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Workcamps within ESC Programme – Season 2025

Group: Depending on the project 9 or 12 volunteers including group leader – international group. Each camp will involve volunteers with fewer opportunities (young unemployed, NEETs, young migrants, early school leavers, etc).

Duration: Depending on the project 26, 22 or 16 days (including 1 travel day).

Working Hours: 6 hours per day approximately

Campleaders: Experienced camp-leaders, together with the host will facilitate the work of the volunteers and support them before arrivals with logistic and travel information.

Language: English (knowledge of Italian is welcome but not necessary)

Insurance: Insurance: volunteers from EU countries must have their EU health card. The ESC volunteers will benefit from the ESC complementary insurance scheme for health (HENNER). ESC volunteers from Italy will benefit from national health insurance (tessera sanitaria). Third liability insurance is provided by InformaGiovani to any volunteers.

Infosheet: Will be sent to support the organisation/volunteer one month before the beginning of the activity.

Travel costs: Travel real costs will be reimbursed according to the partnership agreement to volunteers. The amount will be calculated according to Erasmus+ distance band calculator

Pocket money: Depending on the project, volunteers will receive €90, €126, €150 by InformaGiovani (i.e. €6,00 per day of activity, a travel day is included).

Requirements: Criminal Record + ML (IG25-ESC01 e IG25-ESC06); European Youth Portal Registration needed -

https://youth.europa.eu/solidarity/young-people/about_enEuropean **IMPORTANT.** Participants need to sign an agreement with Sending and Hosting partners. And to subscribe to PASS. Also to fill an online report at the end of the activity.

NOTE: participation is free of charge (both fee or extra-fee) being the activities funded under ESC Programme.

Code	Prj.Name	Location	Type	From	To	Age	Nr. vols	Req.
IG25-ESC01	Play & Care: Caritas summer camp with children 1	S. Agata di Militello (ME), Sicily	SOCI,KIDS	14/06/2025	05/07/2025	18 - 30	1L + 8 EU + 2 extra EU	Criminal Record + ML
IG25-ESC06	Play & Care: Caritas summer camp with children 2	S. Agata di Militello (ME), Sicily	SOCI,KIDS	06/07/2025	31/07/2025	18 - 30	1L + 12 EU + 2 extra EU	Criminal Record + ML
IG25-ESC07	Photo and culture for rural revitalization	Milena (CL), Sicily	CULT,MANU	06/07/2025	21/07/2025	18 - 30	1L + 9 EU	
IG25-ESC09	Cleaning of nature reserve - 1	Isola delle Femmine (PA), Sicily	ENVI,MANU	06/07/2025	21/07/2025	18 - 30	1L + 9 EU + 2 extra EU	ML with workshop proposal
IG25-ESC11	Cleaning of nature reserve - 2	Isola delle Femmine (PA), Sicily	ENVI,MANU	22/07/2025	06/08/2025	18 - 30	1L + 9 EU + 2 extra EU	ML with workshop proposal
IG25-ESC12	Photo and culture for rural revitalization 2	Milena (CL), Sicily	CULT,MANU	22/07/2025	06/08/2025	18 - 30	1L + 8 EU	
IG25-ESC17	ESC 4 Turtles, Environment & Legality	San Leonardo di Cutro (KR), Calabria	ENVI,MANU	31/08/2025	15/09/2025	18 - 30	1L + 8 EU	

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Workcamps Programme – Season 2025

Group: From 6 to 10 participants according to camp. All camps are open to volunteers from any countries and also to young people with fewer opportunities.

Duration: from 7 to 10 days according to camps.

