

FROM EU TO YOU

PROMOTING EUROPEAN VALUES

INFOPACK FOR:

SHORT-TERM VOLUNTEERING
LONG-TERM VOLUNTEERING

It is time to start your journey!





About us - Beyond Borders

Beyond Borders Italy is an international, cultural and social organization, legally established in July 2014 in Puglia, Italy.

Our activities are based on non-formal educational methodologies, increasing key competences of young people, activating them in building a more inclusive society, stimulating their creativity and growth through the implementation of creative labs and public events.

We address schools to integrate their formal education with our non-formal activities. We are active in supporting local charity services to enhance social cohesion and integration of marginalized groups.

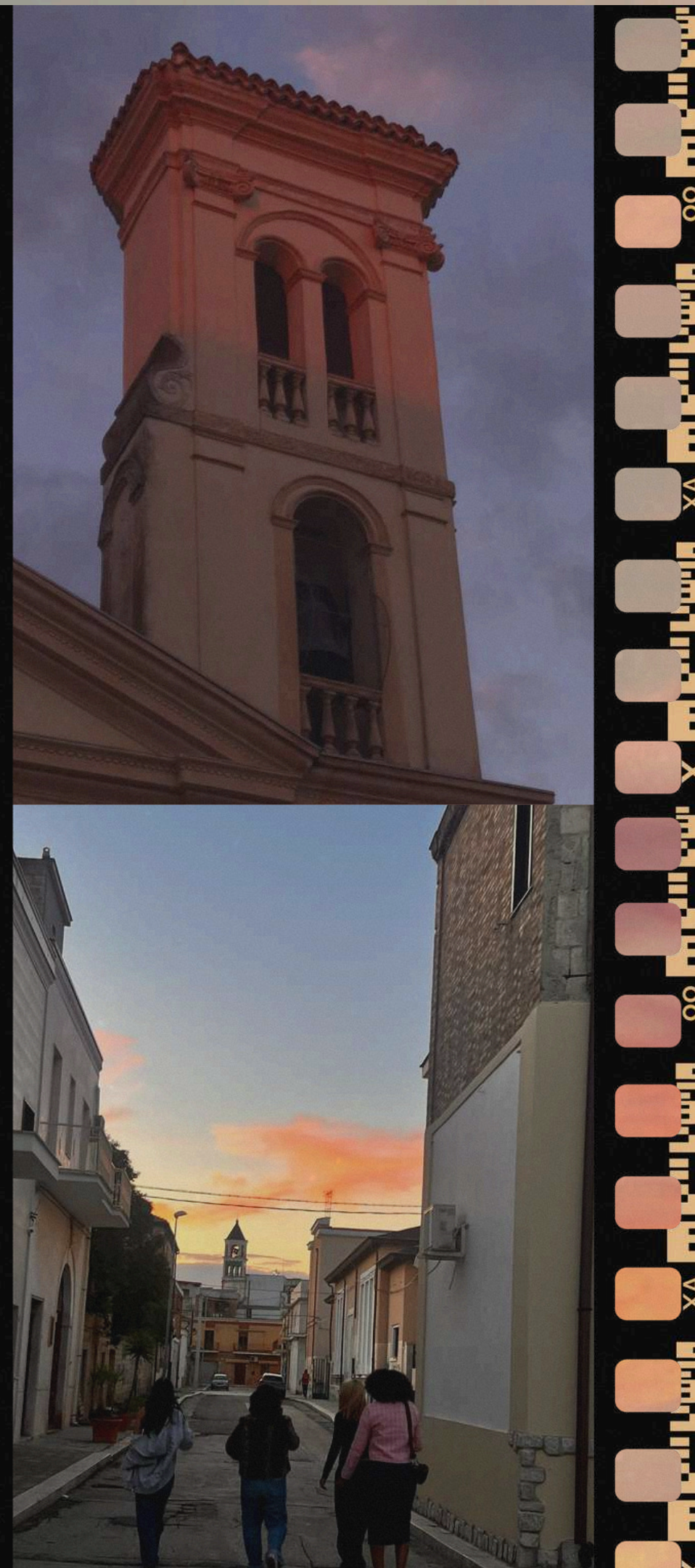
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Our main target group is young people between 16 and 35 years old living in our local area. In our activities we are providing opportunities and we are acting towards the empowerment and broadening perspectives of young people who can enrich their community by bringing back personal and professional development.



