

Title: **EMPOWERMENT VOLUNTEERS SAVONA**

Host Organisation : PROGETTO CITTÀ' SOCIETÀ' COOPERATIVA SOCIALE

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**Starting date of the activities :** 22 March 2018 (12 months)

**Themes:** Children, Youth (Participation, Youth Work, Youth Policy) <https://youtu.be/CGAeJBuzQBU> .

**BACKGROUND:** PROGETTO CITTA' works in several sectors , with clients in the Province of Savona. It consists of about 210members mostly women and young graduates, is deeply rooted in its territory and open to Europe .We think that our cooperative, which manages more than sixty services distributed in the province,could represent a good opportunity for learning and skills acquisition for young European volunteers.

**OBJECTIVES :** GIVE VOLUNTEERS SIGNIFICANT LEARNING EXPERIENCES in artistic and educational field, involving the EVS in ARTISTIC SKILL TRAINING, from which they acquire awareness of their artistic and personal talents that they can use in educational activities for young people. IMPROVING KNOWLEDGE AND USE OF EUROPEAN LANGUAGES: volunteers will be provided with Italian language courses so that they can best fit within the services and team of activities but at the same time will stimulate other young people and educators to use foreign languages . PROMOTING SOCIAL INCLUSION because European volunteers will know the social reality savonese of our young people, especially those who attend our centers some of which are carriers of personal stories due to difficult situations economic or cultural discomfort, immigrants who have settled in Savona. FIGHT THE YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT providing young volunteers currently unemployed, eager to stake their skills and abilities, the opportunity of direct experience in education and early childhood through observation of the way we work, involvement in activities proposals and the knowledge of the cooperative system in general. PROMOTING EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP: volunteers with their presence will make real the citizenship goals and they will receive a good italian language long term course.

**NUMBER AND PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS:** 5 young people from PORTUGAL, SPAIN, FRANCE AND HUNGARY eager to build on their capabilities and skills and learn on field a valid methodology in education and early childhood.

**DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES:** With EMPOWERMENT VOLUNTEERS SAVONA the focus of the project will be to offer volunteers training and technical skills (artistic, expressive, educational), the promotion of the European Voluntary Service through the participation of volunteers in meetings with other young people of the territory, and the possibility of learning a way of working by rotating on different types of educational services (playhouses, youth centers, educational centers and summer camps) in order to make them more varied enriching their service experience.

**VENUES:** SOCIO - EDUCATIONAL CENTER " CENTRO RAGAZZI " of Albisola, LUDOTECA " CAPPELLAIO MATTO " of Vado Ligure and LUDOTECA "ITreni a vapore" of Finale Ligure. Services are open from Monday to Friday from 13.00 to 18.00 . Welcomes around fifty children and youngsters between the ages of 6 and 16 years. The team consists of a coordinator (tutor) and three educators. The daily activities in which volunteers will be involved are artistic, musical and multimedia. The SUMMER CAMPS: during the summer , the cooperative organizes several summer camps . Games and bathing , playing sports in the garden and gym , workshops ,organization of parties and support to educators during the trips and excursions in the area.

**PROMOTION OF THE PROJECT:** volunteers will tell about their experience in meetings with high schools mates, video spots, publishing on the PROGETTO CITTA' web sites and partners web sites with specific articles about the activities carried out.

**METHODS TO BE USED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT:** The learning method that we use is

"learning by doing ", or put in a position to learn the volunteers in the field of the education.

**RESULTS AND IMPACT EXPECTED:** empowerment of the technical and artistic skills of the european volunteers, increased awareness of the opportunities offered by the Erasmus + program, and participation in EVS, increased competences among welcomed volunteers (artistic, linguistic, technical, social) and the involvement of institutions and associations, creation of a regional network of incentive to youth mobility.

**POTENTIAL BENEFITS FOR LONG TERM.** Strengthening the awareness of local youngsters of belonging to Europe and participation to the opportunities offered by the Erasmus + program and growth of the cooperative in the reception of European volunteers.

**PRATICAL ARRANGEMENTS:** The host project will take place within all the sectors and the locations the Progetto Città works across. The volunteers will live in a flat in the city center of Savona.



The places of work in Savona are easily reachable on foot, those in the other towns by public transport. The cooperative will provide for reimbursement of expenses for transport or will arrange the necessary transfers. The apartment is big enough to allow everyone to have privacy. It's possibly that we asked volunteer to share room with other volunteers hosted in the project. Volunteers will have the opportunity

to live together, experiencing a true multi-cultural coexistence, and will establish rules of living together and find solutions acceptable to all of cohabitation.

**VOLUNTEER PROFILE** It's our intention to leave the opportunity to participate in the project to anyone who wants to apply, we do not have preferences with respect to the sex of the volunteers, the source or the type of curriculum. For our purposes we will use the criteria for the selection of volunteers will:

- Be available to participate in a long-term (12 months);
- Have a high motivation to the type of project and activities;
- Be willing to experiment with different kinds of activities (both practical and theoretical);
- Have experimented experiences in volunteering;
- Be "capable" of living in a city of medium size,
- Be flexible to the schedule (in fact, some of the proposed activities will take place during the weekend, with the possibility of recovering the free days during the week);
- Be curious and able to compare their experience with that of colleagues

Being a long term project, having to share the same apartment and having to make their own house keeping (cleaning, meals ...) we will ask the candidates if they have never had experience of living together, if they have never lived for long periods away from family / friends / partners and if they consider that these elements may in any way adversely affect the experience of their EVS.

THE STAFF:



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... the tutors and the volunteers inside the services.

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