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Cooperativa Sociale

Il Sestante Onlus



Description of organization

The social cooperative Sestante Onlus is inspired by the underlying principles of the world's cooperative movement (self-sufficiency, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity and solidarity) and acts accordingly.

The social cooperative Sestante Onlus was founded in 1994 and has mainly worked in the first ten years in the field of dependencies. Between 2004 and 2005 the cooperative participated in an important process of urban regeneration of a ghetto consisting of a complex of 5 buildings, located at Via Anelli in Padua. Since then, the cooperative is specialized on services and competences such as welcoming and integration, social accompaniment aimed at the recovery of autonomy, conflict mediation, community development and urban regeneration. The main target groups to which services are committed since 2004 are: foreigners, refugees and asylum seekers, homeless people, ex-prisoners, victims of gender violence, minors and adults of Roma origin, unemployed people, citizens resident in conflict zones, elderly and young people.

Currently the cooperative perform the following services: reception and integration of asylum seekers and refugees; orientation and accompaniment for unemployed people; management of public service dedicated to active aging ; social mediation and educational activities in a Roma camp tense area; paths aimed at the autonomy of former prisoners; urban regeneration projects through youth art and culture.

Description of the tasks:

Volunteers will be involved in integration paths to asylum seekers. They will daily visit their homes and assist asylum seekers in their activities of the daily life. They will participate in the development of workshops such as: education to active citizenship through art and participative tools, Ict labs, ecological cleanings, international cuisine and healthy eating, sports activities as a health education tool, craft workshops, periodicals reading, movie reviews, language exchanges etc. These actions are aimed to involve the local community, within which accommodations are located, in networks of knowledge and solidarity. They will also accompany the asylum seekers at the major centers of public service for issuing or renewing documents, medical examinations, guidance activities on the territory; training activities focused on orientation to work (artisanal

workshops, visits to associations, cv drafting and work research), civic education, food and health education.

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 (wi-fi is not guaranteed). 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.

Training during the project

A part from the OLS provided by the EVS we will offer internal Italian course and help the volunteer to find an integrative Italian language course in Padova, if needed. The volunteer will receive specific training about the topic of integration of refugees and related topics (educative relationship and educative projects, team working, mediation of conflicts, participative tools).

Volunteer profile

There are not strict requirement about the age, gender and background of the volunteer, but if we would appreciate candidates who are already be in topics related to integration of refugees and social inclusion and speak at list a basic Italian can be helpful for his / her integration in the project.
