

Project dates: July 2015 - July 2016 (12 months)

Hosting organisation: INSIEME COOPERATIVA SOCIALE ONLUS
(http://europa.eu/youth/vp/organisation/42001145855_en)

Activities can include one or more of the following:

1. BAR/KITCHEN SERVICE. The Cooperative manages a social bar to improve its link with the local community, cyclically offering themed-evening and cultural events promoting sustainable development.

Volunteers will give their contribution during the service hours. They will be given the freedom to propose initiatives to make the bar more original (i.e. organising concerts, art exhibitions, reading, cultural events, workshops, etc.).

Staff members of the bar are also in charge of preparing the daily lunches for all the colleagues. Therefore, volunteers will also help in this activity.

2. RECONDITIONING OF GOODS. The Cooperative reclaims used goods; to be reinserted in the market, part of them needs a "handcraft intervention", able to give them new life (furniture and wood objects restoration, textile laboratory, etc.).

Volunteers will give their support to this activity, learning manufacturing technics, and developing a special sensitiveness to accompany disadvantaged people in their work. Furthermore, there will be the satisfaction to see their own works on sale in the Cooperative shop!

3. YOUTH AREA. It implies the promotion of projects addressed to youth, on different areas. The projects actually running are:

- Social Day project, aiming at sensitising young people in volunteering www.socialday.org.
- Human Library potential project (<http://humanlibrary.org>) still not implemented yet but hopefully starting next year.

These activities are run in cooperation with schools. Such a work foresees a "backstage" part, consisting in preparing activities and a "on field" one, which consists in running the proper training sessions, visiting classes in schools and carrying on the planned activities. EVS volunteers will support the Cooperative operators in the whole process.

4. PENSIERO UNICO. This field includes all the activities linked to the way Insieme is proposing itself to citizens. It includes sales in second hand shops, promotional strategies (ex. arranging temporary

exhibitions/events on specific topics) and animation with children (there's a children corner in the shop, where parents can leave their children while doing their shopping).

Volunteers will give their support to staff members by setting up the shop to make it appealing, proposing and arranging thematic exhibitions (i.e. "toys", "books", etc.), following the whole process of items, from the delivery of a citizen to the final sale of it, animating children in the children area, participating in the promotional events and workshops, etc.

All activities listed are run also in cooperation with disadvantaged people (coming from different backgrounds, as for example detention, drug or alcohol addiction, etc.) providing them a job that could become a kind of educational programme. Working there represents for these people a big opportunity to have a deeper contact with "everyday-life rules and environment".

The precise timetable will be discussed with the staff and with the project coordinator, so to meet the organisation's needs as well as the volunteer's attitudes. The service foresees: 30 service hours/week, 5 days per week, 2 days off per week and 2 days holiday per month.

Travel costs: up to 180,00€

BOTH FEMALE AND MALE VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME