



GIGA – Giovani Internazionali, Giovani Attivi e solidali

EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS

SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT

GIGA is a project funded by the European Solidarity Corps programme, and aims to offer young people the opportunity to undertake a path of personal and professional growth in the field of social volunteering in organisations that have been operating for years in areas of intervention linked to their territory and the inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities.

Through the project, therefore, we intend to offer volunteers the possibility of:

- acquiring new skills in the field of youth animation and social planning stimulating active participation in initiatives with a concrete impact on the community, and at the same time developing their sense of belonging to the European community
- stimulating creativity and sense of initiative, ability to team-working and self-esteem
- strengthening and promoting values such as multiculturalism, respect for diversity and spirit of solidarity
- improving their employability and encouraging transition between education and labour market.

The project will represent an added value for the social action of the involved organizations and aims to have a positive impact on local communities, mainly in terms of promoting the learning opportunities offered by European programmes and of stimulating among local young people active citizenship in favour of social inclusion.

The GIGA project will involve directly 10 volunteers in Sicily, Italy. Among them, the project aims at involving young people with fewer opportunities (e.g., unemployed, NEET, young people from disadvantaged social background, or at risk of gender, ethnic discrimination, asylum seekers, young people from rural areas).

The project is coordinated by Associazione InformaGiovani.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Travel, board and lodging expenses are covered by the European Solidarity Corps programme.

Volunteers will receive a pocket money to be managed autonomously.

Volunteers will be enrolled in the CIGNA insurance system.

LEARNING RECOGNITION

All the activities foresee a first short period to introduce volunteers to the new context, and a final period dedicated to the evaluation and elaboration of the acquired competencies. Each volunteer is entitled to receive the YouthPass certificate, created by the European Commission to certify the knowledge and skills acquired in non-formal learning setting.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- motivation to undertake a volunteer experience abroad
- Attitude to team work, open-mindedness and flexibility
- creativity and interest in the specific topics of each activity
- basic knowledge of English or Italian

DISSEMINATION

Each participant will contribute to promoting the volunteering experience:

- by writing blog article on InformaGiovani website
- by creating small videos/photo collection to publish on social media
- by participating in public events organised by InformaGiovani or host/supporting organisation

PROJECT COORDINATOR: Associazione InformaGiovani

Associazione InformaGiovani is a no-profit organisation active since 2001 in the field of youth by promoting the right to information, local and international volunteering and youth mobility with a focus to young people with fewer opportunities. In the frame of European Programmes we have been implementing training, seminars, youth exchange, etc about interculturalism, inclusion, volunteerism, active participation and media literacy through non-formal education. We regularly involve young people in volunteering projects as coordinating and supporting organisation for Erasmus+/ESC projects. Also we run local international workcamps for promoting tolerance, diversity and cultural understanding. Since 2014, we coordinate the EU-informal network supported by Erasmus+, which count nowadays 16 organisations in 14 European countries.

I GIRASOLI ONLUS

The non-profit organization "I Girasoli" was founded in 2004 it has always been involved, through its activities, in solidarity and support towards people who are in difficult situations and social marginality, promoting respect, autonomy and overcoming obstacles to the achievement of full and inviolable human dignity.

"I Girasoli" is a non-governmental organization which, nowadays, is in charge of refugees and migrants reception projects.



LOCATION

Mazzarino, Italy



DATES

March - August
(6 months)



VACANCIES

n. 2 volunteers
1 from Greece
1 from Poland



VOLUNTEERS' ACTIVITIES

- support for after-school activities (home-work, recreational activities) for young people in the centre for unaccompanied minors;
- support in the implementation of the ludo-bus project for making small artistic events (theatre performance, juggling, other...) on the themes of multiculturalism and inclusion;
- support in recreational activities aimed at the children of young mothers or migrant couples;
- support in the management of volunteering camp in an almond grove confiscated from the mafia;
- support in communication activities: promotional posts on social media, making videos and photos.
- participating in promotional events on EU programmes organised by the hosting organisation (or by the supporting organisation after the end of ESC activity).

Volunteers will use their own ideas, creativity and experience to develop a personal project/activity related to the work of the Receiving Organisation.

The service will be approximately 35 hours per week, including language preparation.

VOLUNTEERS' PROFILE

- aged 18-30 years
- strong motivation for working with children and young people
- ability to team working, open-minded, sociable, creative, interest in multiculturalism
- artistic skills (e.g. juggling, drawing, playing musical instruments) and digital skills are welcome (i.e. Photoshop or other graphic software, video-editing, MS Office Word, Excel, Power Point)
- flexibility on moving in different places for the activities and, if needed, possibility to change accommodation (periodically or for some days) in order to respect the activity plans
- ready to live in small village far from main cities (i.e. distance from Palermo, 200km - from Catania, 150 km)
- drive licence (optional)
- be enrolled in ESC database https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity_en

SERVICE CONDITIONS

Travel costs

Outward and return tickets covered up to Euro 275,00 in total.

Accommodation

Volunteer will be hosted in double-room shared with another volunteer, within the reception centre. Volunteers will share their daily life with young people hosted by the organisation. Reception centre is equipped with all needed (water, electricity, heating, furniture). Free wi-fi is available.

Pocket money

Monthly cash allowance (Euro 5,00 per day)

Food

Monthly cash allowance (Euro 120,00 per month)

Insurance

Volunteers will be enrolled in CIGNA insurance scheme provided by Erasmus+ programme

Training

- On arrival training and Mid-Term Evaluation organised by Italian National Agency
- Online Linguistic Support (Italian language)

HOW TO APPLY

Send the following documents in English to **m.greco@informa-giovani.net**

- Curriculum Vitae
- Motivation letter (specific for the project)



Or apply through the European Youth Portal at the following link:

https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity/placement/29078_en

DEADLINE: 13/02/2022



VOLUNTEERING IN I GIRASOLI ONLUS

Click on the links and check what former volunteer said about volunteering in I Girasoli:

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