is part of the industrial triangle that connects 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 of the West.

In recent decades the city has been going through a time of economic and social hardship caused by de-industrialization and the impoverishment of the economy in general. For this reason, the Ligurian capital has undertaken in **the last 20 years a significant process of urban renewal**.

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 with local authorities. It is indeed a tough neighborhood, where **marginalization and petty crime** hinder the process of integration.



Important to know: the structure of the city is very peculiar, there will be stairs and ups and downs!



Before *you start*

Building relationships

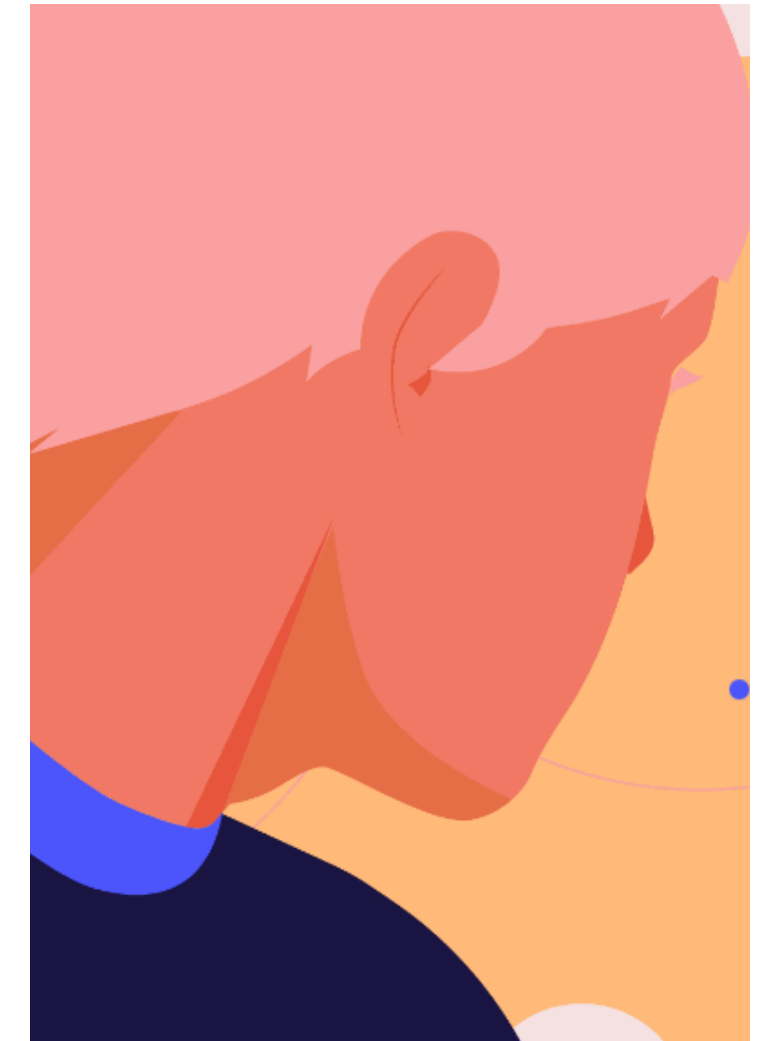
- At the nursery you will meet children aged 0–3 and their families; at the Women's Community House, women and people of every age, some in fragile situations.
- You will work directly with them, always together with the staff.
- The team will train you on the attention and limits each relationship needs.

Methodology

- Pedagogy of relationships: the relationship is the main tool for growth and wellbeing.
- At the nursery: Montessori, Reggio Children, Munari. At the Women's Community House: listening and care.

Role of volunteers

- A welcoming attitude. Always.
- You can propose your own activities from the start: the team will evaluate them first.
- How much is your own initiative and how much is support to the staff depends on you.





