



SUMMER SCHOOL

**BANCA DEL FARE**



**2018**

Call for European Voluntary Service in Piemonte - Italy

**Volunteering with Banca del Fare**

**Infopack-Abstract**



### WHO ARE WE?

The Parco Culturale Alta Langa is a non-profit territorial association situated in Monesiglio, northern Italy, which purposes are:



- promoting knowledge of Alta Langa area in its various forms (historical, artistic, literary, architectural, gastronomic).
- helping to develop an healthy, positive form of tourism.
- promote educational activities, in order to develop the local culture for youth and adults.

The association's main project is **Banca del Fare**, a summer school about the **restoration of traditional stone houses**.

Traditionally all the local buildings were made using stone and chestnut wood, materials available on the land itself. Even roofs were made with layered flat stones leaning on a wood structure.

The school's purpose is to **provide the new generations with the ancient knowledge of making and fixing this buildings**, as well as developing new sustainable techniques to integrate the ancient ones.

Therefore we are creating a program of **educational workshops** which are not only theoretic or academic, but actual construction processes. The skilled craftsmen are our teachers and the ruins to be rebuilt are our "classrooms" .

The volunteers will be involved mainly in the Banca del Fare activities as well as in other Associations projects.



## WHERE?

**Phase 1** will take place in Turin, main city of Piemonte, a beautiful historical city where the staff and the volunteers will make the initial planning. The campus that will host the **phase 2** is located in Cascina Crocetta, an ancient hamlet built according the traditional techniques, about 10 minutes drive from the closest village, the tiny Castelletto Uzzone. The staff, the volunteers and the students will be living at Cascina Crocetta, that offers an hostel with 20 beds, 8 bathrooms, a cafeteria offering cooked meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner, a laundry machine. The surrounding area is rich in small villages, delicious eateries, medieval castles, and beautiful trails all to discover. All local trasports are provided by the school's van.

## WHEN?

From April 15th to October 14th, 2018 (six months).



## WHO?

We're looking for two volunteers, one from Spain and one from Hungary. We offer two positions:

one for a **turism/hospitality oriented** profile,  
one for a **architecture student** profile.

Driving license and basic italian language are an asset. The candidate must be willing to work both with people and do some office work, as planning and research.

We wish to select volunteers that:

- Are able to work in a team, to learn from differences and without any kind of prejudice;
- Consider manual work an opportunity to acquire new skills and abilities, and not demeaning compared to theoretic learning;
- Are able to get passionate about work, the local culture, and also enjoy being social in a multicultural environment.

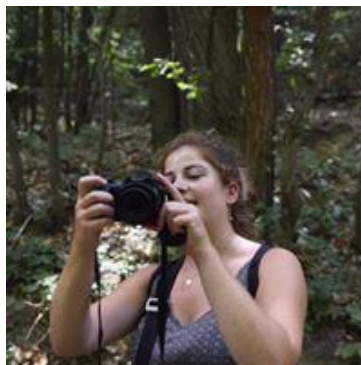
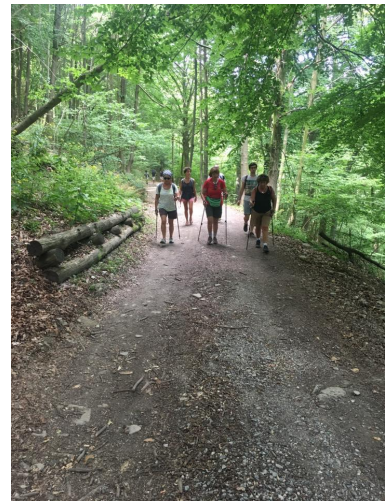
The volunteers are encouraged to bring in their creativity and experiences.



