

**Topic:** Activities with people with disability

**Number of volunteers hosted at the same time:** 2

**Type of project:** Long-term

**Place:** Pesaro, Italy



# AIAS - ASSOCIAZIONE ITALIANA ASSISTENZA SPASTICI



Trips around Pesaro

The common lunch

Creative workshop

## The association

AIAS, Provincial Section of Pesaro and Urbino, is an NGO that works to **protect the rights of disabled people by promoting initiatives and activities aimed at satisfying the needs of all adults with serious psycho-physical disabilities** and at improving their quality of life.

AIAS deals, in fact, with people with severe mental and physical disabilities trying to guarantee them a better life and a real social integration. Therefore, the association is there to support people with disabilities, but also to **inform the community regarding the problems of persons with disabilities and their families**, in order to contribute to their full social integration in the community.

The section of Pesaro manages a **Daily Centre** and a **Residential Centre**. The "Anna Giardini" Rehabilitation Day Centre is open from Monday to Friday providing its services to about 14 people with severe and medium serious disabilities.

It remains open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, guaranteeing its guests a complete meal, that they have all together.



Cooking workshop



Drawing workshop



Creative workshop



Sport event




Send your **CV** and a **cover letter** related to the project you like (both in English) to [candidates@vicolocorto.org](mailto:candidates@vicolocorto.org) we will let you know if we have any vacancy good for you!

## Tasks of the volunteers

The section of Pesaro manages a Daily Centre where the volunteers will be involved in the following activities:

- **Music Workshops** that facilitate and foster communication, relationship, learning, motor skills, expression, organization and other relevant therapeutic goals in order to meet physical, emotional, mental, social and cognitive needs.
- **Cooking workshop:** since they all have lunch together everyday, they organise cooking workshop to learn to cook first and then to share the meals.
- **Trips around the city:** the association tries to make the users of the centre move around our city. Since they are not able to do it on their own, the social workers support them in moving, like going to the market, having a walk on the beach or having a meal all together outside the centre.

*you can find us on social media!* 

Here you can find a video of A.I.A.S. Pesaro and if you want to get to know them better, watch their interview!

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# WHERE?

## PESARO



Pesaro is a city and Municipality in the Italian region of Marche, capital of the Province of Pesaro e Urbino, on the Adriatic Sea, with a population of around 95.011 inhabitants, making it the second most populous city in the region, after Ancona.

Pesaro is recognised as "Cycling City" (Città della Bicicletta) in recognition of its **extensive network of bicycle paths** and promotion of cycling. It is also known as "**City of Music**" as it is the birthplace of the composer **Gioacchino Rossini**. The historical centre of Pesaro is rich of points of interest like Palla di Pomodoro, the Conservatorio, the theatre, the museums, the fountain in the main square and casa Rossini.

It is located between **two coastal hills**, the San Bartolo and the Ardzio, so you can **enjoy both the seaside and hiking in the hills**. The San Bartolo, in particular, is a Natural Park so you can also discover its beauty and the small towns near it.

Thanks to Rossini, **Pesaro is famous for Pizza Rossini**: a pizza garnished with tomato sauce , mozzarella, boiled eggs and mayonase. It can sound weird at the beginning, but you have to try!





## THE SELECTION PROCESS

1. Send your **CV** and a **cover letter** related to the project to [candidates@vicolocorto.org](mailto:candidates@vicolocorto.org)
2. Then you **will be contacted for a Skype interview**. There is no need of speaking good English, in case you can ask your sending organization to help you. **Don't worry, it will not be a job interview or an English test** but it will be an opportunity to know your personal motivation and expectation and to discuss about the project, the city and the opportunities.

## THE PROFILE OF THE VOLUNTEERS

**The volunteer's profile our organization is looking for is based on the following criteria:**

- **Personal motivations.** We value the volunteers' interest in the programme proposed and the expectation towards this experience more than specific skills: everything you need to do your service will be learnt here!
- **English and Italian level.** Italian or English are not needed, of course, a survival level will be helpful to get by in everyday needs, especially because you will be probably in touch with people who don't generally speak foreign languages. This experience is also your opportunity to improve your communication skills!
- **Interest in working with people.** Working with people is essential to our work. We also value creative, proactive and self-motivated people.



## MORE ABOUT THE SELECTION PROCESS

**VICOLOCORTO** is the **Coordinating Organisation** taking care of the practical, follow-up, support and training arrangements **during your volunteering project**.

On the other side, **you will participate as volunteer within a Hosting Organisation** who will be in charge of all the issues referring your volunteering activities (holidays, tasks, schedule, follow-up, support, etc...).

As a very quick view, **Vicolocorto has more than 10 years experiences in the field of Mobility projects and Volunteering** and we have been coordinating more than 200 host volunteering mobilities so far. It is very important for us that you enjoy this opportunity to live an immense and intense learning journey. **We really need to underline some important points and really need you to know and agree with all the logistical points to avoid any misunderstanding once here.**

**CAROLINA**, will take care of the selection process.

### **Nice to meet you!**

I will be the one writing to you on [candidates@vicolocorto.org](mailto:candidates@vicolocorto.org) and we will get to know each other during a Skype interview. I am waiting to know your motivation and I am ready to answer to all your question!





# MORE INFO BEFORE LEAVING

## ACCOMODATION

You have the opportunity to enjoy the volunteering life **in a flat with other volunteers**. Cleanliness is everyone's job. Volunteers are expected to reach an agreement on planning house cleaning. If you have problems finding an agreement, we help you and support you in finding a solution.

Sharing, we know, is not easy, it is even harder when you do not know the other people you are living with, who have decided as you, to start this experience. But **flexibility, understanding** and most of all **communication** are the keys for having a positive experience, even if everything won't be perfect!

**The lodging of anyone outside our project (friends, family, etc ...) is not allowed.**

## ATTITUDE

You will spend most of the time with different people (target groups, professionals, local volunteers, etc...) who are anxious to know you, to show you who they are and what they can do, to teach you at different levels, to give you warmth and their confidence. **The impact that you can bring as a volunteer is greater than you can expect.** You need to receive but also to give back. **Participation, initiative, sense of responsibility and flexibility** are important and welcome. From both parts (Coordinating and Hosting organisations), we hope to make you feel comfortable, empowered and proactive.

All the persons involved in the project are always trying their best to reach your expectations, if you show the willingness to do so.