THE PLACE - ORTA NOVA

Orta Nova is a town located in the province of Foggia, in the Puglia region, Southern Italy. Orta Nova has a population of around 18,000 people. It has a strategic geographical position, which eases the reaching of many touristic surroundings (Bari, Lecce, Naples, Rome, Matera, etc.) Living in a rural area like Orta Nova has many advantages, including a slower pace of life, access to fresh, locally grown products, and a strong sense of community.





The town offers a peaceful and relaxed way of life, away from the hustle and bustle of larger cities. Additionally, the cost of living is generally lower in rural areas, making it an affordable option.



WHAT DOES BEYOND BORDERS DO?

The activities, that Beyond Borders implements with the support of its local and international volunteers are based on 5 main pillars:

🌸 Local youth activities



🌸 Local charity support



🌸 Education and Schools Activities



🌸 Hosting international youth events



🌸 Green initiatives



VOLUNTEER'S TASKS

1.BEYOND BORDERS LIFE

Volunteering in the field of LOCAL YOUTH

Beyond Borders together with its volunteers creates a variety of events aimed at its main target group. Some of them are based on fundamental ongoing activities about topics such as fighting hate speech, improving general media literacy, using sport as a tool for integration and inclusion, organize artistic workshops in support of human rights, implementing raising environmental awareness workshops/cleaning days, fostering active citizenship and youth participation in civil society, and much more..).

We conduct these activities through non-formal education methodologies. We also encourage the organization of events created and led by local and ESC volunteers, based on their own interests in order to boost their organizational soft skills.



What will you do?

- Organizing, promoting and implementing local educational events. Having the chance to develop your own projects/ideas
- Connecting and teamworking with local youth

VOLUNTEER'S TASKS

2.BEYOND BORDERS SUPPORT

Volunteering in the field of LOCAL CARITAS

Beyond Borders together with its volunteers, has a long lasting experience in supporting the activities of the local Caritas . Provides assistance in the most needy, marginalized social groups. The activities of the local organisations are based on highly effective actions, i.e. the preparation and distribution of hot meals on a daily basis .



What will you do?

- Learning to cook traditional Italian food while gaining knowledge in the field of direct solidarity Logistical support of charity local distribution points by cooking, packing meals, distributing packaged food
- Boosting your soft skills, especially time management and working in a team!



VOLUNTEER'S TASKS

3. A DIFFERENT SCHOOL IS POSSIBLE

Volunteering in the field of EDUCATION

Beyond Borders together with its volunteers within the city's schools, integrating their classic formal with non-formal methods, supports their education especially boosting their language skills (English, Spanish, French) and soft skills. We also address primary schools with intercultural awareness activities, due to the increasing number of immigrant pupils that we register every year in our community.

What will you do?

- Leading and managing groups of students
- Getting more experienced in non-formal education methodologies
- Boosting your leadership and self-confidence skills!