## WHY?

Our EVS project offers several opportunity to the volunteer:

- Rediscover the **manual work** as a “union between hand and mind” , that has being lost in the most recent generations.
- Experience the **building site in person**, taking part in every step of the construction process.
- Deepen the **technological knowledge** about renovation, through theoretical lessons and practical workshops.
- Strengthen **decision-making ability** and **project planning skills**, helping the staff to plan workshops.
- Empower **self confidence, self esteem and entrepreneurship**, contributing to create such a complex project as rebuild a stone house.
- Extend the CV, improving the **technological, managerial and operative skills as well**.
- Acquire skills useful in other countries as well, since the **traditional use of wood and stone** are common patrimony of many european regions.
- Improve the experience in **managerial field**, working on the campus managing, on the logistic and planning events and their media documentation.
- Acquiring experience in **hospitality management**, helping in running the campus' hostel and cafeteria.
- To live in a school campus, experiencing the **interdisciplinarity and the multicultural values**.
- To understand the **identity value** of the architectural patrimony for the local community and engage to preserve it, involving with the local culture and **bonding with the territory**.
- To **interact with the community** surrounding the campus, through a daily exchange of cultural activities, events, festivals.
- To learn italian thanks to a **language course**, and the professional terms through the daily use.



## MAIN ACTIVITIES

The **tourism/hospitality** oriented volunteer will be involved in:

Welcoming the newcoming students,

Helping managing the school's hostel and cafeteria,

Planning school trips and events,

Writing new procedures to improve the hospitality service,

Planning and running special events to promote the knowledge of the school's activities in the area.

The **architecture/design/graphic** oriented volunteer will take part in:

Workshop planning,

Helping designing the interventions on the buildings to be renovated,

Drawing the project,

Researching materials and techniques to integrate the traditional ones,

Helping with the building site logistics,

Creating graphic works to promote the school's activities.

Beside the specific tasks listed above, the volunteers will take turns to help with the **daily chores**:

Cleaning the common spaces of the campus,

Setting the tables and washing the dishes,

Operating the disposal of the garbage focusing on recycling,

Going to get groceries with a supervising Tutor,

Documenting the school's activities with pictures, videos, and filing all the material.

The Banca del Fare is proudly running an **organic vegetable garden**, and the staff, volunteers and students share the task to take care of it.

The volunteers may be involved in other projects run by the Association, such as the Hostel in Monesiglio, the Turist Office, the Maintenance of the Trails, outdoor movie projections, and special events involving the local population.

All the activities will be held in the respect of the laws and protecting the health and safety of the volunteers and all the participants.



## WORKING TIME

The volunteers will be involved in the Association activities for five days a week, for a maximum of 37 weekly hours.

Example of a weekly schedule:

*Wednesday*

Morning: italian lesson, office work

Afternoon: chores ( washing dishes), documenting the activities

*Thursday*

Morning: italian lesson, office work

Afternoon: chores ( garbage disposal), planning activities

*Friday*

Morning: italian lesson, office work

Afternoon: chores ( getting groceries), helping on the work site

*Saturday*

Morning: school trip

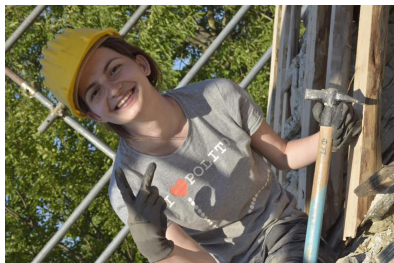
Afternoon: chores ( cleaning common areas)

*Sunday*

Morning: office work

Afternoon: welcoming newcoming students

Two days a week are off, varying for the position.



## LOGISTICS

For the **Phase 1** the volunteers will stay in Turin, and the association will rent a room in a shared apartment for them. The volunteers will receive the sum of 7 euro/day for the food expenses. They will be responsible for buying and cooking their own meals. A public transport pass will be provided by the association. For the **Phase 2** all the meals and accomodation, and the local transports, are provided by the Association at the campus. During all the 6 months the volunteers will receive the pocket money of 115 euro per month, as per the Erasmus+ rules.

## INTERESTED?

In order to apply to this project contact the sending organizations,

Send your CV in English or Italian, and your motivation letter.

We will contact only the candidates that we will find suitable, asking for further Skype interview.

For more informations, don't hesitate to contact us!

Hosting Organization: **Parco Culturale Alta Langa**

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