



Call for Volunteers: Social Re-Activation project at “La Città dell’Utopia” in Rome for 12 months



We are looking for 2 volunteers to join our long-term volunteering project funded by the European Union through the European Solidarity Corps programme, for the period between September 2022 and September 2023.

What is the European Solidarity Corps?



The European Solidarity Corps is a funding programme of the European Union that creates opportunities for young people to undertake a long-term voluntary placement with the costs paid. Projects can be of community interest, in the social, environmental, or cultural field.

To participate in ESC you must be aged between 18 to 30 years old and be motivated by supporting important causes, discovering other cultures and living closely with people from other countries.

Volunteers abroad receive funding to cover accommodation, food, travel, insurance and pocket money through their sending organisation.

Addressed to...

This project is suitable for someone who is interested in both grassroots political activism and the world of project management, specifically related to local and international volunteering, active citizenship, social inclusion, and non-formal education for youngsters and adults. It is for someone who would like to improve their professional skills in social project and group management, and someone who is flexible and can easily adapt to different contexts.

Servizio Civile Internazionale: the hosting organization



Servizio Civile Internazionale (SCI Italia) is the Italian branch of Service Civil International network (sci.ngo), an international voluntary movement that is present in more than 80 countries around the world. It's been promoting international volunteering projects for 100 years on the themes of peace and disarmament, conscientious objection, human rights, and international solidarity, sustainable lifestyles, social inclusion and active citizenship. In the

core, there is a real commitment to make a change against inequality, injustice, and violation of human rights.

SCI Italia, founded in 1948, is an NGO recognized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Advisory Member of UNESCO and the Council of Europe.

It is based in Rome and it is supported by several regional and local groups of activists. The regional and the local groups support the work of the National Secretariat by dealing with trainings and the promotion of volunteering in various Italian regions.

To know more...

- Web site: www.sci-italia.it
- Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/sci.italy>
- Instagram page: <https://www.instagram.com/sciitalia/>

“La Città dell’Utopia” project



SCI Italy's project “**La Città dell'Utopia**” started in 2003 and it is located in the neighborhood of San Paolo (via Valeriano 3F – Rome), a popular suburban area inhabited mainly by elderly people, university students, and migrant families coming from Latin America, northeastern Europe, Asia, and Africa. The building is used to host several groups and associations working on active citizenships, especially in relation to migration, environmental sustainability, antifascism, gender, and self-determination of food and consumption.



The main activities carried out in “La Città dell’Utopia” are:

- Organizing and hosting of international workcamps, north/south trainings, and international youth meetings (trainings, seminars, youth exchanges, and capacity building activities).
- Organizing and running awareness-raising events.
- Organizing conferences, meetings, festivals, photo exhibitions, thematic meals, farmers’ markets, and courses on music, group dancing, language courses, gardening.

To know more...

- Web site: <http://www.lacittadellutopia.org/>
- Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/lacitta.dellutopia.7/>
- Instagram page: www.instagram.com/lacittadellutopia

Objectives

- To involve young people in the promotion of international volunteering as a practice of active citizenship, intercultural education, as well as personal and social growth.
- To spread the news about different initiatives organized in Italy, in order to promote intercultural respect and international solidarity.
- To give volunteers a chance to actively participate in the development and implementation of a specific project, which is an opportunity for personal, professional and political growth.
- To navigate relationships and improve cooperation among different groups and associations hosted in “La Città dell’Utopia”.

Activities

The volunteers will take part in the following activities, mainly in “La Città dell’Utopia”:

- Supporting the coordination of the work of the local activists to ensure that everything is running on schedule.
- Helping in the planning and organization of cultural events and workshops on active citizenship, especially in the levels of communication, logistics, and operation.
- Implementing an international dimension to the project through the coordination of international exchanges, workcamps, trainings and seminars with the network *Service Civil International* and the Italian branch.
- Supporting the promotion of activities taking place in “La Città dell'Utopia”.
- Facilitating the social inclusion of refugees and asylum seekers that take part in activities in “La Città dell'Utopia”.
- Running a course for the neighbourhood (language, music, IT or any other skill)
- Developing a personal project following the lines of the project and the hosting organization is an important part of the project. The volunteer must be proactive in proposing a project and SCI Italia will provide support to implement it.
- After the project finishes, the volunteers have the responsibility to organize events, as well as produce and spread materials about their experiences here.

Tasks

“La Città dell'Utopia” is a self-managed project and the volunteers’ activities consist of:

- Office work (communication and supporting administrative tasks).
- Physical work (cleaning, maintenance, preparing the space for the activities, shopping, cooking).
- Work on social relations (with participants of the activities, activists, the members of the organizations who run the activities, colleagues, tutors and other long-term volunteers).

NB:

- Tasks are organized and monitored by SCI staff members.
- Activities are often during the weekend, in the evenings, and take place in “La Città dell'Utopia” so being adaptable and flexible with working hours is a must.

Volunteer Profile



Requirements:

- good command of English;
- being able to work in a team;
- have good communication skills and motivation to cooperate with your colleagues and the activists of “La Città dell’Utopia” and Servizio Civile Internazionale;
- motivated to learn and share knowledge and skills;
- have good computer skills (Microsoft Office, email, graphic software);
- previous experience in social network communication;
- being responsible and proactive and take initiative towards their tasks;
- have organizational skills;
- have good educational and social skills to be able to work with several target groups;
- have an open mind and flexible attitude towards working hours

Preferable skills:

- good command of the Italian language
- basic administrative skills
- webmastering or basic use of wordpress

The daily program consists of 6 hours 5 days a week. There will be 2 consecutive free days/ week and 2 days of holiday for each month. To facilitate the participation of a high number of volunteers, some activities will take place during the weekend. In these cases, the number of working hours done by the volunteer will be adjusted for the following weeks, by reducing working hour’s amount o taking days off so that the total number of working hours per week does not exceed 35h.

The volunteer should be legally resident in one of following Countries:

Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechia, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland, Sweden, Iceland, Republic of North Macedonia, Turkey, Liechtenstein, Norway, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Territory of Ukraine as recognised by international law.

Project language: English, Italian

Local language: Italian

Pocket money: 300 €

Travel costs: covered according to ESC funding rules, 275€ as maximum reimburse

Visa cost: covered up to 100€

Lodging

In a separate flat in “La Città dell’Utopia”, with 3 shared double rooms (up to six international volunteers) kitchen, living room, and bathroom. The accommodation has all the basic facilities (Wi-Fi and washing machine included). The building is historic, so the accommodation is basic. There is no centralized heating or aircon, so it can be humid, cold in the winter, but also perfectly fresh in the summer. The building is surrounded by a very beautiful garden (which means mosquitos in the summer). It is located in a student area close to the metro.

Application procedure

Please send your application (CV and motivation letter in English) to esc@sci-italia.it

The deadline for applying is 30.06.2022.

For more information please contact: esc@sci-italia.it

Your motivation letter should answer to the following questions:

- Why did you choose SCI Italia and this particular project?
- What do you expect to learn and experience during your ESC?
- What can you bring to the work of “La Città dell’Utopia”?