





ESC PROJECT

in

Centro Sociale A. Montanari

Bologna – ITALY

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Enjoy being part of a multicultural team?

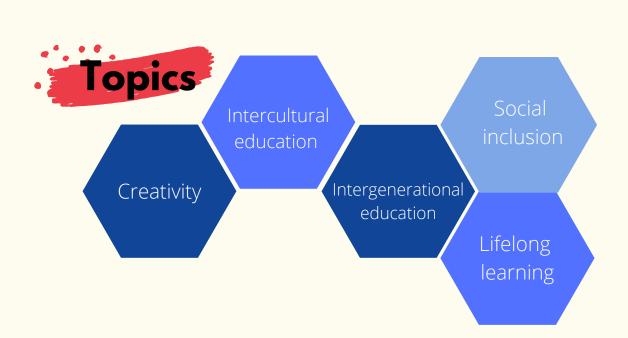
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ESC Project, coordinated by **YouNet**, aims to promote mobility and transnational volunteering as a non-traditional form of emancipation and learning, aimed in particular at young people with fewer opportunities, in order to obtain a better knowledge of the active role that they can play in their communities of origin as well as in society, for a transition to adulthood and the responsibilities that this entails. The project will involve volunteers from all over Europe, who will volunteer in different venues and will carry out very different activities.

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Host Organisation: Centro Sociale Antonio Montanari



Type of project: European Solidarity Corps (ESC) - long term project

Context and environment

The project will take place in **Centro sociale Antonio Montanari**, in **Bolognina**, the most vibrant and intercultural neighborhood in Bologna (Italy).

Bologna is famous for its university dimension and it hosts the oldest European university. It welcomes 90.000 students every year, making the city a lively multicultural melting pot.

The volunteers will be actively embedded in this multhiethnic and stimulating environment by exploiting the activities and the network of contacts of Centro sociale Montanari, this will enable them to act as protagonists thus making the most of the unique opportunity of the ESC.



Aims of the project

To **promote and stimulate intergenerational integration**, to prove the usefulness of mutual exchanges by involving individuals of different ages in their initiatives and activities.

To **run**, through its activities, **a true cultural**, **entertainment**, **research and educational output** from which the entire local community will benefit (schools, associations, individual citizens).

To **offer new models of old age**, understood as a positive period that is resourceful and full of opportunities.

To **maintain elderly people's** sensorial, linguistic, creative, intellectual and DIY **skills** through adapted activities.

To **support the local community** in promoting and valuing the knowledge, the values and practical abilities of elderly people, in an open-minded and inclusive logic with local communities.

To **promote intercultural and intergenerational solidarity** in order to fight social isolation and alienation through dedicating one's own time to the community.

To **create educational paths** with a view to catching elderly people's (but not only) interest in cultural, entertainment, socializing and exchange activities.

To **value intergenerational relations**, by creating moments and initiatives in order to rebuild social ties and maintain, as far as possible, the ties with one's land, by emphasizing individual resources and those of the community.



Activities are connected with the aims of the project and the preferences and needs of the volunteer. They will participate in organisation of the local activities and fests in the centre, management of the centre coffee bar for seniors, preparation on the language tandems and more. Volunteers will develop some common projects (supported by their mentor), p.e. a video about their project, taking part in radio interviews, language tandems, public events related with Erasmus+...

All volunteers have the responsibility to contribute to the visibility of the project and of the European Solidarity Corps programme.



General conditions

Accommodation: the volunteer will be hosted in an appartment in the city of Bologna with other European volunteers and will share the room with another volunteer (same sex). The flat is composed by 3 double bedrooms, 2 toilets, small and fully furnished kitchen and dining room. There is wi-fi and washing machine. Bed linens are provided.





Local transport: volunteers will receive an annual bus ticket for the city of Bologna.

Food allowance & Pocket money: from Monday to Friday lunch will be served at the social center. Also the volunteer will receive 120 €/month to cover the meals during the week. An ammount of 5 €/day is given to the volunteer as pocket money. *This payment will be done via bank transfer every first day of the month*

Travel costs: travel expenses (round trip flight) will be reimbursed to the volunteer according to the distance band, from 180 to 820€. Bologna is the closest airport, but it is also possible to land at the airport of Milan, Venice or Rome and then take a train to Bologna.

Free days: during the project, volunteers will have two consecutive free days per week, as well as two additional free days per month. Holidays should be negotiated with the organisation to guarantee its proper functioning.

Language training: volunteers are really welcome to learn Italian before and during their service. Volunteers will have access to OSL (Online Linguistic Support), so that they can start the course provided by Erasmus+ programme. If needed, Younet will provide an additional training with an Italian teacher. At the end of the project the volunteer will take an assessment in order to know the final level of Italian.



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