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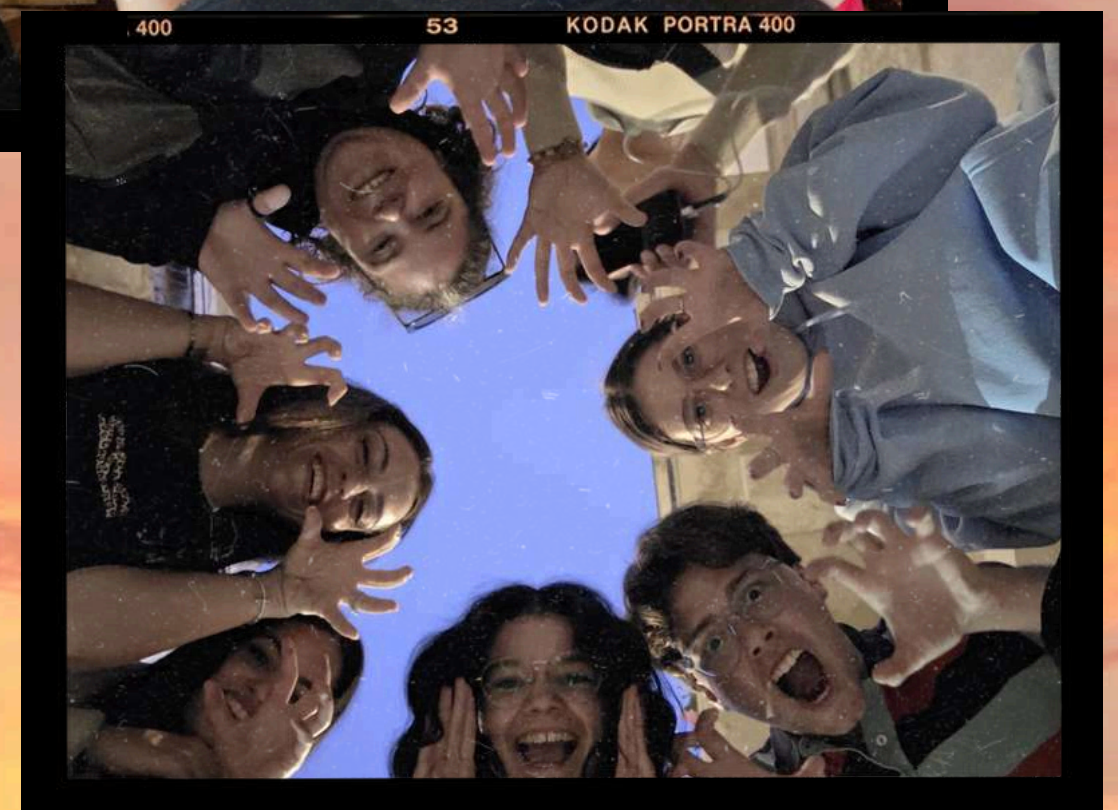
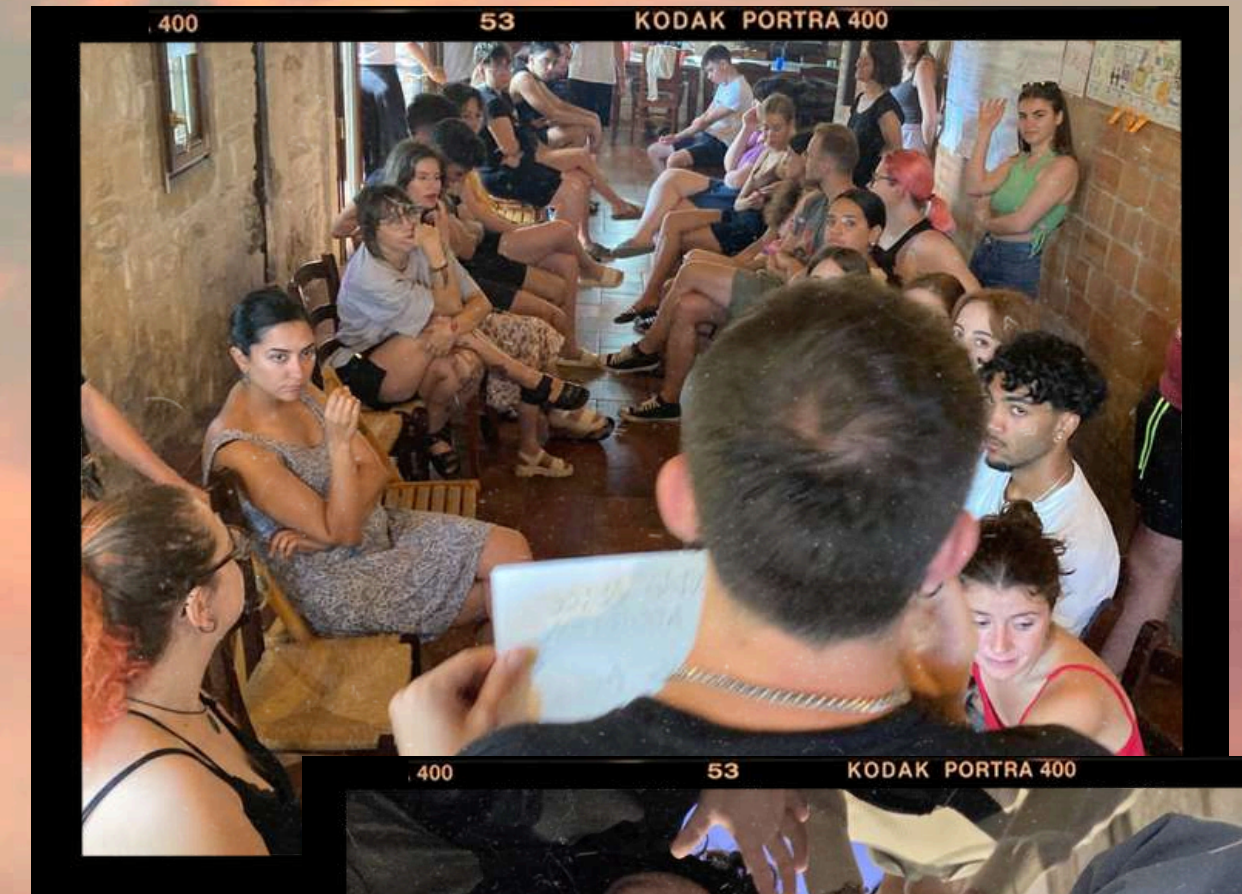
4. ORTA NOVA OPENS TO EU

