



## Rural4Learning

EVS in Italy – INFOPACK

Our project is based on social and rural development and disability.

**DATES AND VENUES:** 2 volunteers participate from January 2020 for a 9 months project: 01/01/2020 – 30/09/2020.

Activities will take place in VITERBO, MONTEFIASCONE, CANINO, TARQUINIA, MONTALTO DI CASTRO.

During the project the volunteers will stay in an apartment provided with all facilities, internet connection and common spaces, located in Viterbo.

### BIOLOGICAL-SOCIAL FARM

Social farming includes farming practices aimed at promoting disadvantaged people's rehabilitation, care and/or the integration of people with 'low contractual capacity' (i.e.: psychophysical disabilities, drug addicts, minors, emigrants). The special added value of social farming is the possibility for disadvantaged people to be integrated in a living context, where their personal potential may be valued and enhanced. The presence and the relationship with the farmers, the contact with other living beings – animal and vegetal ones –, the assumption of specific responsibilities are some of the key features of the rehabilitative practices operated in Alice.



*Teamwork and inclusion. Volunteers on the olive harvest*

**DAILY CENTER WITH DISABLED PEOPLE** The daily center is created for people with mental disability (children and adults). Every working day the volunteers have a chance to participate in many kinds of activity. There are: **manual art and do it yourself activities** (make decorations, figures, painting etc.); **recycling and kitchen workshop** (participating in every step of preparing meals for the group, and getting to know even Italian cuisine better when cooking together; it is a great chance for the volunteers to propose to present their national dishes, in this way a great multicultural value is added to this activity); **sports and outside activities** (for example during the summer the centers organize trips often to the nearby lake of



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Bolsena to rest and enjoy nature, while during the cold months the activities take place in the swimming pool).

### **PRACTICAL INFO**

**Task of the volunteers:** help caretakers and actively participate, together with wards, in the activities. In both types of activity (in the farm or in the center) volunteers will be supported by the workers, caretakers and other Italian volunteers. During all the work time we are expecting their help, attention and openness to new suggestions. To experience all the workplaces, the volunteers will rotate between the different activities. Volunteers will have **activities from Monday to Friday**, usually 6 hours per day (the total won't exceed 35 hours, including Italian lesson and meal time when they are part of the activities). Volunteers will have **two days off every month** to take whenever they would like.

**The selection process of volunteers:** will be done by making an analysis of **CVs** and **motivation letters** of any candidates who will apply through the partner organizations. After an initial triage, we will conduct a 30 minute Skype interview with each of the selected candidates. Our purpose is finding the right volunteers whose learning expectations and needs are met within our project objectives so that we can find the right balance between expectations and desired outcomes of the project.

**Food and accommodation:** The accommodation has got all the facilities and comforts; a shared kitchen; double rooms (volunteers accommodated according to gender). In the days of the kitchen laboratory volunteers will eat in the hosting organization. Breakfast and other meals will be organized by the volunteers, as well as meals for the free days and holidays, and for this will be given a food allowance each month.

**Monthly allowance:** Every volunteer will get his/her allowance (pocket + food money money) at the beginning of each month. The coordinating organization will take care of this task. Money will be transferred directly to the volunteers' bank account. Volunteers receive a yearly travel pass for buses which enables them to use COTRAL public bus transportation within the zone.

**More information:**

We have a **Facebook page** where all our volunteers can share information and contacts

<https://www.facebook.com/CoopMuovimente/>

Our 2017/18 volunteers' **blog** about their project <https://interculturality.wordpress.com/>

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