



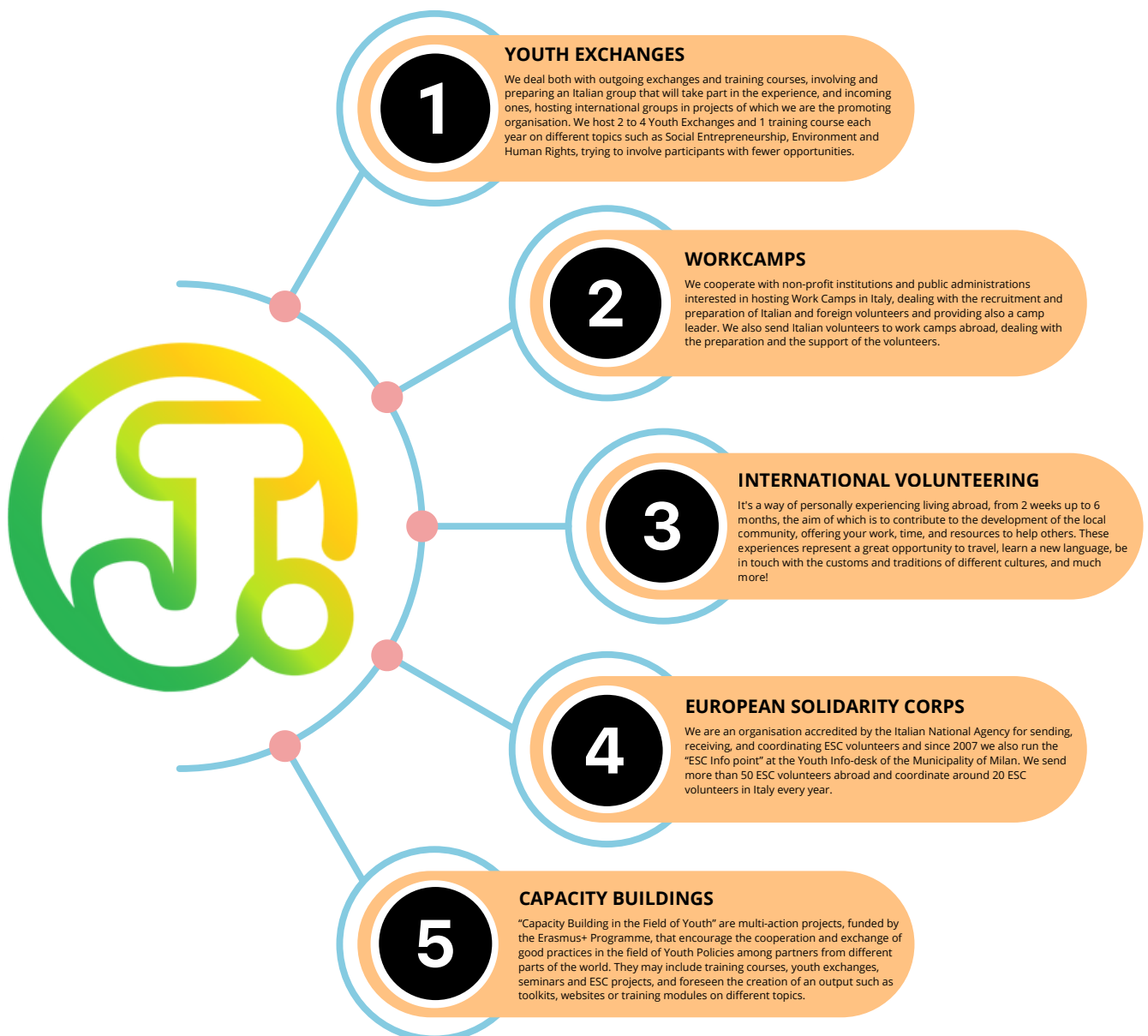
## HELLO

Dear friends and future volunteers!  
We are happy about your interest in experiencing an ICYE voluntary work period in Italy! This is the **WORK PROFILE** of the Joint Association. It has been made in order for you to get information about our association, plus an idea of the different types of voluntary work placements we offer. We trust that you will find this Work Profile useful and we suggest you read it very carefully: For any explanation you may need, do not hesitate to contact us for further information.



