



YAP – Youth Action for Peace

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CPI11 Little Peace Ambassadors 1 DATES: 07/07/19 -21/07/19

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CPI17 Little Peace Ambassadors 3 DATES: 04/08/19 - 18/08/19

WORK: KIDS / DISA /REFU

VOLS: 6

AGE: 18 - 30

LOCATION: Gavardo (BS) and neighboring municipalities. International volunteers will move with children

BACKGROUND: Rio de Oro is a nonprofit association whose aim is to provide medical care and assistance to Saharawi people, especially kids with different kinds of disabilities (physical, cognitive, mental, sensory, emotional, developmental). Saharawi (desert people) lives in refugee camps in the southwest of Algeria. The Saharawi refugees have survived the great exodus from the Western Sahara: endless marches in the desert in 1975. Rio de Oro Gavardo Onlus is one of the national branches and was formally established in 2010 but the group of active volunteers from Brescia and neighboring towns help Saharawi people with handicap problems directly in Algeria and in Italy since 2007. The main activities of Rio de Oro Gavardo are: child sponsorship, support to the schools of special education, health care in refugee camps, medical assistance of disabled children and adolescents (6-17 years old). The association organizes summer camps in three different locations near Brescia: Vallio Terme, Idro and Gavardo in order to give appropriate health care and unforgettable summer experience to these “little peace ambassadors” whose voices and stories have to be spread.

WORK: The international volunteers will be helping the staff and numerous national volunteers work with Saharawi children and adolescents (6-17 years old) with different kinds of disabilities (physical, cognitive, mental, sensory, emotional, developmental). This means that most of the kids are not self-sufficient. The main activities are: organize and participate to activities for the children (collective games, didactic activities...), feed them (breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks), get them dressed, change the diapers, take showers, house care (cleaning, cooking etc). Also we need volunteers to come with a lot of energy to play, push wheelchairs, go out with kids and accompany them in the swimming pool. The shifts during the day are flexible and will be arranged with the camp leader and local volunteers but the busiest hours are: from 8 am to 1 am in the morning (8:00-13:00) and from 4 pm to 10 pm in the evening (16:00-22:00). Flexibility and adaptability are strongly required! English, Spanish and Italian will be the main languages of the workcamp but any language skill is welcome! Along with English, the main spoken languages usually are: Italian (most of our volunteers are local), Spanish (Western Sahara used to be a Spanish colony before the Moroccan occupation; the leaders that come with the kids are fluent Spanish speakers) and, of course, Hassaniya, the arabic dialect the kids speak. Nevertheless, don't worry, you will manage to understand the kids, some of them speak Italian or understand Spanish and there will be a lot of interpreters to help.

ACCOMMODATION: The international volunteers will be hosted at the primary parish school in GAVARDO. The Saharawi children and local volunteers are housed at the same buildings in separated rooms. The accommodations are equipped with: common toilets and showers, dining room, kitchen; common areas. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be prepared by the national and international volunteers at the canteen.

LOCATION: Gavardo is a small town 30 km away from Brescia near the Garda Lake. International volunteers will move with children also in neighboring municipalities.

TERMINAL: Bergamo or Milan airports; Brescia train and bus station.

MEETING POINT: GAVARDO bus station around 06 p.m Specific information about how to arrive from BRESCIA to GAVARDO by BUS will be provided in the infosheet

SPECIAL REMARKS: YAP project-related motivation form is required. We don't need people with specific curriculum but aware about the topic and really motivated to contribute to the project. Any qualification or previous experience as nurse, physiotherapist or educator etc. is very welcome.