Working Hours: 5/6 hours per day approximately

Campleaders: Trained camp-leaders or host will facilitate the work of the volunteers and support them before arrivals with logistic and travel information

Language: English (knowledge of Italian is welcome but not necessary)

Extra fee: No extra fee (except Teen camp - €250 and Emmaus Catanzaro €50)

Insurance: Will be provided for the entire duration of the camp (travels excluded). Insurance will cover illness, accidents, third party liability and death. European participants are required to bring their European Health Card

Infosheet : Will be uploaded on e-vet or sent one month before the beginning of the camp via email

Code	Prj.Name	Location	Type	From	To	Age	Nr. vols	Extra Fee
IG25-W002	Emmaus community - transformative thinking 1	Quarrata (PT), Tuscany	MANU, ART	16/06/2025	29/06/2025	18-30	8	
IG25-W003	Turtles, Environment & Legality	San Leonardo di Cutro (KR), Calabria	ENVI, MANU	22/06/2025	01/07/2025	18-30	10	€10
IG25-W004	Emmaus Community – Villafranca 1	Villafranca (VR), Venetia	SOCI, MANU	30/06/2025	13/07/2025	18-30	7	
IG25-TEEN005	TEENS 4 Turtles, Environment & Legality	San Leonardo di Cutro (KR), Calabria	ENVI, MANU	04/07/2025	13/07/2025	14-17	10	€250 + €10
IG25-W008	Orange grove on confiscated land	Castelvetrano (TP), Sicily	AGRI, MANU	07/07/2025	23/07/2025	18-30	10	
IG25-W010	Emmaus community - transformative thinking 2	Quarrata (PT), Tuscany	SOCI, MANU	14/07/2025	27/07/2025	18-30	8	
IG25-W013	Emmaus Community - Catanzaro 1	Satriano marina, Calabria	SOCI, MANU	21/05/2025	30/05/2025	18-30	8	€50
IG25-W014	Emmaus Community – Villafranca 2	Villafranca (VR), Venetia	SOCI, MANU	04/08/2025	17/08/2025	18-30	7	
IG25-W015	Cleaning of nature reserve - 3	Isola delle Femmine (PA), Sicily	ENVI, MANU	10/08/2025	22/08/2025	18-30	6	
IG25-W016	Cleaning of nature reserve - 4	Isola delle Femmine (PA), Sicily	ENVI, MANU	24/08/2025	03/09/2025	18-30	6	
IG25-W018	FREE School WALDORF	Palermo, Sicily	MANU, RENO	31/08/2025	07/09/2025	18-30	7	
IG25-W019	Emmaus Community – Villafranca 3	Villafranca (VR), Venetia	SOCI, MANU	01/09/2025	14/09/2025	18-30	7	
IG25-W020	Emmaus Community - Catanzaro 2	Satriano marina, Calabria	SOCI, MANU	10/06/2025	19/06/2025	18-30	8	€50
IG25-W021	Emmaus Community - Catanzaro 3	Satriano marina, Calabria	SOCI, MANU	01/07/2025	10/07/2025	18-30	8	€50
IG25-W022	Emmaus Community - Catanzaro 4	Satriano marina, Calabria	SOCI, MANU	21/07/2025	30/07/2025	18-30	8	€50
IG25-W023	Emmaus Community - Catanzaro 5	Satriano marina, Calabria	SOCI, MANU	04/08/2025	13/08/2025	18-30	8	€50
IG25-W024	Emmaus Community - Catanzaro 6	Satriano marina, Calabria	SOCI, MANU	18/08/2025	27/08/2025	18-30	8	€50
IG25-W025	Emmaus Community - Catanzaro 7	Satriano marina, Calabria	SOCI, MANU	01/09/2025	10/09/2025	18-30	8	€50
IG25-W026	Emmaus Community - Catanzaro 8	Satriano marina, Calabria	SOCI, MANU	18/09/2025	27/09/2025	18-30	8	€50
IG25-W027	Emmaus Community - Catanzaro 9	Satriano marina, Calabria	SOCI, MANU	01/10/2025	10/10/2025	18-30	8	€50

IG and Caritas

Code: IG25-ESC01 **Name:** Play & Care: Caritas summer camp with children 1 - **Start date** 14/06/2025 **End date** 05/07/2025
Code: IG25-ESC06 **Name:** Play & Care: Caritas summer camp with children 2 - **Start date** 06/07/2025 **End date** 31/07/2025

Work: SOCI,KIDS

Location: S. Agata di Militello (ME), Sicily, Italy

Min age: 18 **Max age:** 30

Num of vols. 1L + 8 EU + 2 extra EU

Num of vols. 1L + 12 EU + 2 extra EU [IG25-ESC06]

Requirements: Criminal Record + ML European Youth Portal Registration needed -

https://youth.europa.eu/solidarity/young-people/about_enEuropean

IMPORTANT. ESC, No fee is due to the sending organisation. Erasmus+ Programme Countries only.

