

Margherita's looking for new EVS volunteers



Are you looking for a voluntary experience? Would you like to help disadvantaged people and youth producing positive impacts at the community level? Would you like to stay in Italy and learn a new language?

Cooperativa Margherita has some opportunities you might want to check out!

For our new project we are currently looking for 6 young (17-30) and motivated EVS volunteers to be included in the following activities:

– **The interaction between the volunteers and the users of Margherita's Centres.** This means the participation of the volunteers in various activities in support of: disadvantaged and/or disabled people and youth, elderly with Alzheimer or other cognitive problems, children and minors in need of special protection and/or with disadvantaged backgrounds (including immigrants or descendant from immigrants families). This might include:

- Animation activities in the territory (excursions, walks, etc.);
- Stimulation interventions and workshops (writing, reading, memory exercises, etc.);
- Participate in meetings with family members, caregivers, family assistants;
- Expressive, cognitive and sensory-motor activities (painting, writing, swimming);
- Social integration labs (recycled paper labs, cultural visits, leisure activities);
- Support for hygiene/personal care;

- Technical laboratories of informatics and communication;
- Social skills workshops (rules of behaviour, processing of moods);
- Territorial integration, in collaboration with other entities and associations;
- Evening entertainment (theatre, cinema);
- Climatic stays and excursions at the seaside or mountains;

It is worth mentioning that in this area of intervention one volunteer will be specifically assigned to the centres for people with Alzheimer (and cognitive problem) to contribute with his/her creativity to the development of new activities and methodologies addressing this target group.

– **Supporting the Cooperative social and cultural activities.** Margherita has new Headquarters with a café and new multifunctional rooms. The new Headquarters are intended as an open space to promote territorial animation and social initiatives directed to the citizens in general but focused also in attracting youth (including those with disadvantaged backgrounds). Moreover the Cooperative along the years is increasing its role of cultural centre. Thanks to this, the volunteers will be asked to:

- Help in the management of new the facilities, establishing a direct contact on the territory with the purpose of creating new integration opportunities;
- Co-design and implement public activities to involve, not only the users of the centers, but also youth and citizens (laboratories, courses, events, etc.);
- Collaborate to the cultural, promotional and fundraising activities of the Cooperative;
- Sensitize and promote topics concerning human rights and social issues;
- Support the management of “no-working” activities, i.e. the free-time within individual projects, etc.;
- Strengthen the links with the wider social environment.

We propose long-term stays (10 to 12 months) starting from September 2017.

For this project we are looking at least **for two males participants** to grant a gender balance in our group of EVS volunteers, which will be composed also by three girls of the EVS project starting in January 2017.

If you want to apply, send us your CV (European format) and Motivation letter (no more than one A4 page) in English at youth-kp@ohp.pl.

Deadline for submitting application: 9th January 2017.

For any further information write us!!