# WHO WE ARE

Associazione Joint is active since 2003 and offers international mobility and non-formal education opportunities to young people. We specialise in projects related to non-formal education and intercultural learning mostly addressing young people 13-30 years old, trying to include participants with fewer opportunities. Our main activities are related to the Erasmus+ Youth Programme, financed by European Commission whose objective is to promote the education through low-cost international mobility projects and to improve the skills of young people, of organisations and youth workers. In particular, we promote activities related to the Erasmus+ Programme, such as: European Solidarity Corps (ESC), International Exchanges, Training courses, Capacity Building and Strategic Partnerships, etc.



# WHO WE ARE

**12**

Employees

**40**

Incoming volunteers  
every year

**200**

Outgoing volunteers  
every year

**300+**

Members

**6000+**

Applications received to  
volunteer abroad in 2025

**10.000+**

Subscribers to our  
newsletters

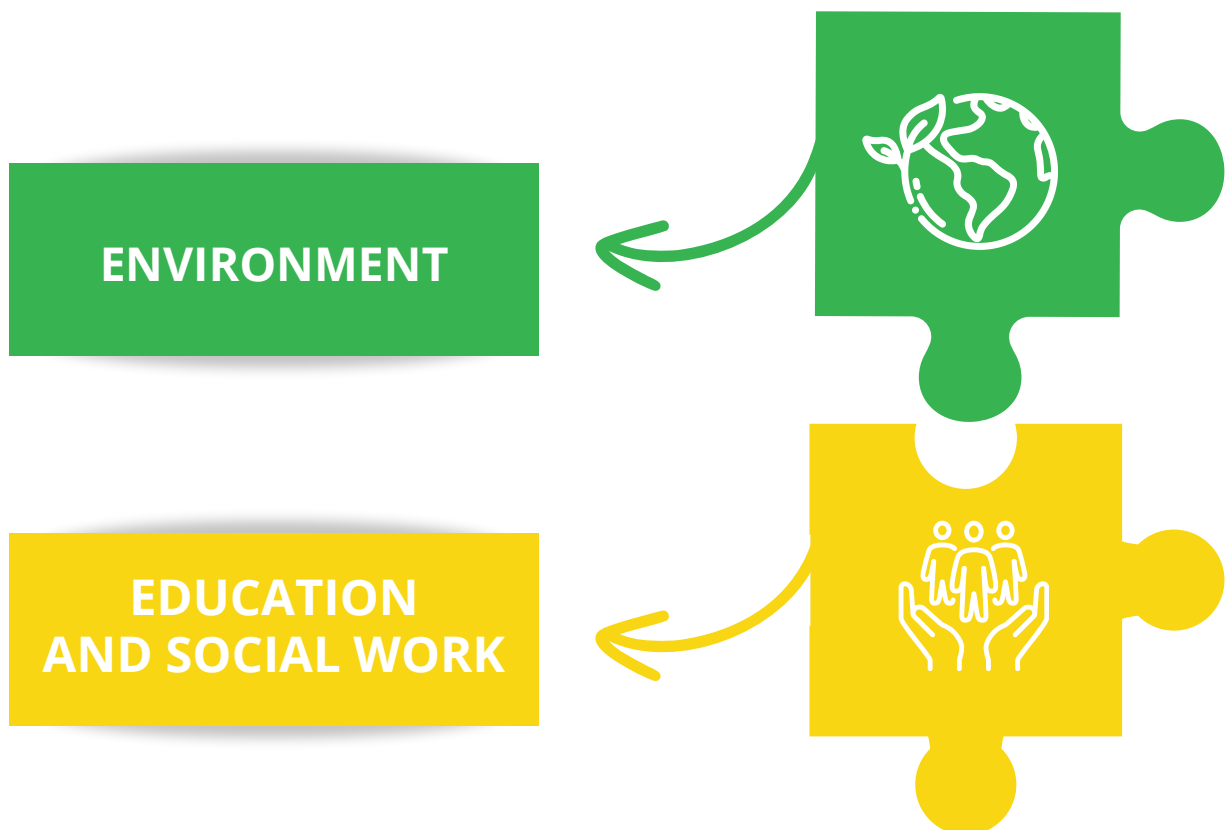


# **VOLUNTARY WORK**

Most of our ICYE voluntary work placements are in 2 different fields:

