

Topic: Activities with adults and children with fewer opportunities and special needs.

Number of volunteers hosted at the same time: 4

Type of project: Long-term

Place: Senigallia, Italy

CARITAS - ASSOCIAZIONE DI VOLONTARIATO "IL SEME"



Support during events



Activities with the children

The Association

Il Seme was founded in 1993 as a voluntary association, with the **aim of promoting solidarity, citizenship, inclusion and supporting disadvantaged persons within the diocese of Senigallia**. Il Seme gathers all the persons who volunteer within the services managed by Caritas Senigallia, that include shelters, apartments for temporary accommodation for people in need, raise awareness activities and others social services aimed at serving vulnerable people.

Il Seme's volunteers are a great added value to the work of professionals in providing support to alone women with child, poor people, families facing economic and housing difficult situations, elderly, unemployed people, homeless, people with mental diseases and immigrants. Volunteers never substitute professional social workers, but they collaborate with each other to guarantee services that are more efficient. Volunteers have allowed Caritas Senigallia to guarantee a concrete and diversified contribution to a huge demand of support from the community, for almost 30 years. Thanks to volunteers' contribution, long-term results in terms of inclusion and better life conditions are reachable and visible.



Outdoor activities and creative workshops with the children



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 activities of the association as follows:

Support at the SOLIDARITY CENTRE - facility for adults who are homeless or resident in the area, who are unemployed and consequently homeless:


- kitchen and canteen: meal preparation and distribution, pantry arrangement and cleaning
- laundry: washing of linen and goods in use by users; - cleaning of common and outdoor areas if necessary;
- evening reception with management of the kitchen and dining hall and management of the shower area
- accompanying users on foot, by bicycle or car if necessary, to places of relevance to the user.

Support at RIKREA - a solidarity warehouse open to all citizens that enables the purchase and collection of furniture and furnishings of various kinds in good condition, the reuse of used clothing in good condition and the distribution of food for needy people in the area:

- clothing and food distribution and accommodation activities;
- sorting, checking and cleaning activities of the items placed in the warehouse (furniture, children's toys, etc);
- activities of dismantling and assembling furniture, delivery and collection from the homes of private individuals.

Support at the ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES with the presence of minors:

- accompanying children to medical appointments/vaccinations;
- shopping management for users;
- cleaning of common areas, garden and laundry (alone or together with mothers);
- organising activities for mothers and children, together or apart (music class, physical activity, etc);
- getting to know the city with mothers and children (walking in the centre, attending some events in the square, theatre, going to the seaside).

you can find us on social media! 

Are you curious about the Association? Take a look at the video!
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCgz5luyIDunRmtRCyukYA/videos>



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

ACCOMMODATION

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 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.