

Topic: Sport activities in the field of table tennis
Number of volunteers hosted at the same time: 2
Type of project: Long-term
Place: Senigallia, Italy



CENTRO OLIMPICO TENNISTAVOLO



The main building of the Centre

Table Tennis course for children

Summer camps

The Centre

The Olympic centre was established in 1955 and since then it has allowed to practice both social and competitive table tennis. It follows the principles of the European Chart of Sport (Rodi 1992) and for this reason **it turns to youth, adults and seniors with no discrimination** based on sex, race, religion or position.

Main goals of the organization are **integration, socialization, education, physical activities, competitive sport activities, promotion of diversity, tolerance and respect, critical thinking, initiative spirit of youth** and **prevention of violent radicalization.**

Our organization carry out different activities for 120 members from 8 to 78 years old, of which, 50% is under the age of 18, males and females, both with disabilities and without, both Italian and foreign. In addition, we **work closely with local schools** of Senigallia, with **Social Service of the town hall**, with **different charities for special needs** children and with the **Italian table tennis federation.** Part of the activities includes regional and national tournaments, training and teaching modules, recreational games and leisure activities.



Course for beginners



Event Pink Pong



Course for adults



Tournaments



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

Tasks of the volunteers

The volunteers are involved in the activities organised by the Centre like:

- Support to **courses** of table tennis **addressed to adults and children**;
- Support to sport and **table tennis workshops** with **Primary School's pupils**;
- Support as **sparring partners** to **professional players trainings**;
- Logistic support to **events** and **tournaments**;
- **Integration activities for young people with mixed disabilities**;
- **Maintenance** of the TennisTavolo facilities.

you can find us on social media! 

Are you curious about the Centre? Take a look at their Youtube Channel!!

<https://www.youtube.com/user/TTSenigallia>



WHERE?

SENIGALLIA



Senigallia is a municipality and port town on the Adriatic coast in the Marche region. It is situated in the province of Ancona and it counts around 44.460 inhabitants. Senigallia is an important touristic destination, especially in summer with **his velvet beaches** and **spectacular festivals**. In particular, each August the "Summer Jamboree" Festival animates the city with music, art, shows and markets coming directly from the Fifties. There's also a nationally recognised music event during which different Italian singers take part for free concerts. The Rotonda a Mare is the typical postcard of Senigallia: it was built at the beginning of the 20th century and it is now one of the main places for conventions and art exhibitions. The beaches are always crowded in summer and various cultural events animate the other seasons.





THE SELECTION PROCESS

1. Send your **CV** and a **cover letter** related to the project to 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 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.