

Topic: Activities for people in need through the distribution of food and the upcycling of items and activities connected to the fight against bullying and violence.

Number of volunteers hosted at the same time: 4

Type of project: Long-term

Place: Pesaro, Italy

Onlus Gulliver: Bottega del Riuso



Volunteers of the Onlus working
at the Bottega del Riuso

The Little Free Libraries

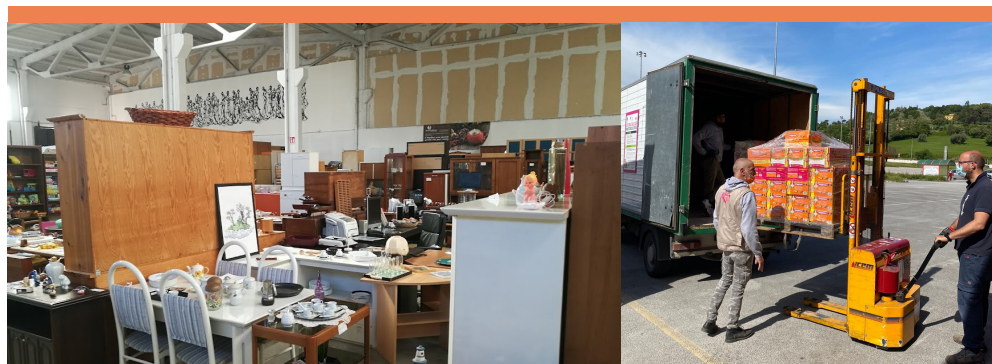
The Onlus

Onlus Gulliver was founded in 2012 in Pesaro, with the objective of being of service to the city. In the past 10 years they have worked to create a network in the territory so that the impact of the activities could be bigger: they cooperate with associations that work in the field of solidarity and inclusion, with local institutions, with schools and with cooperatives.

One of their main activities is **the management of “Botteghe del Riuso”** with the double objective of **reusing and upcycling things and of getting fundings for their projects of solidarity and inclusion**. Connected to the “Botteghe del Riuso”, they have also created a service of distribution of food. They try, in fact, to give a **360 degree support to people in need of any kind: food, clothes, items for children, furniture, appliances and also a service of transportation if they do not have cars**.

In addition to solidarity, Gulliver has 2 other fundamental principles that are the **fight against bullying and violence against women**. They organise workshops and activities about these topics inside schools and in the local community.

Last but not least, they have created “Little free libraries” around the city of Pesaro and in the neighbouring towns. They manage **12 little free libraries where people can leave and take books freely in order to share culture and to give access to culture**. The books are placed inside boxes (in order to protect them from the weather) and they are located inside public parks.



One of the rooms of the Bottega del Riuso

Collecting food for the distribution



Sorting and selling second-hand clothes to fund solidarity projects





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

Tasks of the volunteers

The volunteers will be involved in the following activities:

- **Sorting of the items that arrive:** the volunteers will be divided in different areas (clothes/objects/books/toys/appliances) and then they will rotate.
- **Cleaning of the items:** before giving the items to the families or selling them in the shop, they need to be cleaned and prepared in separate boxes.
- **Creation of the food boxes:** every box needs to contain a specific amount of food items and they need to be delivered to the families.
- **Customer support** in the shop managed by the onlus.
- **Management of the Little Free Libraries** by supporting in collecting the books to fill the boxes and by making sure that the boxes are clean and that there are enough books.
- **Supporting the educational activities about bullying and violence against women** inside schools for students and for the local community.

you can find us on social media!  



WHERE?

PESARO



Pesaro is a city and Municipality in the Italian region of Marche, in 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 lanes** 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
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.