Beyond Borders

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From EU to you.

Short & long-term volunteering in Orta Nova, Southern Italy.

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WHO WE ARE

Hi, we're Beyond Borders.

A youth organisation from Orta Nova, in Puglia. Since 2014 we use non-formal education, creativity and a lot of energy to help young people grow, get active and make their community more inclusive.





2014
founded in Puglia

30+
EU-funded projects

16–35
the age of our community









THE PLACE

Welcome to Orta Nova.

A small town of about 18,000 people in the province of Foggia, Southern Italy. Slow pace, fresh local food, sunsets over the wind farms and a real sense of community. Living here also costs less than in big cities.

WEEKEND TRIPS

- Bari
- Matera
- Naples
- Lecce
- Rome



WHAT YOU'LL DO

Your volunteering, in 5 areas.



01

Local Youth

Events & workshops with young locals



02

Caritas

Food, basic goods & clothes for people in need



03

Schools

English practice & non-formal learning



04

International Youth

Erasmus+ exchanges & trainings



05

Green

Social garden, animals & nature

AREA 01

Local Youth

Events, workshops and campaigns for young people in Orta Nova: fighting hate speech, media literacy, sport for inclusion, art for human rights, active citizenship and much more.

What you'll do

- Plan, promote and run local events and workshops
- Team up with young locals and volunteers
- Bring your own ideas to life







AREA 02

Caritas

We support the local Caritas in helping people and families in need: distributing food, basic necessities and clothes.

What you'll do

- Sort, pack and hand out food parcels
- Distribute basic necessities and clothes
- Grow your teamwork and time management







AREA 03

Schools

Our big goal: helping young people and kids in Orta Nova practise their English. With local schools we also mix formal and non-formal education: other languages, soft skills and intercultural activities.

What you'll do

- Help young people and kids practise English
- Lead activities with groups of students
- Practise non-formal methods and grow your confidence







AREA 04

International Youth

We host youth exchanges and training courses that bring young people from all over Europe and beyond to our area.

What you'll do

- Support logistics and activities of Erasmus+ projects
- Learn how international projects work
- Make friends and contacts for future projects







AREA 05

Green

Nature is part of the experience: our social garden, an animal sanctuary and upcycling and awareness activities.

What you'll do

- Plant, weed and harvest in the social garden: the food goes to local charities like Caritas
- Care for rescued animals (seasonal)
- Raise awareness about ecology







YOUR SPACE

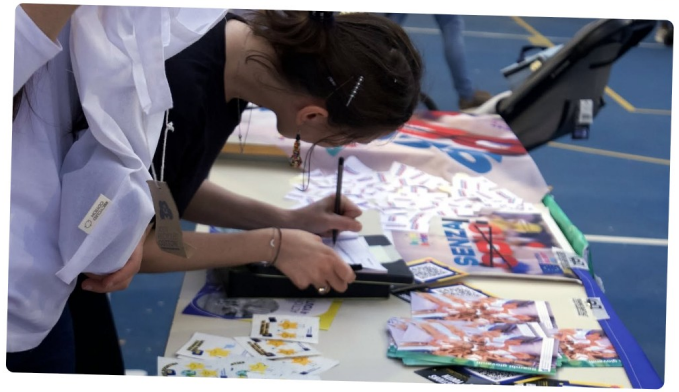
Your ideas, your project.

Every volunteer can create something of their own, based on their interests.
Past volunteers organised:

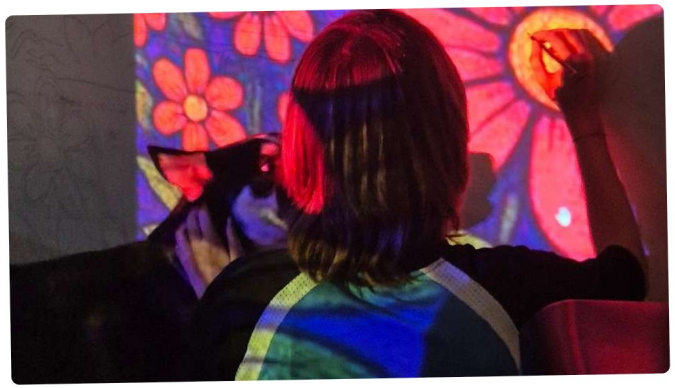
Culture nights | Art festivals | Murals | Movie nights | Language tandems | Social media | Time bank | Book & poetry readings



Spring Art Fest



Awareness stands



Painting together



life at Beyond Borders

This could be your year.

