

Vacancies open: projects to be presented in 1st February deadline to the Italian National Agency

VKE (2009-IT-210): Bolzano

Dates of Activity: from September 2012 until September 2013

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.

Themes: free-time activities, children, education

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.

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Villaggio SOS di Vicenza (2009-IT-14): Vicenza

Dates of Activity: from September 2012 until September 2013

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.

Themes: Childcare, education and recreational activities, social difficulties

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. It's mandatory to have a driving license and be available to accompany children to diferent appointments. 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.

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Caritas Diocesi Bolzano-Bressanone (2010-IT-66): Bolzano

Dates of Activity: from September 2012 until September 2013

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.

Themes: Minorities, media communication, youth information, social work

Volunteers' profile:

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

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Villaggio SOS di Mantova (2010-IT-193): Mantova

Dates of Activity: from September 2012 until September 2013

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. The accomodation of the volunteers will be inside the structure. All activities are developed in Italian.

Themes: Childcare, education and recreational activities, social difficulties

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. Some further characteristics would be welcome such as: basic knowledge of Italian (which could facilitate the initial integration of the volunteers in the activities) and driving license (which could be useful supporting eventual transport and/or accompaniment of children). The volunteer should be ready to learn Italian and get deeply engaged.

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