

VOLUNTEERING IN COMMUNITY CENTERS FOR MINORS

IN MONZA, ITALY

ORGANIZATION: Diapason

NO BORDERS

EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS

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WHO WE ARE

COORDINATING ORGANISATION

No Borders is an association of ex-volunteers based in Milan since August 2014 to promote mobility and intercultural learning for youngsters.

We are the coordinating (lead) organisation.

- Core Management: we handle volunteer selection, administrative matters, & ESC trainings.

- Active Scope: leading ~20 ESC volunteers across youth centers, social inclusion centers, animal shelters, & eco-hostels.



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HOSTING ORGANISATION

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Since 1985, Diapason Cooperative has been dedicated to supporting children and teenagers. Our core values are solidarity, tolerance, and mutual understanding.

You will be part of a professional team of educators, tutors, and coordinators who are ready to supervise you, share their expertise in social work, and help you grow.

The goal is to be able to work in a team, develop organizational, problem solving, and connection skills, the integration of different points of view, and transparent communication.

Diapason will be your **hosting organisation** and the main place of the activities.



PROJECT CONTEXT

In this project, you will volunteer in two different structures:

For 3 days a week, you will support the minors shelter in Monza. The shelter hosts around 10 young people aged 8 to 18. These minors have been temporarily or permanently removed from their families either by legal decree or due to challenging circumstances and are currently unaccompanied by an adult. For them, this shelter isn't just a facility, it is a temporary home, a safe harbor during a turbulent time in their lives.

For 2 days a week, you will support educational centers in Monza. These are the centers that offer educational programs for youngsters during the day.

The ultimate goal of the project is to provide minors with safety and empowerment, while fostering an environment of teamwork.



TASKS

We are looking for one ESC volunteer and you will hold a very special position in the community.
You are not a strict authority figure, you are a vital emotional support and an energy booster.

In the shelter for minors, you will:

- assist educators in daily activities with the minors;
- support minors in both individual and group activities within the shelter;
- support in workshops, games, sports activities, and short trips;
- provide language support;
- look after the common spaces, help in kitchen, clean up after activities;
- often, your most important task will simply be being there, offering a listening ear to a teenager who needs to share their doubts, fears, or dreams.

In the educational centers, you will:

- help in after-school activities with 8-18 y.o. youngsters (homework, study, exams);
- support in creative and educational laboratories with youngsters;
- help and participate in sport activities;
- support in organizing and managing of the activities;
- help in daily routine (eg. to shop for the activities, prepare materials, draw, tidy up...).

TIMETABLE

The volunteer will have activities from Monday to Friday, for maximum 38 hours per week.

2 consecutive days off (usually Saturday & Sunday, but subject to change for special events).

You may be requested to volunteer on Saturdays or Sundays for special events.

The volunteer will have 2 days of vacations per month (with 15 days' notice before).







ACCOMMODATION

As a volunteer, **you will live in the shelter** in Monza,
fully immersing yourself in its environment.

What's Provided?

🛏️ A private single room and a private bathroom
🍽️ Shared kitchen & common areas with other residents
🏠 Accommodation is provided by Diapason

We are here



Monza is a small, quiet city. Known for its beautiful parks and historic center, it offers a peaceful environment—perfect for volunteers looking for a more relaxed setting.

IMPORTANT RULES

🚪 🔑 For the safety and well-being of the minors, as well as the legal responsibility of the shelter, a curfew is in place.

The main doors close at 22:00 on weekdays and 23:00 on weekends.

On weekends, if the entire shelter goes on an outdoor excursion, the building will be locked and unavailable during those hours

This rule helps maintain a secure and stable environment for the young residents and ensures that everyone is accounted for.

🚫 To ensure a safe and supportive environment for everyone, alcohol and illegal substances are not allowed in the shelter.

This setup offers both privacy and community living, ensuring a meaningful and structured experience!

SUPPORT & PREPARE

The volunteer will receive: 6 € per day per month as pocket money;

3 meals per day (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) will be provided by the hosting organization during activity days, and €60 per month for food on days off.

The travel expenses (home - Italy - home) will be reimbursed depending on the distance defined by the European Commission.
If more than 51% of the trip is done by bus or train, it qualifies as green travel and the travel budget can be increased.

An online Italian language course will be provided.

We advise to bring your laptop for language learning and free time.

Volunteer must bring their European Health Insurance Card (EHIC “blue” card).

VOLUNTEER'S PROFILE



- **Ready to live in community, follow safety rules, and respect the curfew.**
- Passionate about supporting minors **(8–18)** from diverse backgrounds.
- Patient, kind, open-minded, and a strong active listener.
- Flexible and resilient.
- Respectful of diverse backgrounds and eager to step out of your comfort zone.
- Strong interpersonal skills, ready to communicate transparently with educators and coordinators.
- Intermediate in English; basic knowledge of Italian (or a strong commitment to learning it) is required.
- Prior experience or studies in education, social work, or psychology is a plus, but not mandatory.

💪 **In the project the volunteer will develop crucial soft skills like problem-solving, transparent communication, organizational skills, and the ability to integrate different points of view.**



Please send your CV and motivation letter to **apply.esc@associazionenoborders.org**

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an online interview. We look forward to hearing from you! 🧡💙

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