

Infopack: ORIZZONTI

Description of organization:

Orizzonti Cooperativa Sociale was founded in 2013 by a group of Cultural Mediators, Italian Language teachers and Psychologists, committed for several years to the area of intercultural connections, working for a plan of human promotion and social integration focused on individuals, greatly respecting interchange between cultures.

Orizzonti Cooperativa aims to pursue the general interest of the community by handling educational, social and cultural services answering the needs for insertion and integration of Italian and foreign adults, families, children, and also disadvantaged people.

Description of the tasks:

Regarding the hosting of volunteers their presence in the Orizzonti services represents a great opportunity to offer a “warm- hearted welcoming” needed by asylum seekers to be confident and thus, being an active and responsible part in their insertion process. Their presence will allow to sustain the immigrants in the Italian and other language learning (support during the teaching classes, even individual if necessary) to know and learn how to move through the city community, acquire useful skills to be truly autonomous (understand how to ask for official documents), establishing informal relationships through socialization activities, contributing to the realization of territorial initiatives, supporting the healthcare operators. For volunteers, this experience allows to compete with integration processes that must be organized within the available resources on the territory, promoting their knowledge, attendance, and utilization.

Volunteers, in consideration of their background and learning objectives will be included in different activities of Orizzonti Cooperativa like:

- In the area of Cultural and linguistic mediation Area volunteers will learn in contact with Public Authorities that give us professional assignments, and with individual cultural mediators;
- In the area Italian language teaching Area volunteers are likely to work in organizing courses and in looking for places where to perform their work:
- In the Hospitality of asylum seekers Area volunteers are likely to work in the management of a flat, taking care of different aspects: from daily needs to legal practices necessary to ask for international protection.
- Integration paths to asylum seekers: accompanying them to the main service centers to renew documents, medical visits, guidance activities on the territory; training activities aimed at working in the labor-market (handicraft workshops, association visits, CV writing and job research), at civic education, food education, and health education.
- Organization of workshops to be included in the various contexts of intervention or to be implemented ad hoc on the basis of volunteers skills.
- Communication activities: support for community management on social medias, designing presentations and reports with regard to ongoing services.

Accommodation, food and transport arrangements:

The volunteer will live in a flat in Padova with other volunteers or Italian people, will have his/her single room and the use of a kitchen, bathroom and of the common spaces of the house. He/she will monthly receive some money to buy food and the pocket money (to be defined). He/She will have a bus card to move around in the city.

Volunteer profile:

There are not strict requirement about the age, gender and background of the volunteer, but the motivation on working in this field will be largely taken into account.