WHAT YOU'LL TAKE HOME

More than a year abroad.

Youthpass

An official European certificate of everything you learned.

Languages

English every day, and Italian little by little.

Teamwork & leadership

Lead groups, work in a team, manage your time.

Project skills

See how European projects are designed and run.

Intercultural skills

Live and work with people from all over Europe.

Friends for life

A network you can build future projects with.

TIME & RHYTHM

How your time works.

~30 h

per week, Monday to Friday.

Weekends

off. If you work on a weekend, you get the same days back.

2.5 days

free per month, on top of your weekends. Plan holidays with your mentor.

Every week is different: your schedule follows our projects, local events and partners, plus the activities you lead yourself. The dates and length of your project are tailored together with you.



YOUR SUPPORT

You’re never alone.

A mentor

Meets you regularly, checks how you’re doing and is there when you need help.

Arrival training

Your first days are about getting to know the town, the team and the work.

Local volunteers

Young locals help you with Italian and everyday life.

Other ESC volunteers

You live and work with volunteers from different countries.

YOUR HOME

Home sweet home.








A shared flat, five minutes' walk from the centre, in a quiet neighbourhood: shared bedrooms, a big dining room, a fully equipped kitchen and a bathroom.

- ✓ Unlimited Wi-Fi
- ✓ Heating & hot water
- ✓ Washing machine
- ✓ Bedding & kitchen utensils
- ✓ Heating & electricity paid by us

Bring your own toiletries!

LIVING TOGETHER

A few house rules.

Keep it clean

Clean your room and shared spaces. Your mentor checks once a week.

No smoking inside

Only in the designated outdoor areas.

Quiet after 23:00

Your housemates (and neighbours) will thank you.

No parties

No partying or loud music in the flat.

Guests? Ask first

Guests need an OK from your mentor and housemates.

Walls stay as they are

Please don't hang things on the walls.

Leave it better than you found it, for the next volunteers!

MONEY & TRAVEL

The practical stuff.

Pocket money + food allowance

Paid monthly by bank transfer (no cash).
Amounts follow ESC rules and your project.

Housing & bills

Your accommodation, heating and electricity are covered.

Activity materials

Covered by us, within the project budget.

Getting here

1. **Fly to Bari, Naples or Rome**
   The closest airports to us.

2. **Train to Orta Nova station**
   Your last stop on the way here.

3. **We pick you up at the station**
   Orta Nova station is outside town and can't be reached on foot, so we collect you when you arrive and drive you back when you leave.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Pack your bag.

VERY IMPORTANT

Your laptop!

We don’t provide computers, and you’ll need one for your work every day.

- Your personal hygiene items
- Comfy clothes and shoes for outdoor work
- Something from your country to share
- Your ID and travel documents
- Curiosity and an open mind

IS THIS FOR YOU?

Who we’re looking for.

Short or long-term?

Both! In 2027 we welcome short and long-term volunteers, and there are still places available.

Do I need English?

Many of our activities happen in English, so you should feel comfortable chatting and working in it. Perfect grammar not required!

Anything else?

Your energy, curiosity and an open mind. We’ll figure out the rest together.



GOOD TO KNOW

Quick questions.

Do I need a car?

No. Everything happens in Orta Nova, within walking distance. For the few activities outside town, our staff drives you.

Will I live with other volunteers?

Yes! The house has several places, so you'll share it with other volunteers.

Can I pick just one activity?

Partly. Activities change during the year, so some may be running while others pause. Flexibility and the wish to live the experience at 360° are a big plus!

Is the working week always the same?

No. We're very goal-oriented: some periods are busier because of events, others are lighter. Extra days worked in busy times come back to you as extra days off!

GOOD TO KNOW

More questions.

Do I need to speak Italian?

No. You'll use English, and locals will help you pick up Italian.

Can I choose my dates?

Yes. Dates and duration are planned together with you.

Can I travel around?

Of course! Use your free days to explore Puglia and the rest of Italy.

Any other questions? Write to us at **associazionebeyondborders@gmail.com** and we'll get back to you.

Ready?

Start your journey.

Follow us and send us a message:

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