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ESC PROJECT

Infopack for volunteers

PRESS - PERIPHERY AND RURAL AREAS: EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY AND SOCIAL

Centro Tutela e Ricerca Fauna
Esotica e Selvatica - Monte
Adone

Short project description

PRESS aims to promote mobility and transnational volunteering as non-traditional form of emancipation and learning, aimed in particular at young people with fewer opportunities will be directly or indirectly involved, in order to obtain a better knowledge of the active role that they can play in the communities of origin, and more generally in society, for a transition to adulthood and the responsibilities that this entails, more harmonious and conscious.

The project will involve 18 volunteers from all over Europe.

PRESS consists of ESC in hospitality YouNet, IFOM, Casa Santa Chiara, Centro Sociale Montanari, Comune di Budrio, Comune di Anzola, Associazione La Strada; all organizations working in the area of Bologna.

Context and environment

The Centre is operative 365 days a year, 24/7; it is committed to recovering and rescuing of wounded autochthonous wild animals (deer, roes, raptors, hedgehogs, foxes, dormice, etc...).

It also deals with the protection of abandoned or abused in case of cruelty and unauthorized trade and possession of exotic fauna (felines, primates, parrots, etc.).

The work of volunteers is organized in groups called "Earth", "Water" (to which the "Air" group is added only during the summer) and "Fire", each of which provides for the management of different species.

The group called "Fire", which involves the management of primates and big cats (animals belonging to the so-called "dangerous species"), is assigned only to long-term volunteers (at least 6 months) who show to be very motivated and responsible. The group called "Terra" provides for the management of exotic animals such as raccoons, parrots, tortoises and turtles, etc...

Part of the work with exotic animals includes the preparation of environmental and feeding enrichment too.

Instead, the groups called "Water" and "Air" provide for the management of native wildlife. In springtime the work increases due to the large number of injured animals to rescue night and day; in this season a lot of time is dedicated to rescuing wounded autochthonous wild animals, nursing and taking care of their young. After the initial and necessary training period, combined with the fundamental acquisition of safety standards, the volunteers take care of routine tasks daily including feeding, caring and cleaning the animals housed on the work path to which they are assigned.



Furthermore, the volunteers, initially alongside the responsible staff, later also autonomously, will be involved in rescue operation of the injured fauna.

Volunteers must be prepared for a country and outdoor lifestyle. At the Centre, the work is physically demanding especially during autumn/winter when daily work is often accompanied by cold, rain and snow. Because of a specific agreement with COOP Alleanza 3.0, the Centre is part of a project carried out in favor of various associations in the Bologna area, thanks to which it has the opportunity to take advantage of various otherwise unsold or unmarketable food stocks. To recover the aforementioned food stocks the Centre goes 6 times a week to the stores indicated in the agreement. In the spring - summer period, the maintenance and construction works of some structures (aviaries, fences, etc.) resume at full speed. Regarding this, collaboration will also be required for the painting operations, the implementation of environmental enrichments, etc

The daily schedule and the timetable can change according to the season, the number of volunteers, and the requests of rescue or other unexpected occurrences. Therefore, the Centre asks volunteers for flexibility in working hours.

Generally, work shifts range from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm, and, after a 2 hours lunch-break, from 3.30 pm to 6.30 pm.

The Centre is a no profit organization mainly based on volunteering work; the staff is made up of volunteers, Civil Service volunteers (for European citizen) and trainees coming from Italy and Europe (Spain, Belgium, England, etc...).

The Centre is a particular and original "big family": all the staff members live in close contact and personal spaces are much reduced. We expect that volunteers coming at the Centre are ready to enrich our reality with their personal contribution.





Accommodation description

The Association has two accommodation options for volunteers. The preferred option for long-term volunteers is a house with a garden located in Brento, a small village (approximately 1.5 km from the headquarters). The semi-detached house has 2 double rooms and a three beds room, two bathrooms, an equipped kitchen, the living room and the laundry. Volunteers are responsible for cleaning their own accommodation following programmed shifts.

Food allowance & pocket money

Every day the Center guarantees food to all its volunteers. By rotation, a collaboration is required in the kitchen (preparation of meals and table, washing of dishes, etc.). The meal (or equivalent amount) is guaranteed during rest days and holidays too.

The Pocket money is 5€ per day

Local transport



The Centre is located on the hills around Bologna, in northern Italy. Bologna is about at 25 Km and near the Centre there are two villages, Sasso Marconi and Pianoro, about at 15 Km and 8 Km respectively. There is no public transport to reach directly the Centre headquarters that is 7 Km from the nearest village, Pianoro (BO).

In Pianoro there are three extra-urban lines of Bologna's transport company that connect the town to the city; moreover, it is possible to use the train service to reach Bologna central station. Almost every day, several people move to and from the city, thus, adapting a little the schedules, it is possible to arrange a ride to Pianoro nearly always.

Closest airport/ travel

Bologna G. Marconi airport is the closest. Volunteer can also land at the airport of Milan, Venice, Rome and then take a train to Bologna. Afterwards, the volunteer can take the regional train from Bologna to Pianoro, available about every 30 minutes.



Language training

Volunteers who learn Italian before and during their stay are appreciated. Before coming to Italy,

volunteers can practice Italian language using several on line tools:

- <https://it.duolingo.com/>
- <http://www.oneworlditaliano.com/italiano/corso-di-italiano.htm>
- <http://www.impariamoitaliano.com/>
- <http://www.italianoautomatico.com/>

It can be useful to watch some movies in Italian, to listen to some Italian songs...the web is full of interesting tools!



Before coming, each volunteer will receive an email by OLS (Online Linguistic Support) with the link for the "Assessment test". After filling it, each volunteer will receive another email to start the on line course provided by Erasmus+ program (<http://erasmusplusols.eu/>).

OLS will be the official tool to use to learn Italian language during the EVS. If needed, at the beginning YouNet can provide an additional training with an Italian teacher for a couple of months.

Two weeks before the end of the EVS each volunteer will receive an email with the final linguistic test to fill, in order to receive the final level of Italian.

Requirements

- Anti-tetanus vaccination
- Covid19 test (few days before arrival)
- Time flexibility and in turn commitment on public holidays: work shifts may vary depending on the season, amount of volunteers and work
- Good state of general health



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