Local Partners

Caritas Diocesana di Patti is a non-profit association with the objectives of social solidarity and human promotion. The Caritas Centre was created at the end of 2021 to help people with economic difficulties and different social backgrounds. It is involved in various activities such as a solidarity pharmacy, with a food and clothing store to donate to people living in the surrounding area, and running a listening centre. The group of people who run the centre also run a Eurodesk InfoPoint for local young people, who carry out activities with local schools.

Work

Volunteers will assist the Caritas Centre with the management and implementation of recreational activities during a summer camp they organise in June and July for local children and young people, many of whom are already supported by Caritas' daily social support and inclusion activities. Volunteers can organise and suggest activities, games, dances and songs. The work will mainly take place in the mornings.

They will take care of games, sports activities, leisure time and arranging the space for activities. Other tasks may arise on the spot. The group could be divided into smaller groups for a better organisation of the work and to experience different tasks.

Accommodation and food

The accommodation is located in Sant'Agata di Militello. Volunteers will sleep in shared rooms, divided by gender, with 4-6 people in each room. There are 3 bathrooms equipped with showers, which will be shared by gender. Grocery shopping will be provided by the host organisation and meals will be cooked by the volunteers.

Location and leisure

Sant'Agata di Militello is a small town on the coast of Sicily and the beach is very close to the accommodation. It is close to the railway station, so it's possible to reach nearby cities by train. Excursions to the Nebrodi Park (the largest protected area in Sicily) or to nearby cities can be organised at the volunteers' own expense.

Requirements

Criminal Record + a Motivation Letter demonstrating interest and previous experience in work with kids are required.

European Youth Portal Registration needed - https://youth.europa.eu/solidarity/young-people/about_enEuropean

Meeting Point

Sant'Agata di Militello railway station at 18:00 CET

IG and Circo Pace e Bene

Code: IG25-ESC07 **Name:** Photo and culture for rural revitalization 1 - **Start date** 06/07/2025 **End date** 21/07/2025
Code: IG25-ESC12 **Name:** Photo and culture for rural revitalization 2 - **Start date** 22/07/2025 **End date** 06/08/2025

Work: SOCI,CULT,MANU

Location: Milena (CL), Sicily, Italy

Min age: 18 **Max age:** 30

Num of vols. 1L + 9 EU (in IG25-ESC07)

Num of vols. 1L + 8 EU (in IG25-ESC12)

Requirements: Registration to the European Youth Portal is needed - https://youth.europa.eu/solidarity/young-people/about_enEuropean
IMPORTANT. ESC, No fee is due to the sending organisation. Erasmus+ Programme Countries only.

Local Partners

Circo pace e bene is a cultural association that carries out activities of various types aimed at the most vulnerable people in the Milena area (children, people with disabilities, young people, the elderly, the unemployed, migrants). The organization mainly carries out artistic and cultural activities and realizes different projects to raise awareness in schools of all levels. The association was founded in 2015 in Milena, Sicily, by a group of local people with experience in volunteering and international mobility. The aim of the association is to encourage locals to be active in order to bring about the changes they want to see. The association represents a breakthrough for the locals and the territory where it is located, through their commitment and support. Its work contributes to the enrichment of Sicilian culture and territory. The NGO runs a space called Magazzino in Milena, which is used to promote cultural events, festivals, active participation and advocacy.

Work

The Robbe are small settlements in the countryside of Milena (CL), from which the present village has grown. At the end of the nineteenth century, the land was leased and, given the great distance from other towns and the difficulty of communication, the peasants built modest rural dwellings in the countryside, along the *trazzere* or near water sources. These were built in clusters called Robbe to not be isolated and to have access to drinking water. Volunteers will create photo-cultural installations (wooden totems to which they will attach photos and inscribe the name of the Robbe and local iconic features). Other activities related to the urban regeneration of the town of Milena will be carried out by volunteers. **[ONLY IN IG25-ESC07]** From July 11 to 13, they will also support the setup and logistics of a three-day rock music festival, preparing the outdoor area of the Magazzino Culturale and carrying out minor maintenance tasks. The initiative aims to engage the local community through art, music, and culture.

