

Stories

participation in intercultural and fluid communities

INFOPACK

OBJECTIVES:

The project “ *Stories: participation in intercultural and fluid communities*” will give the volunteer the opportunity to grow and to learn in a communitarian and intercultural urban context in a great change and to develop intercultural competences through different kind of activities and methodologies.

The project will help the volunteer to gain specific competences in social inclusion, such as intercultural communication, mediation skills, conflicts management and exploitation of differences, but also key competences, such as team-work, leadership, problem solving and crisis management.

PLACEMENT:

The project hosts **1 male volunteer from Spain** in one Community Center, placement of the Diaconia Valdese, in Milan, Italy. Community Centers represent nowadays, a wide network on the italian territory and they were born thanks to the collaboration between the Diaconia Valdese and Oxfam Italia. They are help desks, places of aggregation as well as points of reference of a national network. They address mainly to vulnerable people and they offer guidance, administrative and legal



counselling, cultural and linguistic mediation, recreational and educational activities.

ACTIVITIES:

The volunteer will be welcomed in a placement which have a strong connection with the communitarian contexts where they're settled in and in which they organize the activities in relation to the local dimension: The volunteer will support the placement in the management of integration and welcoming paths for migrants in communitarian contexts, rural and urban ones. He will help in the organization of leisure activities, meeting and dialogue for the local population.

ACCOMODATION:

The volunteer will live in the "*Sentiero*" *Social Housing*, in the Lambrate neighborhood (just outside the city center). This place wants to promote to coexistence of different social categories by fostering the interaction and the creation of new solidarity contacts between the beneficiaries. The place hosts at the moment 12 adults (18-50) economically self-sufficient who are going through a period of temporary vulnerability. *Il Sentiero* allows them to reorganize and orientate again themselves.

The volunteer will share the apartment with a student (male). The accommodation is a studio flat, provided with all the comfort needed and wifi connection.

The food will be provided by *Il Sentiero Social Housing* (every month extra money will be given to the volunteer).

SEMINARS:

Diaconia Valdese as coordinating organization will offer the volunteers 3 seminars:

- *On-Arrival Seminar: 01-11 September 2019*
- *Mid-Term Seminar at the beginning of February 2020*
- *Final Seminar at the end of May/beginning of June 2020*

Furthermore the volunteers will attend 2 more seminars organized from the Italian National Agency.

Diaconia Valdese and its office for international volunteering has its main office in Torre Pellice. The volunteer will have the chance to have a direct contact with the central office, although it is always recommend to first have contact and relationship with the responsible in the placement, the tutor and the mentor.

The volunteer is a young person between 18 and 30 years old.

The pocket money will be of 150/155 euro a month (5,00euro a day).

The travel will be reimbursed up to a maximum amount given by the Solidarity Corps program. The volunteer is expected to come at the beginning of September to start with the *On-arrival seminar* organized by Diaconia Valdese. The ESC will last approximately 12 months.