- SOCIAL WORK AND EDUCATION
- ENVIRONMENT

In voluntary work placements, the most important thing for a volunteer is to have a positive attitude and motivation to do voluntary work and to learn new things. In addition, previous experience, interest and some knowledge of English (or Italian) will make it easier to find a placement for you. On the other hand, the work tasks depend a lot on the volunteer's initiative! There is usually an opportunity to shape the work tasks according to your interests and skills. In the next pages you will find different types of voluntary work placements that Associazione Joint coordinates:



# OUR STAFF

Our team includes staff members dedicated to supporting volunteers throughout their experience. They oversee the organization of activities, provide guidance and assistance, and ensure clear communication between volunteers and hosting arrangements. Their role is to make the volunteer experience as smooth and rewarding as possible, helping to coordinate practical details, answer questions, and provide ongoing support so that volunteers can fully engage with the project and the surrounding environment.



**Anita Da Silva Marques**

Coordinator of the incoming volunteers



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Logistics manager for incoming volunteers

# VOLUNTARY WORK PLACEMENT



## ● FARFALLE NELLA TESTA

## ● WORK FIELD

*Science Education Center*

## ● NAME OF HOST PLACEMENT

*Farfalle Nella Testa*

## ● BRIEF PLACEMENT DESCRIPTION

*Farfalle nella Testa is a cooperative society that deals with communication of science. It was born in 2013, bringing together various fields of professionalism (management, scientific advice, research, exhibitions, educational projects, technology, communication) with a great experience in science museums, science centres, zoos, aquariums, research groups and/or experience in the dissemination. Farfalle nella Testa since 2015 has been managing the House of Butterflies in Bordano (UD), the biggest structure of this kind in Italy, owned by the Municipality of Bordano. The cooperative has also designed, created and managed the Naturama Science Center in Martignacco (UD), a new concept of science museum in Italy, located within the City Trade Fair area (Città Fiera).*

## ● ACCOMODATION

*The accommodation provided by Farfalle nella Testa is a house in the city center 10 minutes walking from the organisation.*

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

The activities of Farfalle nella Testa cover many different areas, but they are **focused on three specific fields.**

**Greenhouses and animals:** The cooperative is one of the few realities in Italy which specialises in the realisation and management of open-air exhibitions with live animals. It deals with every aspect of the process, from the choice and supply of structures (mobile or fixed) to the design and installation of the interior (plants and animals), to the training of technical and scientific staff, to the didactic offer for children, young people and adults. It can act as a management entity or a consultant for the entire process or specific phases.

**Exhibitions:** It deals with the creation of temporary or permanent exhibitions on scientific themes, with particular expertise in the field of natural sciences. In this case too, it can take care of the whole process, from the initial idea to the inauguration and management, marketing and promotion, or it can be a consultant on specific aspects: exhibition concept, executive design, writing content (texts, images, videos), suppliers and partners selection, communication campaign management, design and implementation of multimedia software.

**Didactics:** It designs and implements didactic activities for the general public or on specific targets (children and teenagers in various school cycles, people with disabilities, elderly people). The offer mainly covers the fields of earth sciences, natural sciences, biology, chemistry and physics. The cooperative proposes thematic demonstrations, informal talks, laboratory activities, lessons in the field, front lessons, conferences, educational and entertainment activities. It provides complete packages, specific interventions or consulting activities.

## VOLUNTEERS TASK & ROLE

The volunteers will be involved in the management of the butterfly house and in the environmental education activities as follows:

- Support during guided tours, educational workshops and events organised mainly during the summer season (hikes, theme days etc.);
- Participation in creating, planning and realisation of such events;
- Creation and realisation of activities, events or workshops: after an initial adaption phase, the volunteers will be encouraged and supported to enrich the Butterfly House with their ideas and experiences;
- Assistance to the staff during the ordinary and extraordinary management of the Butterfly House: management and maintenance of tropical greenhouses and more in general of the museum structure;
- Help during the breeding and care of insects and other invertebrates and vertebrates;
- Assistance to the staff for the care of plants and outdoor gardening activities;
- Participation in staff meetings and specific meetings on various aspects.

