

European Solidarity Corps Project:

Youthquake II

Resilience Paths

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Activity: THE GARDEN TRIBE

Period: from May 19th to December 15th (210 days) 2021

Where: Pian di Pieca (San Ginesio- MC) and Sant'Angelo in Pontano (MC)

Topic: Social Agriculture, inclusion, disabilities

Coordinating organization: ARCS Arci Culture Solidali APS

Hosting Organization: Fondazione "Dopo di noi" Anffas Sibillini Onlus





What is Youthquake II?

The ESC project Youthquake II, stems from the desire to follow up on the relationships consolidated during the first edition of the strategic volunteering project Youthquake (2017-2020) by building active and solidarity-based responses to the new social challenges born also as a result of the covid19 emergency. The solidarity experiences represent an important example of non-formal learning both for the young beneficiaries of the experiences but also for the local host communities, as indicated by the Council Recommendations on the mobility of young volunteers in the EU, which will benefit from the presence, commitment and energy of young volunteers from different European countries.

Youthquake II, through the different actions proposed and the involvement of 50 EU volunteers, aims at enhancing the internal and marginal, rural and urban areas of central Italy through concrete actions of solidarity and volunteering in order to promote active citizenship itineraries for young and old inhabitants of those areas, in a local and international perspective. The impact that participation in the activities can have on the participants is linked to the volunteers' personal, civic, social and professional development. Through non-formal and informal learning experiences, volunteers can acquire useful skills that will allow them to chart their own course in society from an educational, human, civic and professional point of view.

Who is ARCS?

ARCS - NGO association was founded in Rome in 1985 by Arci, the largest secular association for social and cultural promotion in the Italian Third Sector, founded in 1957 in Florence and present throughout the country.

The ARCS action plan in its international cooperation activities consists in the involvement of communities and citizens in the widespread creation of relations and cooperation between territories and communities, through the enhancement of civil aggregations, the building of networks of interest and the strengthening of democratic ownership. For the assertion of peace and human rights and the elimination of all forms of poverty, injustice and social inequality ARCS practices: Education to world citizenship and peace; Cooperation, solidarity and international volunteering; Humanitarian aid and reception

Who is the Hosting organization Anffas Sibillini Onlus?

Anffas Sibillini was born from the will of some families in the hinterland of Macerata to create an association able to put in place initiatives for the protection of the rights of people with intellectual and/or relational disabilities and to support their families. The primary objective is to guarantee social inclusion of people with disabilities through the autonomy and the employment.

We are an association of families committed to accompanying people with intellectual disabilities in the development of skills and areas of autonomy, to offer support to family members and to raise awareness of the community and public opinion on the issue of disability, so that we can contribute to build a more inclusive society. The main target of our activities are young people from 18 to 35 years old affected by cognitive disability.

Since 2013, we work every day in our headquarters in Pian di Pieca, in San Ginesio (MC), a peripheral rural

area, part of the Comunità Montana of Monti Azzurri. We deal with a fragile territory affected by systemic lack of services and lack of opportunities for disadvantaged people. However, the area is real of ecosystem services; in particular, the mountain environment offers beautiful landscapes and contacts with the local community.

Indeed, our projects involve not only families, but also volunteers and local professionals, local community and institutions, so that people with disabilities can be and feel an integral part of a community that respects them and knows their needs. <http://www.anffassibillini.org/wp/>

As a result of our activities of community building and networking, Anffas Sibillini has strong connections with local community. It offers to the Organization partnerships of value and the opportunity to implement project in different locations.

Activity description

The activity focuses on Social Agriculture as a source of solidarity and inclusion. Anffas Sibillini works according to social innovation principles of community-based welfare, social and environmental sustainability.

The activity involves the participation of two volunteers for a period of 7 months in the area of Monti Azzurri in the Italian province of Macerata, in contact with disadvantaged people and their local community.

The project involves 5 young people with cognitive disabilities working in Social Agriculture: their informal group is called "La Tribù dell'orto" /The Garden Tribe.

The project is in partnership with Il Salto, a little farm of the area that works according to the principles of organic and regenerative agriculture. Il Salto is also the willingness to reach new socio-economical models with the intent to create a different life, oriented to reconnection with nature and with oneself and based on an approach of active and joyful community. It is located in Sant'Angelo in Pontano (15 minutes from Pian di Pieca).

<https://www.facebook.com/ilSalto/>

https://www.instagram.com/il_salto_officinagriculturale/

Volunteers will support Anffas and Il Salto in the project activities.

VOLUNTEER'S TASKS

- To cooperate with the social workers in the activities of The Garden Tribe (farm work, social work with people with intellectual disabilities, communication, project design)
- To contribute to project design and implementation with activities that they can suggest and lead
- To cooperate for the preparation and implementation of the Group mobility that will host new volunteers during the summer
- To participate to Italian lessons provided by the organisation
- To work on the development of their individual learning process. Storytelling is highly supported and recommended.

Volunteers will have 30 working hours and 2 free days per week.

They will be supported in the development of their learning process by a tutor who will organize group or individual meetings. The volunteers will join also the Training courses organized by the Italian National Agency for Youth.

Recreational activities, through the methodology of non-formal education, are also provided during the mobility, in order to encourage sharing and exchanging between volunteers.

ACCOMODATION AND FOOD

The volunteers will receive a pocket money of 5 euro per day and specific budget for the food allowance of 5 euro per day.

Volunteers will accommodate in the facilities of the social farm Il Salto – Officina Agricolturale, based in a house in the countryside of Sant’Angelo in Pontano with shared yurt tents, common area, garden and kitchen. They will have at their disposal single rooms in an apartment close to the farm.

Volunteers will receive monthly the amount for food that they can manage independently, with the possibility of buying food, typical or not. Anyway, during the most intense days of activity or on appointments with common meal, volunteers will eat the food prepared by the local food markets with attention to possible needs and eating habits.



Volunteer's profile

- Good physical conditions
- Willingness to learn through experience
- Willingness to experience rural life
- It would be better if the volunteers have already had experience in the field of volunteering and social work and if they have digital skills
- It would be better if the volunteers have Italian basic knowledge.
- Sharing of democratic and solidarity common values.

The project includes:

- Transport tickets roundtrip up to 275 euro
- Food allowance: 5 euro per day
- Pocket money: 5 euro per day
- Italian online language course (OLS)
- Private insurance
- Accommodation in shared home/flat
- Youthpass: the official experience certificate

The selection process

- 1) The applicants have to send the candidature only by the ESC Portal, to this link: [qui inseriremo noi il link]
- 2) The applicants will be contacted by ARCS to complete the application. There will be requested an english CV, cover letter and to complete an application form.
- 3) The applicants which profiles will fit better with the project will be contacted by the HO for a skype interview. All will receive a feedback.
- 4) Confirmation 😊

If you have any question, doubt or curiosity you can contact us to: Arcs.youthquake@gmail.com ; persia@arcsculturesolidali.org

You can read the experience of our last volunteers here: <https://www.arcsculturesolidali.org/?s=youthquake>

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