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Please find below all the information regarding the vacancies open to EVS volunteers. In order to avoid frustration, it's important to verify if those projects could be a real opportunity for you, so read everything carefully and discuss with your sending organization about all details. More then willing to go abroad and have an intercultural experience, you really need to be motivated to be in this specific environment and imagine yourself to perform this specific activity.

The deadlines involved in the whole procedure are:

- > March 2013: first step of the selection process analysis of valid applications
- > first half of **April 2013**: phone call to short listed candidates, final evaluation together with sending and host partners
- > second half of **April 2013**: establishment of the new partnerships,
- > 1st May 2013 application for funds to the Italian National Agency
- > July 2013 foreseen date to know approval of funds
- > July-September 2013: Period of preparation
- > September 2013:Activity start.

CURRENT VACANCIES

Please use the El number in the <u>EVS database</u> to read more about each host organization! Here below you'll find extra indications but the consultation of the database is essential to have a clear idea about the organizations and activities proposed!

Name of the host organization: Caritas Bolzano-Bressanone (El: 2010-IT-66)

Location: Bolzano

Dates of Activity: from September 2013 until September 2014 (12 months) **Themes:** Minorities, media communication, youth information, social work

Special considerations about the Host organization: Caritas is located in the city of Bolzano, South-Tyrol. This region is very special seen that it has a particular history and it's bilingual (Italian and German). The local culture has Austrian basis. The service is developed mainly in German.

Volunteers' profile:

- interest in social subject
- sensibility to people with fewer opportunities (like homeless people, HIV+, etc.) and openness to work in direct contact with them
- it's mandatory a good knowledge of <u>German</u> (please consider that Bolzano is a bi-lingual city)
- openness to have interpersonal contact
- motivation to work in a dynamic team (in the office as well as in schools and directly with people)
- creativity and maturity to develop your own activities and small projects.

Vacancies: 2

Get inspired! Read one of our ex-volunteers testimony about Caritas: Janne, Selina, Christiane

Name of the host organization: VKE (EI: 2013-IT-16)

Location: Bolzano

Dates of Activity: different possibilities – see below (always 12 months activities)

Themes: free-time activities, children, education

Special considerations about the Host organization: VKE is located in the city of Bolzano, South-Tyrol. This region is very special seen that it has a particular history and it's bilingual (Italian and German). The local culture has Austrian basis. The service is developed in both languages simultaneously: some educators and children prefer to communicate in German while others in Italian.

Volunteers' profile: The project is open to every young person who has a special interest and sensibility to children and could bring new energy and enthusiasm to the host organization, helping to improve the life quality of those children and enriching the free-time activities' possibilities. Once that the volunteers will be permanently in contact with children, they should have a positive behavior, be open to play games and make different kind of activities, available to listen to children with patience, and have certain initiative and creativeness. Basic knowledge of Italian and/or German would be important to facilitate the integration of volunteers, specially taking into consideration the bilingual situation of the region and the service. The volunteer should be ready to learn Italian/German and get deeply engaged.

Vacancies: 2 (1 starting at 09/2013 and the other one, at 01/2014)

Get inspired! Read one of our ex-volunteers testimony about VKE: Ceren, Mairi

Name of the host organization: Villaggio SOS di Vicenza (El: 2012-IT-51)

Location: Vicenza

Dates of Activity: different possibilities – see below (always 12 months activities)

Themes: Childcare, education and recreational activities, social difficulties

Special considerations about the Host organization: Villaggio SOS hosts children facing social and family difficulties in daily centers as well as inside a residential community. It's important to keep in mind that children are difficult to deal with and besides that, the community environment request a full immersion: there is intensive personal contact. All activities are developed in Italian. Remember that children are not angels and collaborating with them is not the same as playing with your cousins for an afternoon...

Volunteers' profile: The project is open to every young person who has a special interest and sensibility to children (especially those in a difficult situation) and could bring new energy and enthusiasm to the host organization, helping to improve the life quality of those children and enriching the free-time activities' possibilities. Once that the volunteers will be permanently in contact with children, they should have a positive behavior, be open to play games and make different kind of activities, available to listen to children with patience, and have certain initiative and creativeness. Basic knowledge of Italian would facilitate the initial integration of the volunteers in the activities, but it's not mandatory. The volunteer should be ready to learn Italian and get deeply engaged, also supporting household activities – as in a real family!

Vacancies: 4 (1 starting at 09/2013; 1 starting at 01/2014 and the other 2 starting at 04/2014)

<u>Get inspired!</u> Read some of our ex-volunteers testimony about Villaggio SOS Vicenza: <u>Pablo</u>,

<u>Gokhan</u>, <u>Sille</u>, <u>Beyza</u>

Name of the host organization: Villaggio SOS di Saronno (El: 2012-IT-25)

Location: Saronno

Dates of Activity: from January 2014 until January 2015 (12 months) **Themes:** Childcare, education and recreational activities, social difficulties

Special considerations about the Host organization: Villaggio SOS hosts children/teenagers facing social and family difficulties in daily centers as well as inside a residential community. It's important to keep in mind that children/teenagers are difficult to deal with and besides that, the community environment request a full immersion: there is intensive personal contact. All activities are developed in Italian. Remember that children are not angels and collaborating with them is not the same as playing with your cousins for an afternoon... Activities in Saronno also involves the "Casa Giovani – Youth House" - with boys between 14-18 years old.