Volunteering in the field of INTERNATIONAL YOUTH

Beyond Borders together with its volunteers creates many international events where young people from all over EU and the world are hosted within intercultural educational events (Youth Exchanges and Training Courses), aimed at improving their social skills, soft skills and civic competences.

What will you do?

- Experiencing the magic of non-formal education in an intercultural environment while supporting logistics and activities implementation and ameliorating your ability to manage both tasks and time!
- Learning more about Erasmus+ mobility projects organizational management
- Building a bridge with EU, creating new friendships and potential new connections for future projects that you could create/join!



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BEYOND BORDER DOES MORE...

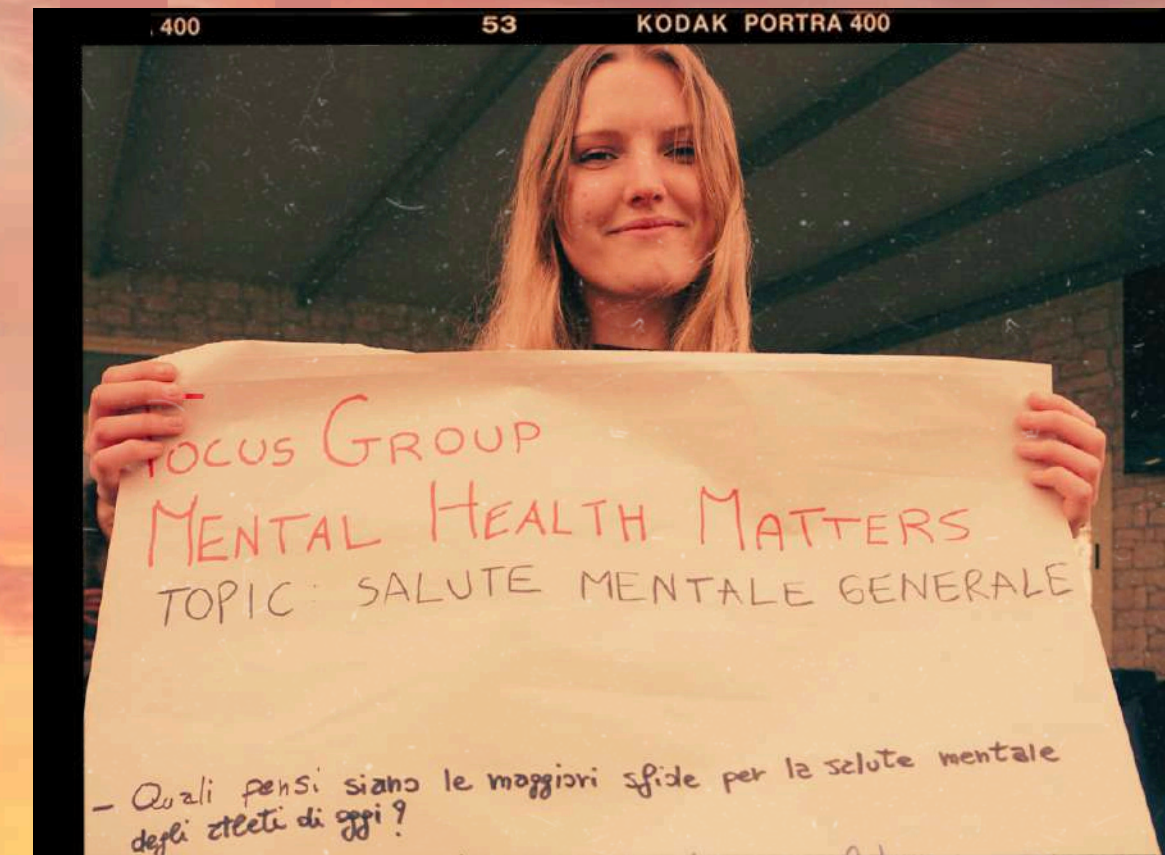
Support the development of youth through the implementation of activities such as contact making events, intercultural meetings, study visits and volunteering personal projects. Improving language skills through linguistic tandems, time bank, movie nights, public book and poems reading, etc.