Accommodation and food

Volunteers will live in an apartment and sleep in shared rooms with 3-4 beds, divided by gender. The volunteers, divided into groups and working in shifts, will take care of the management and cleaning of the house and the Magazzino, and they will prepare meals in a common kitchen. All meals will be prepared and eaten in a common room in the Magazzino.

Location and leisure

Milena is a small village in the province of Caltanissetta. The village is located in a rural mountainous context at 423 m above sea level. Like most remote Sicilian villages, it is served by a limited number of public transport services, so the organization of free time could be limited to visiting nearby places or organizing excursions out of town.

Requirements

Volunteers should like the idea of living in a small town and experiencing collective life. Interested in manual work and agriculture is required. Big cities are not easy to reach, so during their free time volunteers will have to organise excursions by public transport, adapting to the few possibilities available.

Registration to the European Youth Portal is needed - https://youth.europa.eu/solidarity/young-people/about_enEuropean

Meeting Point

Campofranco railway station at 18:00 CET

IG and LIPU

Code: IG25-ESC09 **Name:** Cleaning of nature reserve - 1 - **Start date** 06/07/2025 **End date** 21/07/2025
Code: IG25-ESC11 **Name:** Cleaning of nature reserve - 2 - **Start date** 22/07/2025 **End date** 06/08/2025

Work: ENVI, MANU

Location: Isola delle Femmine (PA), Sicily, Italy

Min age: 18 **Max age:** 30

Num of vols. 1L + 9 EU + 2 extra EU

Requirements: Ability to swim is compulsory for safety reason. ML with proposal for a workshop.

Registration to the European Youth Portal is needed - https://youth.europa.eu/solidarity/young-people/about_enEuropean

IMPORTANT. ESC, No fee is due to the sending organisation. Erasmus+ Programme Countries only.

Local Partners

The "Isola delle Femmine" is a nature reserve established in 1997 by the Sicilian Region and managed by LIPU (Italian league for birds protection) since then. This little uninhabited island is located in a strategic place for the migration of a specific species of bird called Gabbiano reale (*Larus michahellis*), this area allows them to rest from migration and to grow numerically. The regular support received along the year is not sufficient for the maintenance needed, this is the reason why InformaGiovani with LIPU organize together every year volunteering projects to support the maintenance of the natural reserve and to sensitize the local community towards the place.

Work

Work will be run on the little uninhabited island in the middle of the sea every morning. Volunteers will take a boat every day to join this place, therefore, it is compulsory to be able to swim for safety reasons! Volunteers will support natural reserve's staff in: restoration of the flora by planting of new plants (this action is part of over thirty-year plan put in practice by Lipu and volunteers), and maintenance of existing vegetation (watering plants), maintenance of the protected area (re-building stone paths) cleaning of the protected area from litter (the area is exposed to different marine streams that bring waste from the sea) cooking meals for the group in couple and following shifts other tasks. Work will be done mainly in the morning and in case of wind or rain it will be postponed. Work is manual and demands physical effort, it is also tiring due to hot temperature and Southern sun (hat and sunblock are compulsory). Study part: Workshops on environmental topics can be implemented during afternoons following volunteers' interest (e.g. marine litter and related-environmental disasters, reduction of plastic and the impact of incorrect waste management on seas, etc.).

Accommodation and food

Please be aware of a very basic condition provided in a camping area. ACCOMMODATION. is provided at CAMPING LA PLAYA. ONLY 2 big tents + 1 smaller will be provided for the whole group. Camp beds will be provided per person. Important! Volunteers need to bring two single bed sheets: one to be laid on the camp beds and another for covering oneself. If you need a pillow for sleeping please bring it with you (inflatable travel pillow is recommended). A small fridge will be provided mainly for storing water. FOOD. Grocery shopping is provided and volunteers will be responsible for preparing meals (lunch and dinner) divided in groups and following shifts; Toilets and showers are provided in sharing with guests in the camping area. Washing machines are available at the camping as extra costs (to be paid by volunteers if needed).