Volunteer's *activities*

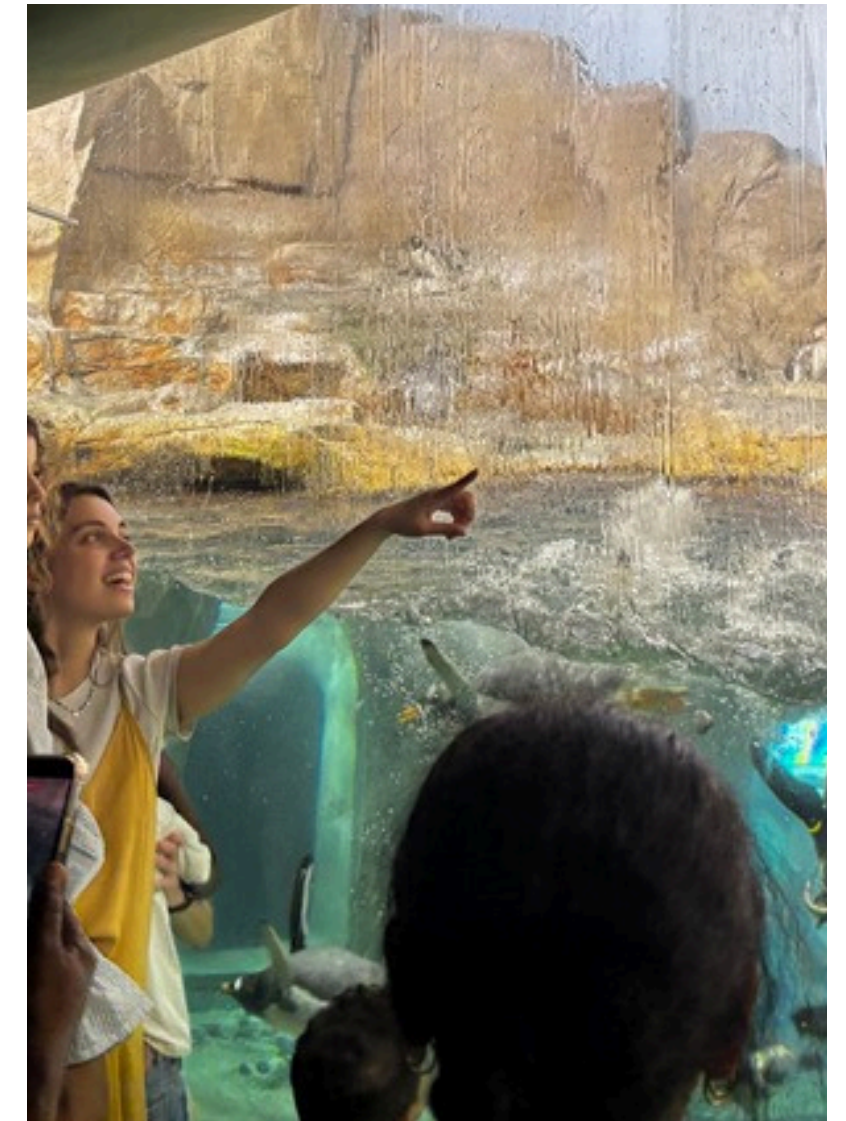
At Nido Vico Rosa

- Supporting the educators in the daily life of the nursery.
- Being with the children (0–3) and getting to know their families.
- Joining the nursery's team and coordination meetings.

At Brigata Alice

- Taking part in the daily life of the Women's Community House.
- Helping organise events and workshops, and looking after the library.
- Joining Brigata Alice's team and coordination meetings.

In both places, how you work alongside the staff is agreed together with the team.

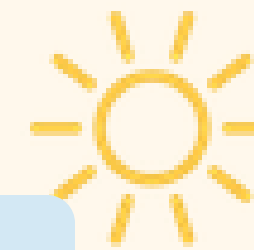




*The **ideal** volunteer*

- Ready to get involved and to take an active part in the project.
- Flexible on tasks and, sometimes, on working hours.
- Able to be part of a group; collaborative, participative and proactive with the staff.
- Inclined to listen and to welcome, especially people in vulnerable situations.
- Creative, caring for relationships and for shared spaces.
- Medium autonomy and good personal maturity.
- Willing to learn Italian, with at least a basic knowledge of English or Spanish.

Presence. Kindness. Listening. ♥



The project is not for you if...

- you don't want to get involved or work in a group
- you need fixed tasks and fixed hours
- you are not willing to listen and welcome people
- you don't like big cities
- you don't like community life: you will share the house with different people



Regarding *the project*



Travel

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

Money

The volunteer will receive pocket money of 6 euros per day + food allowance.

Schedule

A maximum of 38 hours per week, with flexibility and shifts.

Days off

2 consecutive days off and 2 days of vacation per month, with 15 days' notice.

Housing

P.E.CO. has 3 volunteers' flats in Genova: two for 4 volunteers and one for 11–12. Volunteers are placed according to availability. **2 of the 3 flats can only be reached by stairs.** Double/triple rooms, shared bathroom, kitchen and common areas. **Living together is a key part of the experience:** respect, sharing and care for common spaces are essential. Accommodation covered by P.E.CO.





How to *apply*?

Do you want to join us in Genova? It's easy!

1

Write your CV in English

2

Write a motivation letter in English: tell us who you are and why this project

3

Send both to the email below



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