

**Topic:** Activities with people with disability  
**Number of volunteers hosted at the same time:** 4  
**Type of project:** Long-term  
**Place:** Ancona, Italy



# CENTRO PAPA GIOVANNI XXIII



Creativity workshop



Solidarity catering



Orienteering workshop

## The Centre

The cooperative Centro Papa Giovanni XXIII was founded with the aim of creating **spaces for aggregation and animation for people with disability**, thus responding to a real need of a part of the citizenship.

Centro Papa Giovanni XXIII manages **Day Centres** and **Residential Centres** for people with disability and **their users are from 25 to 63 years old**. The activities the Centres offers to them are diversified and have educational purposes: the workshops usually change every week and also according to the season and the period of the year.

In the cooperative there is a high level of democracy and the staff tries to be as inclusive as they can but they know that their work alone is not enough, that is why they have built a **network with other local realities** in order to foster inclusion for people with disability not only in their facilities but also outside.

In general, they have 28 disabled people between 26 and 64 years old coming to the Day Centre and 8 or 9 disabled people for each Residential Community.



Sport activities



Workshop room



Music workshop



Eating all together





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

## Tasks of the volunteers

The volunteers will support the staff of the Day Centre and Residential Centre in the organisation.

The volunteers will be involved in the following activities:

- **Theatre workshops**
- **Cooking workshops:** they have a solidarity catering in which the users of the Centre are involved. They learn first how to cook thanks to the workshops and then they take part in the solidarity catering during party or events.
- **Solidarity wedding favours:** some users of the Centre prepare on their own wedding favours with special instruments that have been designed for them to use independently.
- **Orienteering and autonomy/independence workshops:** these workshops are intended to help the users to improve in terms of independence and autonomy. The staff teach them and help them in practice with public transport, shopping and orienteering in the town.
- **Social media workshops**
- **Sport** Activities.

*you can find us on social media!*  

**Curious about Centro Papa Giovanni XXIII?  
Take a look at their website!  
<https://www.centropapagiovanni.it/>**



# WHERE?

## ANCONA



**Ancona** is the main city of the Marche region, it is located on the Adriatic coast and it counts around 102.000 inhabitants. The city is located between the slopes of the two extremities of the promontory of Monte Conero, Monte Astagno and Monte Guasco: that is why it is not only a **beach destination** but also a hiking one. Ancona is the main seaport of the region, so it is **easy to travel** here by boat.

In being the main and biggest city of the region, there are **a lot of events** and also important **concerts** organised during the year.

One of the symbols of the city is the "**Passetto**", a rocky beach which is accessible by long stairs and which is a typical summer destination for locals.

The **Monte Conero** is a natural park and it has different hiking trails that can bring you to the most famous and beautiful beaches of the entire region.





## 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.