Location and leisure

Isola delle Femmine is an Italian town in North-Western Sicily, in the province of Palermo. It is next to the sea so volunteers can spend their free time at the beach, do water sports, snorkeling, etc... Isola is a coast-town close to Palermo and connected by bus/train. Palermo is a beautiful city where there are many sights and places to spend the free time.

Requirements

Since volunteers will take a boat every day the ability to swim is compulsory for safety reasons. Volunteers need to be highly interested in environmental issues, protection of the sea and coast. High sense of adaptation and flexibility is demanded! Volunteers need to suggest 2 topics related to the environment to organise a workshop during the project. Volunteers have to apply by writing a ML with a proposal for a workshop.

Meeting Point

Isola delle Femmine train station

IG25-ESC17 - ESC 4 Turtles, Environment & Legality

Code: IG25-ESC17 **Name:** ESC 4 Turtles, Environment & Legality

Work: ENVI, MANU

Start date 31/8/2025 **End date** 15/09/2025

Location: San Leonardo di Cutro (KR), Calabria

Min age: 18 **Max age:** 30

Num of vols. 1L + 8 EU

Requirements: Ability to swim is compulsory for safety reason.

Registration to the European Youth Portal is needed - https://youth.europa.eu/solidarity/young-people/about_enEuropean

IMPORTANT. ESC, No fee is due to the sending organisation. Erasmus+ Programme Countries only.

Local Partners

WWF Crotona runs the CELA Center for Environmental Education and Legality in San Leonardo di Cutro, a small town on the Calabrian coast. The area is famous for its beaches where turtles lay their eggs and for the presence of other areas of important naturalistic interest. The center works in cooperation with local authorities and nonprofit organizations to manage the Caporizzuto marine protected area, maintain a Turtle Hospital, and monitor and clean local beaches.

Work

Coordinated by WWF volunteers and staff, volunteers will support the monitoring and protection of turtle nests (WARNING! This activity may require getting up early in the morning or sleeping on the beach at night to monitor turtle nests or in case eggs hatch and newborn turtles need to be protected) and beach cleaning. Study part: Volunteers will learn how property confiscated from the mafia is used for social purposes.

Accommodation and food

The accommodation will be provided inside the CELA itself in shared rooms. Volunteers will cook by themselves with leaders, with food provided by the organization.

Location and leisure

The area is one of the most beautiful coastal areas of Italy, the location of the second largest European marine protected area, surrounded by several European areas of environmental interest. The inland mountains are home to several river areas with waterfalls and picturesque lakes.

Requirements

Volunteers must be able to swim and be ready to work also early in the morning and during warm weather.

Registration to the European Youth Portal is needed - https://youth.europa.eu/solidarity/young-people/about_enEuropean

Meeting Point

At Lamezia Terme airport or train station (both are close to each other)

IG and Emmaus

Code: IG25-W002 **Name:** Emmaus community - transformative thinking 1 - **Start date** 16/06/2025 **End date** 29/06/2025
Code: IG25-W010 **Name:** Emmaus community - transformative thinking 2 - **Start date** 14/07/2025 **End date** 27/07/2025

Work: MANU, ART

Location: Quarrata (PT), Tuscany, Italy

Min age: 18 **Max age:** 30

Num of vols. 8

Local Partners

The Emmaus Community of Quarrata is part of the global Emmaus Movement, which aims to combat poverty and social exclusion through the principles of work, sharing, and mutual aid. Emmaus takes part as well in solidarity actions in Italy and around the world and raises awareness about their values and mission. Our main activities include the collection, reuse, and recycling of used materials, displayed at the Solidarity Flea Market. We also maintain an organic vegetable garden and care for the community's green spaces. Volunteers will spend their days participating in activities and sharing free time with the people hosted by the community.