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BEYOND BORDER DOES MORE...

Enriching digital and communication competences through website and social media accounts development; Fostering EU project management skills through designing workshops and activities, creating and organizing cultural events using various types of art (music, theatre, graffiti, mosaics, photography, comics, etc.)



Green initiatives

Social Garden



Geovibelab



Animal Sanctuary *seasonal



Beyond Borders is raising awareness about environmental issues among the society through upcycling workshops, volunteering in our local Social Garden and giving a hand in the Animal Sanctuary. By connecting with nature we support sustainable living, mental health and solidarity among people.

What will you do?

- Taking care of the animals from the sanctuary, which were rescued, by feeding, grooming etc.
- Planting, weeding and harvesting the plants of Social Garden, which will be donated to local organisations, such as Caritas.
- Raising awareness with GeoVibeLab about the importance of ecology and environment in a daily basis

THE ACTIVITIES WILL COVER THE FOLLOWING AREAS AND TOPICS:

Youthwork empowerment

- Culture and arts
- Social inclusion, cohesion and solidarity
- Education and training
- Key Competences & skills development
- Promotion of green values
- European identity and values
- Communication & dissemination
- Citizenship and democratic participation



THE HOUSE AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

The hosting house is a beautiful flat, five minutes walking from the city centre, with different mixed rooms, 1 big dining room, 1 bathroom, 1 kitchen with all the necessary appliances. Neighbourhood is very quiet and peaceful. In any case, everything needed is few minutes walking from there.



Accommodation details

- Kitchen utilities (pots, plates, etc.), living room, washing machine, hot water, heating, unlimited Wi-Fi, bedding provided (pillows, blankets, sheets)
- Volunteers should bring or buy their own personal hygiene items.
- Heating and electricity expenses covered by the organization.



ACCOMODATION DETAILS

Cleanings:

Volunteers are responsible for cleaning their own living spaces. Weekly cleaning check by mentor. Respect for previous and future volunteers by leaving spaces clean. Shared spaces to be kept clean throughout stay.


House rules:

- No hanging items on walls.**
- No smoking inside the house (except in designated outdoor areas)**
- Quiet hours after 23:00.**
- No partying or loud music.**
- No unannounced guests - permission required from mentor and other housemates.**



THE PROJECTS - DATES

THIS CALL INCLUDES SHORT AND LONG-TERM, PROJECTS, STARTING FROM 2026! DATES CAN BE ADJUSTED ACCORDING TO BOTH THE VOLUNTEERS AND OUR NEEDS, BY TAYLORING THE DURATION OF THE PROJECT TOGETHER WITH BEYOND BORDERS ORGANISATION.



