

Part III. Project description

Please consult the User's Guide, chapter D.

The points below are intended to serve as a guide for your description of the proposed activities. The information that is requested will be important in the evaluation process, for partner-finding, and later for the preparation of projects.

A. Regular activities in the host organisation

Asilo dei Vecchi is a rest house in San Germano Chisone linked to Waldesian Church. It was founded in 1894 but was completely rebuilt during 1986/1989. It may host around 90 guests (50 non autonomous) Asilo offers guests nursery, personal care, medical assistance, physiotherapy, Animation, Kitchen, laundry, administrative services. The large number of activities offered aims to the involvement and active participation of guests. Hosting young european volunteers is part of an intergenerational project and cultural exchange among guests and lthe community.

With he professional staff many other people from the local community usually co-operate in Asilo in different activities. They are mainly involved in keep company and involvement in interpersonal relation.

Even Though Asilo dei Vecchi is related to he Waldesian Church, volunteers activity will not be involved in any religious aspect. Furthermore other young peace volunteers and conscientious objectors co-operate with asilo. Their presence creates a constant relations to the local community.

B. Local community

San Germano Chisone has 1700 inhabitants, is 480 mt. High, at he beginning of the Chisone valley.

Torino is 45 km far. Several touristic places on the mountain are not far. Due to the hoistory of the area 70% of population belongs to the waldesian church. This area has also a linguistic minority.

C. Description of the EVS project

Euroeapan awareness goes through the knowledge of people and countries through contact and sharing cultures and life style. The project aims to add the intergenerational relations as a value and to promote intercultural exchange with guests, volunteers and saff, and to extend the value of voluntary service as a Long Life Learning to the local community through youth participation. It is important for elderly people to live an interpersonal dimension which goes further than the one who professionals can offer while following their duties. Young Euroeapan Volunteers wiill enrich, through their daily presence with guests, staff, guests and the local community Volunteers will represent a bridge with the reality external to the Asilo and guests. Previous experiences were appreciated because of the high contribution in terms of intercultural exchange and dialogue across the generations; the project tries to develop that practices. Volunteer will also have the opportunity to know a working experience through social, linguistic, personal and professional learning.

D. Volunteer tasks

There are different activities where volunteers can co-operate, both in the assistance or in the animation sector.

In the Assistance department volunteer will be encouraged to establish personal relation with guests and supporting professional staff during guests meal time and accompanying them to mensa (20%), during drink distribution (moment to have conversation with guests) (20%), reading / commenting newspapers or magazines (20%) or supporting in dehambulation (walks, accompying to cultural events, visits) (40%).

In the animation sector there are several activities (Reading, cinema, weaving, sewn, cloth painting, choral singing) to offer old people a better quality of life through opportunity to remain active even through meeting other people and exchanging memories, and experiences. Volunteers will be involved in accompanying guests to the proposed activities (20%) and directly involved under the supervision of professionals, in planning, preparation of activities (named above) and their realisation, according to the monthly schedule (80%). In this field volunteers will take active part to the activities, playing with guests, preparing the necessary for handiworks, supporting those in special needs. Volunteers might propose new activities according their interests and skills. Volunteers' participation in activities is an additional value for guests who will have personal contacts which are not possible with professionals.

After an orientation to staff member and to the organisation (2 weeks) volunteer will decide in which one prefers to concentrate or might decide to have a mixed plan of activity.

Volunteer will also be involved in general conversation to inprove persons to remain persons with interests and willing to have personal contacts with others. Changes in the activity might be decided according to the tutor and resposible of the sector.

Volunteers will be introduced to the local community through contacts with national volunteers having the opportunity to know the cultural, sport and leisure opportunity in the area of San Germano Chisone.

Normally a volunteer will work 5 days per week for 35 hours.

Working time is normally scheduled 8.30-18.30. A volunteer will have a working plan based on a double turn 8.30-16.00 / 11.00-18.30 or 9.00-17.00 according to the direction. (Lunch breaks are always included).

2 days of vacation per month to be used according to the placement respecting both needs.

Normally 8.30-9.30 support and accompany guests to breakfast; distribution of drinks, conversations, small walks (9.45-12.00) support and accompany to lunch, (12.00-13.00) then free conversation up to 14.30.

The proposed activities are normally during the afternoon (15.30-16.30) and in a non-formal way until dinner time.

A volunteer will have the possibility to make personal arrangements on the schedule according to the direction, considering experiences, interest. For the activities volunteers will be involved also in planning and preparation. Volunteers' responsibility will grow as they will become more confident with tasks and the structure. They will be encouraged to actively participate in the planning and implementation of new activities according to their interests/proposals.

E. Recruitment

A basic knowledge of Italian is appreciated, as well as sensitivity to the relations with elderly and an open-minded approach to team working.

F. Volunteers with less opportunities / special needs

The kitchen can respond to all dietary needs.