Work

Volunteers will participate in the classic activities of collecting, sorting, selling, recycling, and repairing materials that characterize Emmaus communities. They will work alongside local volunteers and community members, both in activities and leisure moments. Volunteers will help organize the solidarity flea market, select and place materials for the market, and participate in the organic zero-mileage vegetable garden. Those interested in salvaging and restyling can assist with improvement projects and workshops such as gardening, painting, wood working, tailoring and space recovery. The main focus of the camp is to regenerate and transform in a creative and sustainable way of thinking the community leaving and working spaces.

Accommodation and food

Volunteers will sleep in the community hall and in other rooms where mattresses and/or camp beds will be provided, there will be separate rooms for girls and boys. The site includes a shaded garden, toilets, showers, hot and drinking water, and electricity. Lunch is prepared by the Community while the volunteer will take care of the dinner. The main diet is Vegetarian/Vegan and meat/fish will be included twice a week.

Location and leisure

Volunteers can visit nearby places at their own costs. Florence and other locations such as Prato e Pistoia can be reached by public transportation. The community is located on a little hill surrounded by a beautiful landscape typical from Tuscany and the Market is in the Village of Quarrata. Excursions and visits of cultural and natural places are organized by the Community as part of the experience.

Requirements

Volunteers should have an interest in charity work and previous volunteering experience is very welcome.

Meeting Point

Time will be provided with the infosheet

IG25-W003 - Turtles, Environment & Legality

Code: IG25-W003 **Name:** Turtles, Environment & Legality

Work: ENVI, MANU

Start date 22/06/2025 **End date** 01/07/2025

Location: San Leonardo di Cutro (KR), Calabria

Min age: 18 **Max age:** 30

Num of vols. 10

Extra Fee: €10 is due to support the logistic on the arrival/departure day

Local Partners

WWF Crotone runs the CELA Center for Environmental Education and Legality in San Leonardo di Cutro, a small town on the Calabrian coast. The area is famous for its beaches where turtles lay their eggs and for the presence of other areas of important naturalistic interest. The center works in cooperation with local authorities and nonprofit organizations to manage the Caporizzuto marine protected area, maintain a Turtle Hospital, and monitor and clean local beaches.

Work

Coordinated by WWF volunteers and staff, the volunteers will assist with tasks such as cleaning beaches and monitoring protected areas. Volunteers will learn how property confiscated from the mafia is used for social purposes.

Accommodation and food

Accommodation will be in shared rooms at CELA itself, and volunteers will cook for themselves with the help of the leader and food provided by the organisation.

Location and leisure

The area is one of the most beautiful coastal areas of Italy, the location of the second largest European marine protected area, surrounded by several European areas of environmental interest. The inland mountains are home to several river areas with waterfalls and picturesque lakes.

Requirements

Volunteers must be able to swim and be ready to work also early in the morning and during warm weather. Extra fee of €10 is due to support the logistic on the arrival/departure day

Meeting Point

At Lamezia Terme airport or train station (both are close to each other)

IG and Emmaus

Code: IG25-W004 **Name:** Emmaus Community – Villafranca 1 - **Start date** 30/06/2025 **End date** 13/07/2025
Code: IG25-W014 **Name:** Emmaus Community – Villafranca 2 - **Start date** 04/08/2025 **End date** 17/08/2025
Code: IG25-W019 **Name:** Emmaus Community – Villafranca 3 - **Start date** 01/09/2025 **End date** 14/09/2025

Work: SOCI, MANU

Location: Villafranca (VR), Venetia, Italy

Min age: 18 **Max age:** 30

Num of vols. 7

Local Partners

The Emmaus Community of Villafranca is part of the global Emmaus Movement, which aims to combat poverty and social exclusion through the principles of work, sharing, and mutual aid. The Emmaus Community of Villafranca di Verona was founded in 1985, following a work camp organised in Villafranca in which young Italians and Europeans took part. Due to the success of the camp, the Municipality made available a former school. From the beginning, a group of friends was formed around the community, with whom Emmaus organised (and still organises) moments of deepening on the themes of solidarity, peace, non-violence... The role of this group of friends has been fundamental in the life of the Community and in making Emmaus known and appreciated in Villafranca. And if today so many people understand and support our community, it is thanks to the work and presence of these friends. The main objective of Emmaus is the reception of people in need, carrying out activities such as the collection, reuse and recycling of used materials with display at the Solidarity Flea Market. Zero Mileage Garden: organic vegetable growing. Care and maintenance of the community's green spaces. Spending the day (activities and free time) with the people hosted on the site.

