

I'M IN LOVE

WITH CITIES

I'VE NEVER

BEEN TO

Basic info

Date: Sep 2024 – Sep 2025

Age: from 18 to 30 years old

Duration: 12 months






info kit



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About us :

The **Centro Fonti San Lorenzo** is a no profit organization that is committed to preserve and keep alive one of the few socialization spaces of the homonymous district of Recanati.

Founded in the early 90s, occupying and recovering a farmhouse and the surrounding abandoned park, then became the permanent seat of the association by virtue of an agreement with the Municipality. The NGO has grown over the time, struggling because that same space became a place of **aggregation from 0 to 99 years old**, of cultural proposal, of solidarity, participatory democracy and social fairness.

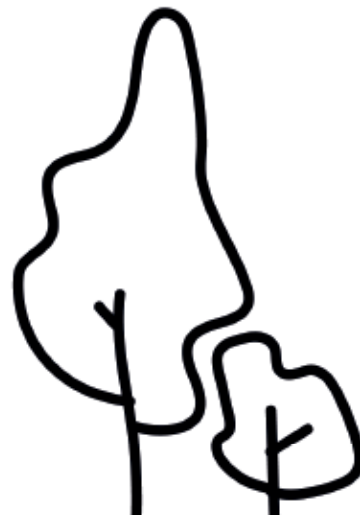
The Center represents one of the main socio-aggregative realities of the Region, both in terms of quality and quantity of initiatives. In more than **30 years of activity**, the Center has involved young people "of every age" (0-99) of Recanati in many recreational, cultural and social initiatives, based on the values of participation, care, individual and collective fulfillment.



Since 2008 we have been organizing **Memorabilia**, our music festival made by volunteers, which over the years has become a reference not only at local level, where emerging artists share the stage with important artists of Italian music. Free festival, accessible culture in the middle of the neighborhood.

In the last few years the Centre's **educational** corner has grown in importance and has established strong partnerships with the schools in the neighborhood. That has been institutionalized in a community pact that facilitates the sharing of spaces, activities and co-operation in the educational work at various levels.

We also represent a point of contact between the local reality and Europe, being an **ESC supporting, coordinating and hosting organization** since 2015



The project:

Building and experience a community

The Centro Fonti San Lorenzo works everyday for its **community** encouraging the coexistence and intergenerational exchange among the elderly, adults, teens, and children.

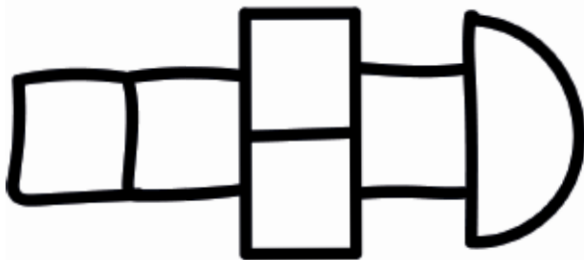
Daily the Youth Centre offers, thanks to the work of volunteers and professional educators, a qualified educational service, unique to the area, and proposals related to **culture, art, music, critical consumption, environment, and participative democracy.**

The volunteers will be choosing one or more of the following activities - working with children in a dynamic context (toy library and playground) - **Youth Aggregation Center** (children aged 11 and over) - Taking care of **Common Goods** (garden, square, the aggregation center); - Proposal and management of training and self-training courses - **Communication**, organization, and promotion of **events** - Support the building up of an educational community in the neighborhood - Activities of promotion of **solidarity in Europe** - Promoting inclusion with sports activities.

We are opening a **new space: ASK**, art social kitchen: a social kitchen but not only, the volunteer will be involved to animate and help in this starting project.



Hosting and support:



Hospitality

The accommodation is located one minute walk from the Association and 15 minutes walk from the city center. The volunteer will share a room with one other volunteer. The house is fully equipped with one bathroom, a kitchen and two balconies.

Financial support

The project provides an allowance for shopping and food and pocket money for personal expenses.

