

European Solidarity Corps Call for Volunteers in SCI Italy La Città dell'Utopia, Rome

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Date and venue: Rome, 01.09.2019 - 31.08.2020

Volunteers: 2

About the hosting organization:

Servizio Civile Internazionale (SCI Italia) is the Italian branch of Service Civil International network (SCI), international voluntary movement present in more than 80 countries around the world. For almost 100 years it's been promoting international voluntary projects on the themes of peace and disarmament, conscientious objection, human rights and international solidarity, sustainable lifestyles, social inclusion and active citizenship. At the base there is a concrete commitment to change situations of inequality, injustice and violation of human rights.

SCI Italia, founded in 1948, is an NGO recognized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Advisory Member of UNESCO and the Council of Europe.

It is based in Rome and is supported by several regional and local groups of activists. Regional and local groups deal with training activities and the promotion of volunteering in various Italian regions, supporting the work of the National Secretariat.

SCI Italy's "**La Città dell'Utopia**" project started in 2003 and is located in San Paolo neighborhood (via Valeriano 3F – Rome), a popular suburban area inhabited mainly by elderly people, migrant families coming from Latin America, northeastern Europe, Asia and Africa, University students. The building hosts several informal groups and other associations working with/for transexual and transgender peoplem, migrants, promoting sustainable means of transportation etc...

The main activities carried out in La Città dell'Utopia are as following:

- organizing and hosting of international workcamps, north/south trainings and international youth meetings;
- Organizing and carrying out raising awareness events;
- organizing conferences, meetings, festivals, photo exhibitions, thematic meals; courses of music, group dancing, language courses, gardening groups;
- organizing and supporting workshops on sustainable lifestyles such as recycling, composting, reduction in consumptions and renewable sources of energy, garbage recycling;
- promotion of participative forms of active citizenship.

Profile of the volunteers:

- have good command of English (both of them)
- have good command of Italian (at least one of the two volunteers)
- be able to work in a team
- have good communication skills and motivation to cooperate with colleagues and La Città dell'Utopia activists
- have good educational and social skills, to be able to work with several target groups
- motivated to learn and share knowledge and skills
- have good computer skills (Ubuntu or Microsoft Office, email, internet)
- have a responsible attitude and take initiative towards her/his tasks
- have administrative and organizational skills
- open mind and flexible attitude towards working hours

Objectives of the ESC project:

- to involve youngsters in the promotion of international voluntarism as a practice of active citizenship, intercultural education and personal and social growth;
- to spread news about the initiatives organized in Italy in order to promote intercultural respect and international solidarity;
- to give volunteers the chance of actively participate in the implementation and development of a specific project, which is an opportunity of individual growth;
- to facilitate relationships and boost cooperation among different informal groups and entities hosted by La Città dell'Utopia

Activities proposed for the ESC volunteers:

The volunteers will be involved in the following activities, mainly at “La Città dell'Utopia”:

- supporting the coordination of the work of local and international volunteers (groups and individuals) in order to ensure the running of the planned schedule;
- helping in the elaboration and the organization of public cultural events and workshops on active citizenship, especially regarding the communication, logistic and operational levels;
- implementing the international dimension through the coordination of international exchanges, workcamps and seminars;
- supporting the communication tasks for disseminating activities taking place in La Città dell'Utopia;
- facilitating the social inclusion of refugees and asylum seekers that volunteer in La Città dell'Utopia.

In the proper dynamic of the project it is important that the voluntary manages to find the possibility to develop a personal activity following the lines of the project and the hosting organization.

In order to enable the volunteers to implement their personal projects, a permanent support will be proposed in order to realize their ideas and project within “La Città dell'Utopia”.

Volunteers should have a good attitude and willing to work in touch with different groups of people.

Project language: English, Italian

Local language: Italian

Pocket money: 300 €

Travel costs: covered according Erasmus+ funding rules

Lodging: La Città dell'Utopia, double shared room in a flat with other international volunteers (up to four more)

Application procedure:

Send your CV and motivation letter in English. Your motivation letter should answer the following questions:

- Why did you choose SCI Italia and this particular project?
- What do you expect to learn and experience during your EVS?
- What can you bring to the work of La Città dell'Utopia?

The deadline for applying is **05.06.2019**.

Please send your application (CV and motivation letter in English) to lacittadellutopia@sci-italia.it.

Good Luck!