



A Living Intercultural Venue: European Values In the Alps

InfoPack

Volunteering Teams in High Priority Areas - ESC Program

Description and objectives

The project wants to promote social inclusion values involving a great number of European youngsters in volunteering activities in a community contest in the rural and remote territories of Italian Alps in Piedmont. Agape Centro Ecumenico is a community center that organizes different programs in order to promote inclusive, intercultural, participating, democratic and solidal societies. The Center was born as a place of meeting and reconciliation, after the Second World War, right in some of the areas most affected by the Italian resistance. The Center was born thanks to the help of volunteers and volunteering itself is the core element of all its activities. Volunteering in fact is a real inclusive proposal, that can be an alternative to the more formal path of growth and personal development, where it is possible to valorize individuals with specific dynamics, tools, spaces, in a safe environment for everyone.

The project wants to propose in a small and privileged context for exchange and meeting the dimension of coexistence between people, the core idea of the Europe project too. Living in a community environment, spending working, learning and free time together, with young people from all over Europe and from all ages re-propose the European utopia “United in Diversity”. Youngsters will be participating in an extraordinary learning path that will offer concrete proposals of social inclusion, solidarity and democracy, where volunteers will learn tools and get input to proceed on their lifepath afterwards, being able to bring back with themselves practices of community life in their everyday life.

Training Moments

The project will offer several training moments in order to prepare and support the participating volunteers. The involved organization will propose a pre-departure, an on-arrival and a final evaluation moments in group, and the possibility to get individual support during the project activities. Volunteers will also be informed about on-line tools offered by the European Agency tailored for international volunteers.

Volunteer's tasks and program

The volunteer will support the resident group, which is made of long term volunteers spending one year in Agape Ecumenical Center. The volunteer will help in the practical organization of the work in the center, and will help in the working sector in which the work is divided: kitchen, cleaning, bar, servizio (setting tables, washing dishes), maintenance. The volunteer will be involved in non-formal education moments for the volunteers on several topics. The program will also foresee leisure activities such as team game moments, or hiking, as well as creative workshops where also to learn specific techniques. The volunteer could also be involved in organizing activities within the camps that are organized in the Center for minors or adults about several topics, also according to his/her personal interest. The volunteer will in general join the community life of the Center, being an active part of it, having the chance to bring personal contributions with proposals and participating in decisional moments.

Selection Process

VOLUNTEERING SHIFTS

The project will include 50 volunteers in total divided into 5 shifts. Each shift will involve 10 volunteers for 3 weeks. Here following, the shift dates and a summary of the Agape Summer Activities that will take place in those shifts:

SHIFT DATES	AGAPE'S SUMMER ACTIVITIES
1° Shift: June 4th - June 25th 2022	Summer Camps with elementary school kids (6-10 years old)
2° Shift: June 25th - July 16th 2022	Summer Camps with high school teens (14-17 years old)
3° Shift: July 16th - August 6th 2022	Gay, feminists and family camps
4° Shift: August 6th - August 27th 2022	International camps (about theology, economy and gender) and summer camp with middle school teens (11-14 years old)
5° Shift: August 27th - September 17th 2022	Summer Camps with kids and teens (6-14 years old)

In the application process, candidates can express their preferences between one shift or another, also according to his/her personal interest in Agape's Summer Activities.

HOW TO CANDIDATE

You can send an email directly to Agape: ufficio@agapecentroecumenico.org showing your interest in the project and in a specific shift reported above.

The deadline to apply is **Friday 15th of April, at 14:00.**

Applications are going to be evaluated as soon as they arrive, so the selection process is going to start as soon as the candidate will submit all application forms.

The selection process will not foresee an individual interview but the request to fill a form with some personal and motivational questions.

Logistics

TRAVEL

The volunteers are asked to pay their own travel ticket. They will be reimbursed at the end of the service upon the delivery of all original tickets and boarding pass of their trip. The travel reimbursement is calculated upon the travel distance and the country the volunteer is coming from, based on flat rates established by the European Commission. Travel costs might be fully reimbursed or in part. These should be approved and agreed together with the Hosting Organization, Agape Centro Ecumenico.

Visa costs are not included in the project's budget. However, if the candidate would like to ask for the coverage of these costs, he/she can write it explicitly in the application.

POCKET MONEY

The volunteers will receive a pocket money of 5 euro per day, 35 euro at the beginning of each week of the volunteering period.

INSURANCE

The volunteers will be insured with Cigna insurance by their supporting organization.

ACCOMMODATION

The volunteer will have a shared room, with a shared bathroom. He/She will be provided three meals a day, wi-fi connection, sheets and towels when necessary. He/She will have laundry available with washing products for clothes.

Impact and results

The project will bring the rural context a strong European feeling and dimension, opening a dialogue with a wider international community that as Agape finds its origin in the values of democracy and solidarity. The remote context will be the center of a project involving a great number of volunteers, offering concrete proposals of co-living and inclusive community, being regenerating for individuals and communities. Youngsters will be in contact with the local context and with its cultural and historical background, with the opportunity to discover and valorize the

potential and richness of these areas. Local people will have the chance to get to know youngsters from all over Europe, and will be stimulated in participating and get to know which are the European proposals also for rural contexts.

PLACEMENT - AGAPE Ecumenical Center



Located in the small village of Prali (Turin), Agape Ecumenical Center is a place that arose after the Second World War thanks to volunteers with the aim of creating a place for meeting and exchange. Agape welcomes many people every year and offers a wide variety of activities for children, young people or adults. 14 thematic fields are organized during the summer and winter to deal with many different topics through non-formal education (education, training, gender issues, politics, theology, volunteering, etc ...). Volunteering is a fundamental part of participation in activities and is a fundamental element of the history of the center. Those who frequent this reality are called to live an experience of community coexistence in sharing and collaboration, which promotes the development of many key competences in building an intercultural society, first of all emotional and democratic resilience. Community life is managed and conducted by operators experienced in group management and volunteering, who constantly support the growth and evolution of the group, which often develops a community identity very strong and motivating.

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COORDINATING ORGANIZATION - Diaconia Valdese CSD



Diaconia Valdese: is a non-profit organization belonging to the Waldensian church, the protestant minority in Italy. The organization itself is laical, everyone can benefit from its services regardless to which is the religious, political, cultural, sexual belonging. The organization coordinates many services at a national level addressed to people in situations of need, such as disabled, elderly people, minors and youngsters, adults with fewer opportunities, refugees and asylum seekers.

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