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SOME WORDS ABOUT PERGINE

Pergine Valsugana municipality is a growing part of the Province of Trento. It is the third municipality as to inhabitants (about 21.000), and in recent years it has been developing a lot.

Pergine is about 10 km from Trento, the main city of the Province (about 110.000 inhabitants), in a nice environment surrounded by lakes and mountains. The cost of living here is relatively low, therefore an immigration flow has been experienced: this factor has led to redefining a number of aspects as to social services provided. If this is true on one hand, on the other one it has to be considered the peculiarity of this land: Pergine has an historical centre of about 10.000 inhabitants, and the rest of people live in more than 20 small villages which even today keep their identity and independence. Pergine is a small "town" as to number of inhabitants, services, and enterprises but it is also a "village" as to traditional celebrations, social organizations, personal relationship which are characterized by the high rate of social solidarity and cohesion typical of small places. Few kilometers away from Pergine there is Caldonazzo lake, the biggest in the provincial territory, which attracts plenty of tourists mostly from Germany and the Netherlands. There a number of sports can be played: windsurf, sailing, water skiing, supsuring. In the surrounding areas there are many campings, too. It is also important to note that in the area around Pergine lies the Valley of Mòcheni / Bersntol (or Fersina Valley), a piece of land of German origin consisting of four municipalities: St. Ursula, Fierozzo, Frassilongo and Palu.



CONTEXT OF ASIF CHIMELLI

Azienda Speciale Servizi Infanzia e Famiglia - G.B. Chimelli (ASIF Chimelli) is a public body created by Pergine Valsugana Municipality on September, 1st, 2009 to manage all social services as to local population from 0 to 30 years of age with pedagogical and administrative staff.

Concerning children, ASIF Chimelli manages three kindergartens and three nursery schools, as well as various initiatives aimed at children and families. For the range 11- 30 the organization supervises the municipality youth policies, including several projects and services aimed at young people. Among these services, the most important are "Piano Giovani di Zona di Pergine Valsugana e della Valle del Fersina (PGZ)" and the youth

center "#Kairos Giovani".

PGZ is a public instrument of the local autonomies aimed at promoting actions for youths aged between 11 and 35, and to raise awareness for a positive and proactive attitude to this category of citizens.

The working method is based on consultation between local institutions, civil society, young people, the municipalities involved

and the Department in the Province. Every year this working group plans and finances an annual operational scheme, which consists in projects proposed and managed by the young people on various themes such as cultural integration, environment, social responsibility and creativity. The youth center #KAIROS GIOVANI is located in Centro #Kairos, a structure open to the entire community, with a specific mission aimed at youth policies. #KAIROS Giovani is first of all a meeting space for young people aged between 11 and 25 years, where girls and boys can meet and participate in various activities and projects with the coordination and the presence of qualified adults. The educational equipe has specific skills either in the educational management, or in creative and musical activities, sports, non- formal education and social issues. The volunteer will work most of the time in the youth center, and s/he or she will be trained in the relationship with teenagers and will receive a specific formation concerning all the different activities. The space is open between Monday to Saturday from 14.30 to 19.00, also on Friday from 20.30 to 23.00.





Since 2014, InCo and ASIF Chimelli have built a partnership to host international volunteers. Both associations are convinced that the presence of international volunteers contributes in enriching youngsters' quality of life by bringing fresh energy and new ideas addressed to the users of the centre.

For further information about ASIF Chimelli, you might want to take a look at the association's website: <http://www.asifchimelli.eu/>. The website is available only in Italian. But you are welcomed to use this opportunity to better understand the project structure and to hopefully improve your Italian knowledge, should you have any already.

The volunteer will also be involved in the activities of the web site "Sportello Ti do una dritta" the main instrument of the local youth policies which manages all the information concerning the opportunities for the young people on local, national and international level. "Ti do una dritta" main task are: spreading projects proposed or aimed at young people, promoting a concrete link between youth and the institutions and encouraging active citizenship. The promotion is carried on through the website www.tidounadritta.eu, constantly updated, and a weekly newsletter with over 1000 members, mostly young people of the territory. The volunteers will be involved in the creation of the weekly newsletter, in the updating of the website and in lots of different activities of promotion. The #Kairos Center hosts events at the music school "Rising Power", co-working, courses, meetings, concerts, parties and cultural events: all these activities will improve with the opening of the #Kairos Bar, a family café located in the building which will open in the next few months.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

The volunteer will be involved in the daily activities of ASIF Chimelli and in particular: a) The youth center #KAİROS: the volunteer will be involved in the activities of the youth center for youths aged from 11 to 19 years old. The center is open from Monday to Friday from 2.30 pm to 7 pm and the Friday evening from 8.30 pm to 10.30 pm. S/he will support educators in the management of the afternoons organizing activities and suggesting some new ones. Indeed, volunteers will be encouraged to implement some workshops based on their own skills and interests such as musical, language, manual-artistic or other type of workshops. Part of the activities of the center #Kairos is also implemented in the territory. An educator is in charge of going from places to parks in the city to encourage youths who do not normally attend the youth center to visit it. Volunteers will be encouraged to take part in this type of activities too supporting the educator in promoting the activities of the youth center.



The youth officers:

volunteers will support the responsible of youth policies in the management and promotion of the annual local youth plan (Piano Giovani di Zona) and of other projects addressed to youths (target 11-30 years-old), as well as in the networking with other organizations of the territory active in the field of youth. In each case volunteers will be a testimony of what it means to be a European volunteer and will be encouraged to promote this opportunity among the youths. More specifically the ESC volunteer will support the responsible during the opening hours of the "Sportello Gioventù" which promotes youth policies at a local level, with an updated web site and a weekly newsletter, giving information about the different opportunities youths can experiment. Volunteers will support the staff in the preparation of specific events to promote the different opportunities for youths.

ASIF Chimelli is open to any proposal or suggestion made by the volunteer in regard to enriching the daily activities planned for guests. Once the volunteer has been assigned to the project, her/his activities will be planned more specifically

according to the needs of the centre and to the wishes and the capacity of the volunteer.





ACCOMODATION AND FOOD

You will get free accommodation for the whole duration of your voluntary service. In #Kairos' building is located an apartment with eight beds, bathroom, kitchen and all the facilities, designed to host all the national and international volunteers involved in projects with ASIF Chimelli as hosting organization. The volunteer will live in the apartment with other volunteers, in a very international environment, after signing the rules of the apartment. ASIF Chimelli will provide pillows, blankets and sheets. However, you will have to bring with you hair dryer and towels which are not provided by the receiving organization. Internet is NOT foreseen as a service the volunteer will have free access from the room. As to food, from Monday to Friday you will eat some days within ASIF Chimelli schools and some days in the canteen of the rest home. Eating at the rest home is an opportunity for you both to stay with the other volunteers hosted in the field of another programme and an opportunity to see another structure of the territory. As to dinners, breakfasts, and weekends, you will receive money to buy groceries and cook your own food. The volunteer will receive **180,00 €** per month as pocket money.



USEFUL LINKS

- Here you can find the website of Asif Chimelli: <http://www.asifchimelli.eu/>
- Here you can find the website of the Youth Policies: www.tidounadritta.eu
- Here you can find the facebook page of #Kairos: <https://www.facebook.com/Centro-Giovani-Kairos-1490584544587193/>
- Here you can find the website of InCo, the coordinating organisation: <http://www.incoweb.org/eng>
- If you would like to know more about the ESC experience, check out the blog of the volunteers: <http://www.incoweb.org/eng/Volunteers-say>

