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Youthful Europe Action

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1. THE HOSTING ORGANISATION

Amici del Villaggio is an **NGO with social purpose** based in **Rosà (VI), Italy**. It operates since **2006** and works with **children and young people**, involving them in **educational activities**. We work with the goal of spreading the principles of **democracy** and **citizenship** among young people through personal growth activities and active participation in the life of the community; assisting vulnerable communities and promoting European citizenship. We are local representatives of many **ethnic groups** in our area and this allows us, through organised activities, to break down prejudices and facilitate the integration of citizens, starting from childhood. In addition, we are active in the social field, for example by creating recreational spaces for young people using theatre, music, art and sport and offering educational assistance to projects in schools, especially dedicated to disadvantaged groups. We have participated in various **Erasmus+ Youth Exchanges** and **Training Courses** both abroad as partner association and in Italy as a host association. We are also accredited as a sending and hosting association for **European Solidarity Corps projects**. We are the lead association for the local webradio group ANG inRadio #parolaigiovani, an initiative promoted by the Italian National Agency, which fosters participation, solidarity and inclusion; promotes European youth mobility opportunities and other activities of the NA.

We organise **seminars, conferences, training courses, workshops**, which involve different realities of the society and we cooperate with numerous institutions, including schools, local NGOs and regional or national entities such as UNICEF Italy; PIPIDA national institution; the Veneto region office for the protection of minors; MIUR Ministry of Education; Venetian Diocesan office for school; the Human Rights Department of the university of Padua; UNESCO Chair of IUAV of Venice; the Italian Guarant Authority for Childhood Rights.

2. THE AIM OF THE PROJECT

Helping and learning by doing in solidarity are the two principles of the proposed project. The aim is to increase the social well-being of the community by helping people with greater difficulties, especially young people, through daily support activities and promoting youth participation and social inclusion.

Due to the nature of the activities and the local social context, a basic/medium knowledge of Italian and/or the willingness to learn it is required.

3. THE LOCATION

Amici del Villaggio is located in **Rosà (VI)** in the **north of Italy**. Rosà is a small town but well connected with the local area. Here you'll find a **cinema, the youth center, cycling and walking paths, a public swimming pool, some very nice cafès and bars**. Most of the project activities will take place in Rosà. Few minutes away by car there is **Bassano del Grappa**, known for its Grappa liquor, its historic center, the Brenta river and the Old Bridge. Only an hour away by train you'll find the famous and ancient **Venice**, where you will be able to enjoy the art and history of the island; while in **Verona** you can visit the Arena and the Romeo and Juliet's balcony. Other nice cities nearby are **Vicenza and Padua**, both easily reachable by car, bus or train. If you like to dive into nature, in a couple of hours from Bassano you can find **our mountains, the Alps and some beautiful lakes**.



4. TRANSPORTATION

Rosà has a **train station** and the **local bus lines** allow you to reach the surrounding area. A **bigger bus and train station are in Bassano del Grappa**. These are two sites you can use to check the timelines and purchase your tickets: for buses (www.fsbusitalia.it or www.svt.vi.it), and for trains (trenitalia.com).

The **closest airport is Venice Marco Polo** (just outside the doors you will find a bus that will bring you to the closest train station, from there you will be able to reach Bassano del Grappa). **In case you need more information or you're having some trouble with the transportation we are always available to clear any doubt.**

5. PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Working hours: Tuesday to Saturday 30- 35h a week. Sundays and Mondays are usually free, depending on special events that will be communicated in time. Holidays include national festivities + 2 days per month.

Accommodation: the volunteers will share a flat with all the facilities in the center of Rosà.

Financial details: Pocket money (€5/day) + food money (€7,50/day). Travel expenses to/from Italy are reimbursed according to E+ guidelines.

Local transfers costs, if not within a walking distance, will be covered by the host association. A bike is provided.

HENNER insurance coverage.

An **Italian language course is available through the OLS tool**. An additional language support will be offered if needed.

The volunteer will have the opportunity to develop a personal project with the support of ADV team.

The volunteer must participate to an arrival and a mid-term training provided by the NA.

Certification: A Youthpass certificate, which will contain all the competences and skills acquired during the volunteering project, will be generated.

6. REQUIREMENTS

The volunteer must be registered into the **European Youth Portal** (European Solidarity Corps).

Age: between 18 and 30 years old.

Availability: 6-12 months.

Language: A basic/medium level of English + a basic/medium level of knowledge of the Italian language (A2-B1) and/or willingness to learn it. Language skills will be crucial to execute the different volunteering tasks and the collaboration between the volunteers. **In particular, the ability to communicate in Italian, even if not perfectly, is a necessary requirement to interact with the people who will be helped. Please consider this while applying for the project.**

Predisposition to interpersonal relations, open-minded approach and willingness to learn. There are no specific qualification or degree requirements but the willingness to operate within the social sector and to support children and young people in extra-curricular activities. There is going to be a lot of space for ideas and creativity. **Skills in the management of social media, video making and photography are appreciated.**

7. ACTIVITIES

The main activity is **youth animation** and **after school support** (for **children from 6 to 13 years old**), which will take place in local area schools.

Other activities involve:

Collaborating with a residence for people with disabilities where the volunteers will participate in art and music workshops and will have the chance to follow the everyday life of the center.

Promoting the initiatives offered by the European programs and the Italian National Agency, also in collaboration with the Informa Giovani of Bassano del Grappa.

Promoting, inside the community for children and youngsters, a sense of solidarity, inclusion, multiculturalism, integration, active citizenship and youth participation.

Planning and running seminars and workshops, sport and art activities for children and young people.

Running language clubs (English and others according to the volunteers' mother tongue).

Collaborating with the local web radio (ANG inRadio #parolaigiovani, radioparolaigiovani.it) by producing podcasts and interviews.

Promoting European opportunities through projects.

Creation/organisation of Erasmus+ (youth exchanges and training courses), ESC projects, and support to the coordinative team during the ongoing projects.

Simple office work to support the organization.

Help handling the association digitals platforms and social media.

It is not obligatory for the volunteers to take part in all the activities, as in the first months they will be able to try and choose which ones are more suitable for them and accordingly to those a schedule will be set.

8. CONTACTS

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