THE PROJECTS - TIMETABLE

- **Activities** will be organized according to ongoing schedule of projects of Beyond Borders and local events to animate and enliven local community. Volunteering activities will be also developed according to the availability of our institutional partners (schools, caritas, etc.)
- **Timetable** will be also integrated with self led activities by volunteers, according to their own interests and background.
- Timetable can be anyway changed according to unpredictable needs from Beyond Borders and/or its partners.
- 2.5 free days per month will be given.
 - Saturday and Sunday off
 - If working weekends, the same amount will be given off. Anyway, holidays require prior approval from mentor.
- Working hours are approximately 30 per week.



THE WORK PLACES

Work locations will depend on the activity held, according to the shared timetable:



OFFICE

Main work involves participating in organizing Beyond Borders activities or assisting and supporting them. Participants will be also encouraged to develop new activities promoting volunteering and active citizenship among local youth.

CARITAS KITCHEN

Solidarity activities will take place in different buildings, according to the typology of service: hot meals service, food stuff delivery, clothes distribution, and medicines provide.

SCHOOLS

Educational activities will be conducted in school buildings, mostly during evening time.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

International events will take place in proper venues, capable of giving accommodation to 30+ international guests. These venues will be selected when the international projects will happen.

GREEN LOCATIONS

During the project you will have a chance to support our outdoorsy locations, such as social garden and animal sanctuary

VERY IMPORTANT: Computers are not provided by Beyond Borders, volunteers must bring their own.

MONEY AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

- Every volunteer will receive a pocket money allowance from Beyond Borders ETS. Additionally, every volunteer will receive another sum for their food or personal expenses. In total, monthly basis depends on the organisations and the project itself.



- We will transfer money to bank accounts (no cash). The materials for the activities will be covered upon us, according to the limits of the organizational support. The coordinators will be responsible of the situation and communication on these matters.



- We advise participants to take a plane to Bari, Naples or Rome Airports. Afterwards, you have to take a train/bus to Foggia/Orta Nova. In case that it is not possible to take a Train/Bus from Foggia to Orta Nova, we will provide you with pick up from Foggia Train Station.



HEAR FROM THEM!

Are you curious about the direct experience of our ESC volunteers?
Here some of their thoughts about us:

WERA



A year that has changed everything. Literally everything. In the end, it never was “just a project” for me. I have never come “home” to Poland - because my real one I have found right here. I moved to Orta Nova and my story has never finished. Beyond Borders became a part of me that I never knew about. An endless dream in which I live.

ZEYNEP



Just a few hours after resigning from the job I had been working at for nearly four years, I found myself on a plane headed to Orta Nova, a small town in the south of Italy. There are countless unforgettable memories I could share. I discovered more about myself and had the chance to inspire others.

WERONIKA



“We established a beautiful bond with Maria and Brigida, who have been always greeting us with a big smile. I was assigned to the role of “secretary”, organizing old books which helped me to learn Italian. One of the most important points of our volunteering was the “Polish Night” event, prepared entirely by us. We expected a maximum of 30 people there, but twice as many came. For one evening, Orta Nova became a uniquely Polish place.”

EVA



I feel like I’ve grown ten years older in three months. I was afraid of the unknown, of speaking a language other than my own, of living, being, and doing things with other people, and now I can’t imagine continuing my life any other way than what I’ve experienced with Beyond Borders.

TONI



Orta Nova, no matter how small it is, gave me the opportunity to grow and spread my wings. A single year here feels like ten, considering how much you develop and learn. Staying here was the best decision I could have made as a young person fresh out of high school, and I wouldn’t trade my experiences here for anything.

WANT TO BECOME ONE OF US AND EXPERIENCE THE UNIQUE ADVENTURE IN ORTA NOVA?



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We have an open call for new volunteers!
In order to apply, click the link down below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1tmD9y74rxCF1VMAM3L5McDj78reo0i8vZnpfxj_7hXU/edit



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Please apply **ONLY** by following the link. Candidates whose applications will be considered positively, will be contacted directly by us via mailbox.