Volunteers' profile: The project is open to every young person who has a special interest and sensibility to children (especially those in a difficult situation) and could bring new energy and enthusiasm to the host organization, helping to improve the life quality of those children and enriching the free-time activities' possibilities. Once that the volunteers will be permanently in contact with children, they should have a positive behavior, be open to play games and make different kind of activities, available to listen to children with patience, and have certain initiative and creativeness. Basic knowledge of Italian would facilitate the initial integration of the volunteers in the activities, but it's not mandatory. The volunteer should be ready to learn Italian and get deeply engaged, also supporting household activities – as in a real family!

Vacancies: 2 (only male volunteers)

<u>Get inspired!</u> Read one of our ex-volunteers testimony about Villaggio SOS Saronno: <u>Grigory, Ergun</u>

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Name of the host organization: **Sì Minore** (under accreditation process)

Location: Trento

Dates of Activity: from September 2013 until September 2014 (12 months)

Themes:

General description of the Host organization and accomodation:

Si Minore organization fosters active participation and social inclusion of preteen and teenagers in the Province of Trento, focusing its scope of action mainly in Trento and Rovereto, working mainly with foreign youngsters (first and second generation of immigrants aged 12-19) and who live in a difficult situation and need to be integrated in an educational-living program. Youngsters are inserted in projects where the aim is for them to become independent and autonomous adults. Therefore the pedagogical projects of the organization are based on each individual and focus on personal and social needs.

Besides the live-in communities in small apartments, Si Minore has a center, opened only in the afternoon, called G.E.C. (*Giovani Educazione Contatto*, youngsters, education, contact). It is a center which is a laboratory for relationships and free time initiatives with the objective of stimulating education through games, intercultural learning, social inclusion. G.E.C. is located in Trento, and it is open to both youngsters from the live-in apartments and from the local community. G.E.C. is a context where the feeling of isolation and of loneliness either explode, or, on the opposite, where new relationships and friendships are created. EVS volunteers will develop their service within the daily center G.E.C. and in the legal-administrative office: 2 different EVS activities. In both places there are few rules to be respected: first of all, punctuality is a must, and smoking or drinking alcohol inside the premises is not allowed. Moreover, inside the G.E.C. context it is essential for the volunteer to keep a respectful role and language, maintaining the educational distance with beneficiaries. As to accommodation, Si Minore owns an apartment which is to be used only by volunteers and workers (for example, trainers who come from another city and cannot go back home after seminars). EVS volunteers will live in this apartment in shared rooms with other volunteers, mainly coming from Italy. The apartment is in Rovereto and can host

up to 6 people. It is composed by: 3 bedrooms (a triple, a double, and a single room: the latter one is for workers), 2 bathrooms, a living room, and a kitchen. The house is fully equipped. Volunteers will have a monthly ticket to travel between Rovereto and Trento both by train (15 min) and bus (30 min). Like in their activities, as to the apartment certain rules are to be followed: smoking inside is not allowed (there's a small balcony if they so wish); keeping the volume of the music high is also not permitted, nor it is allowed to make parties or barbecues – thus disturbing the neighbors.

Description of the activities foreseen:

It's foreseen 2 different EVS activities:

Activity 1: activities of G.E.C.

- support the management of some concrete daily activities, thus contributing to the process
 of acquisition and strengthening of some specific competences by youngsters, and first of
 all the ones connect by independence;
- support the activities with youngsters inside the daily center: individual and group welcoming; assistance and help in studying, relational exchange through formal and informal moments. Besides implementing already existing activities, new ones will be developed according to the attitudes and personal skills of the volunteers;
- participate as active support to the staff in the welcoming of new youngsters in the daily center and in the city;
- assist the management in school support, also through individual support (or in small groups);
- support the reinforcement of the job orientation to help beneficiaries to become independent in looking for a job, providing them with the necessary relational and cognitive skills;
- participate in the creation, promotion, and management of specific activities within G.E.C. (as to culture, games, sport, handicrafts...) aiming at reinforcing the interpersonal skills of beneficiaries:
- support the creation of activities to bring together beneficiaries and the making up of chances to go out from the center and integrate in the local territory (participating in initiatives promoted by other realities, organizing trips and excursions...).

Activity 2: legal-administrative office

- support the raising awareness work in the local territory where the association is (neighborhood, municipality, other organizations, schools, institutions);
- assist in the different step of project cycle management: structuring ideas from the need assessment, writing and submitting the project, active promotion and implementation of it;
- share and collaborate with the staff in managing the daily opening and in implementing the daily activities, so to become more independent in the management of the daily routine and of the private and shared spaces;
- help the organization in facilitating the management of interaction and exchange of information between them, the local territory and the local community;
- collaborate in the implementation of activities planned together with public bodies (such as the municipalities of Trento and Rovereto) and other social organizations focusing on initiatives that are consistent with the needs of youngsters, promoting their active participation in the creation and implementation of them;
- help in organizing specific activities to build up a sense of community and participated integration to promote new relationships and mutual acquaintance with local people;
- help in updating the web-site of the organization;
- help in creating an interactive blog of the organization, open to the local territory.

Volunteers' profile:

Activity 1: it could be useful for volunteers to have some basic Italian and computer knowledge (for example so to help beneficiaries in writing their resumes). Since beneficiaries are up to 19 years of age, being a bit older might help volunteers in defining their role faster. Volunteer need to be reliable, patient and have a exemplar behavior.

Activity 2: since all activities are communication-related (interpersonal but also through the web),

it could be useful for volunteers to have some basic Italian and computer knowledge as well. In any case specific trainings will be provided.

Vacancies: 2

Get inspired: visit Sì Minore's website (only in Italian)