## DESIRED VOLUNTEER SKILLS

- Knowledge and experience in working with people with fewer opportunities; • Creative, patient, flexible and proactive personality;
- A friendly, communicative and active attitude;
- Willingness for live in a small, traditional and provincial town;
- Open-minded and responsible attitude;
- If possible knowledge of photography and Photoshop

## LOCATION

Bordano (Friulian: Bordan) is a comune (municipality) in the Province of Udine in the Italian region Friuli-Venezia Giulia, located about 90 kilometres (56 mi) northwest of Trieste and about 30 kilometres (19 mi) northwest of Udine, on the right side of the Tagliamento river. Udine is a city in northeastern Italy. The hilltop Udine Castle is home to several museums and an art gallery with works by Tiepolo and Caravaggio. It has views of the city and surrounding mountains. The central Piazza della Libertà has Renaissance buildings, including the pink-and-white-marble Loggia del Lionello and a clock tower. Udine Cathedral has a baroque interior and a museum of religious decorative arts.

## WHEN CAN YOU VOLUNTEER?

From March to November

## DURATION

Minimum (weeks) : 4  
Maximum (weeks) : 12  
Preferably: 12 weeks

## FOOD

The food will be provided by the center.

# VOLUNTARY WORK PLACEMENT



## ● COOPERATIVA ONE

## ● WORK FIELD

*Learning languages, youth opportunities*

## ● NAME OF HOST PLACEMENT

*Cooperativa ONE*

## ● BRIEF PLACEMENT DESCRIPTION

*Group visits at the Hostel  
Language Courses  
Support Vulnerable women  
Guided Tours  
Workshops for teens  
Hostel activities  
Communication*

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

One is a social cooperative dealing with everything related to the world of languages: travel, interpreting, tour guides, school trips on historical/artistic themes, language courses, translations. In an area like Crotone, where youth unemployment reaches 64%, offering opportunities to learn languages and experience a cultural exchange means giving young people more chances to find work in the future.

## VOLUNTEERS TASK & ROLE

The volunteer will be involved in all the activities of the cooperative and the hostel: welcoming activities and basic hostel management; organization and development of language courses for local youth; workshops with teenagers; organization and development of tourist tours in the hostel's area; support in organizing with online and offline communication

## LOCATION

Crotone, Italy

## DURATION

Minimum (weeks) : 10  
Maximum (weeks) : 24

## ACCOMODATION

Double room inside the hostel shared with another volunteer

## FOOD

Groceries will be paid for by the organizations and the volunteers will manage their meals independently.

## WHEN CAN YOU VOLUNTEER?

From May to October

# VOLUNTARY WORK PLACEMENT



## ● OASI LIPU MASSACIUCOLI

## ● WORK FIELD

*Bird monitoring and biodiversity conservation*

## ● NAME OF HOST PLACEMENT

*Oasi Lipu Massaciuccoli*

## ● BRIEF PLACEMENT DESCRIPTION

The Massaciuccoli Oasis, located in the Chiarone Nature Reserve within the Migliarino-San Rossore-Massaciuccoli Regional Park in Tuscany, Italy, was established in 1985. Managed by the Italian League for the Protection of Birds (LIPU/BirdLife Italia), it has evolved into a center for conservation welcoming over 40,000 visitors annually. The Oasis focuses on habitat protection, bird monitoring, and biodiversity conservation, aiming to preserve Lake Massaciuccoli's unique ecosystems through research, education, and volunteer involvement in protecting rare species and promoting sustainability.

## ● ACCOMODATION

*Volunteers will share a room with other volunteers.*

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

Lipu is responsible for **environmental planning** and management of the Reserve, maintenance of visitor facilities, and **monitoring of flora and fauna**. It also manages tourism activities and handles environmental education through organizing events, summer camps, and implementing educational projects in local schools.