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

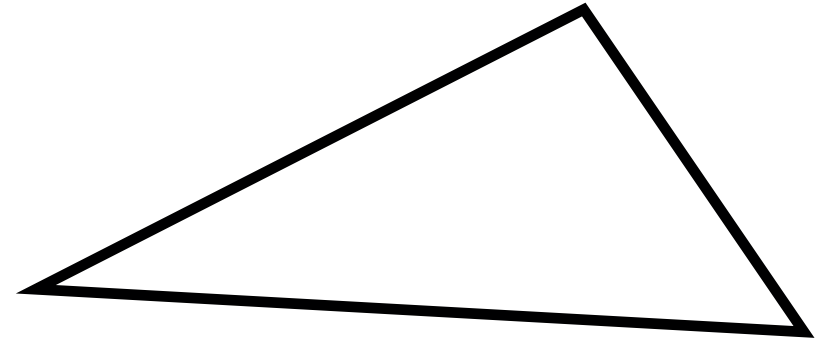
Italian lessons

The project includes an online linguistic support and the Centre adds two months of Italian language and culture courses, which are provided by a volunteer from the Centre.

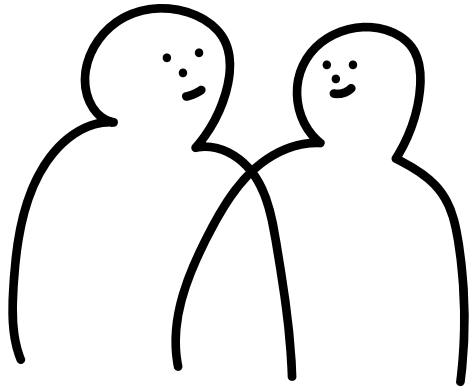
Recanati:

Recanati is a city with 21 thousand inhabitants in the central but lesser known **italian region of Le Marche**. A typical Italian town on a hill, a few minutes by car from the sea and one hour from the montains.

It is famous in Italy and beyond for being the birthplace of **Giacomo Leopardi**, one of the greatest Italian poets of all time. Recanati is also a city of music counting the famous tenor **Beniamino Gigli** among its former citizens. It is considered a place for tourism and culture. Many young people come from all over the world to study the Italian language here.



Volunteer profile:



The profile of the participants is: propensities and social, educational and animative aptitudes, **open to experience manual work, willing to learn by doing, excited to work with intergenerational people.** In each case, consistent with the European Program Solidarity Corps, particular attention will be paid to the social inclusion of the subjects with fewer opportunities or disadvantages. Anyway, personal motivations will be the main guiding factor in the selection. Volunteers will increase the potential of project activities, without replacing qualified personnel: rather, they will expand the proposal, enhancing the ideas of others or their own, sharing in the planning and the realization.



be open minded
with a positive
attitude



flexibility to
adapt to possible
changes



initiative,
creativity and
respect



culturally
and socially
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motivated to
work with people



determined to
learn more

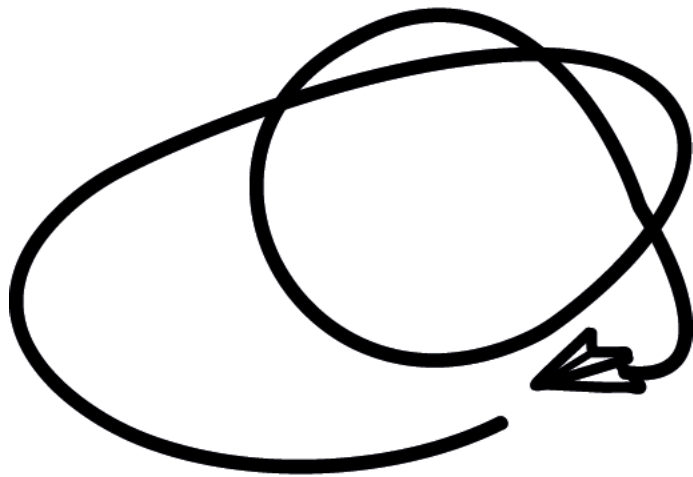


communicative
and sociable



engaged with the
ESC principles

postcards from the past:



Podcast: Nomad letters, the moving of the grass. The first month of our volunteer Irene (2023).



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