## VOLUNTEERS TASK & ROLE

- bird monitoring
- feeding and temporary care of injured birds
- monitoring of plant species
- gardening
- trash collection in lake, beach, and reserve
- renovation and creation of bird observatories
- habitat maintenance and various constructions
- helping in the on-site shop and small museum
- guiding small eco-walks; driving little boats
- administrative tasks (explaining paths to visitors, receiving payments, track bookings, etc)
- preparation and cleaning of rooms for guests
- cleaning spaces and cooking meals

## DESIRED VOLUNTEER SKILLS

- Strong interest for the subject of the project;
- Patient, flexible and proactive personality;
- A friendly, communicative and active attitude;
- Willingness for live in a small, traditional and provincial town;
- Open-minded and responsible attitude;

## LOCATION

Massaciuccoli is a village on the eastern shore of Lake Massaciuccoli, located in the municipality of Massarosa in the Province of Lucca, Tuscany. The lake is the largest in Tuscany and lies on the coastal plain between Pisa and Viareggio. Lake Massaciuccoli is a shallow coastal lake — its depth seldom exceeds 2–3 meters — the remnant of an ancient lagoon formed by the delta of the River Serchio. It is surrounded by reed beds, marshes, and hygrophilous woodland, and constitutes one of the most important wetland ecosystems in Italy thanks to its rich biodiversity. The area around Massaciuccoli has deep historical roots: on the eastern shore lies the archaeological site of Villa dei Venulei, a Roman-era villa complex dating back to the 1st century CE. Visitors can see remains of ancient thermal baths and a well-preserved floor mosaic depicting marine animals — tangible reminders of the region's Roman past.

## WHEN CAN YOU VOLUNTEER?

From october throughout the year untill May

## DURATION

Minimum (weeks) : 4  
Maximum (weeks) : 24  
Preferably: from 10-12 weeks

## FOOD

The food will be provided by the hosting organization. The host organization provides ingredients; volunteers prepare their own meals individually or as a group.

# VOLUNTARY WORK PLACEMENT



## ● FONDAZIONE EUTOPIA

## ● WORK FIELD

maintenance the farmhouse and agriculture

## ● NAME OF HOST PLACEMENT

Cascina EUtopia

## ● BRIEF PLACEMENT DESCRIPTION

EUtopia is a reality immersed in the countryside of Northern Italy. Volunteers will have the opportunity to connect with nature and to give new life to the structure and the land around it. The idea is making the place safe and inclusive for vulnerable young people in future Erasmus+ Youth Exchanges and volunteering projects like the European Solidarity Corps.

## ● ACCOMODATION

*Volunteers will share a room with other volunteers.*

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

The EUtopia Foundation was created as a meeting place for people, cultures, and ideas, where non-formal education becomes a tool for building a more sustainable and conscious future. The aim is to offer young Europeans an authentic context in which to experiment with new ways of living on the planet, share common values, and build supportive communities.

## VOLUNTEERS TASK & ROLE

- renovation of the farmhouse;
- green maintenance;
- upcycling activities;
- cooking;
- gardening;

## DESIRED VOLUNTEER SKILLS

- Strong interest for the subject of the project;
- Patient, flexible and proactive personality;
- A friendly, communicative and active attitude;
- Willingness for live in a small, traditional and provincial town;
- Open-minded and responsible attitude;

## LOCATION

Casaleggio Boiro is a small comune in the Province of Alessandria, in the Piedmont region of Italy — it covers about 12.2 km<sup>2</sup> and lies at an elevation of around 321 metres above sea level. Much of its territory belongs to Parco Naturale delle Capanne di Marcarolo, a protected natural area marked by wooded hills, valleys, streams and lush vegetation typical of the border region between Piedmont and Liguria. The surrounding landscape features dense forests of chestnut and oak trees, mixed Mediterranean-alpine vegetation, and a rugged terrain shaped by hills and valleys — a natural environment that recalls a wild, untouched Italy.

## WHEN CAN YOU VOLUNTEER?

From July 2026 throughout the year, except for December and January.

## DURATION

Minimum (weeks) : 4  
Maximum (weeks) : 24  
Preferably: from 10 weeks

## FOOD

The food will be provided by the hosting organization. The host organization provides ingredients; volunteers prepare their own meals individually or as a group.