Work

The volunteers will take part in the classic activities of collecting, sorting, selling, recycling and repairing materials that have always characterised the Emmaus communities. They will share the days with the local volunteers and the people welcomed in the Emmaus community, both in activities and in moments of leisure. Volunteers will take an active part in the organisation of the solidarity flea market, in the selection of materials and their placement at the market, they will be able to take part in the organisation of our organic zero-mileage vegetable garden and they will be able to try their hand at cooking. For those who are interested in salvaging and restyling, there will be opportunities to help with the improvement of the spaces (gardening, painting, space recovery, etc.).

Accommodation and food

Volunteers will sleep in the community hall where mattresses and/or camp beds will be provided. There is a shaded garden where volunteers can spend time. There are toilets, showers, hot and drinking water and electricity. Food is prepared by the community workers, but volunteers can help with meal preparation and washing up.

Location and leisure

Volunteers can visit Verona city or other places nearby on their own costs. Verona can be reached by bus in about 40 min.

Requirements

Volunteers should have an interest in charity work and previous volunteering experience is very welcome.

Meeting Point

Villafranca di Verona

IG25-TEEN005 - TEENS 4 Turtles, Environment & Legality

Code: IG25-TEEN005 **Name:** TEENS 4 Turtles, Environment & Legality

Work: ENVI, MANU

Start date 04/07/2025 **End date** 13/07/2025

Location: San Leonardo di Cutro (KR), Calabria

Min age: 14 **Max age:** 17

Num of vols. 10

Extra Fee: €250 + €10 (contribution for arrival/departure transportation)

Local Partners

WWF Crotona runs the CELA Center for Environmental Education and Legality in San Leonardo di Cutro, a small town on the Calabrian coast. The area is famous for its beaches where turtles lay their eggs and for the presence of other areas of important naturalistic interest. The center works in cooperation with local authorities and nonprofit organizations to manage the Caporizzuto marine protected area, maintain a Turtle Hospital, and monitor and clean local beaches.

Work

Coordinated by WWF volunteers and staff, the volunteers will assist with tasks such as cleaning beaches and monitoring protected areas. Volunteers will learn how property confiscated from the mafia is used for social purposes.

Accommodation and food

Accommodation will be in shared rooms at CELA itself, and volunteers will cook for themselves with the help of the leader and food provided by the organisation.

Location and leisure

The area is one of the most beautiful coastal areas of Italy, the location of the second largest European marine protected area, surrounded by several European areas of environmental interest. The inland mountains are home to several river areas with waterfalls and picturesque lakes.

Requirements

Volunteers must be able to swim and be ready to work also early in the morning and during warm weather.

Meeting Point

At Lamezia Terme airport or train station (both are close to each other)

IG25-W008 - Giardino delle Arance, a confiscated property returned to the community

Code: IG25-W008 **Name:** Giardino delle Arance, a confiscated property returned to the community

Work: SOCI, MANU,

Start date 07/07/2025 **End date** 23/07/2025

Location: Castelvetro (TP), Sicily, Italy

Min age: 18 **Max age:** 30

Num of vols. 1L + 9

Local Partners

The social cooperatives I Locandieri were born from the idea of cooperation between individuals and institutions, with the mission of generating social and economic value for the benefit of as many people as possible. They offer services to people, especially migrants, and since 2008 they have been welcoming migrants in two communities, including minors and families. One of their missions is to give new life to the confiscated property. Over the years they have given back to the community places confiscated from crime, transforming them into communities for migrants and sports facilities for children, young people and migrants living in Castelvetro.

Il Giardino delle Arance is another confiscated property that has been returned to the community: a small building from the late 18th century with three hectares of land that has been renovated to become a home for minors; a cottage that will become a space-lab for the processing of home-grown agri-food products and a shop to sell the garden's produce. Outside, there are 2 hectares of citrus groves and 1 hectare of land where an intensive organic vegetable garden has been created to implement an ambitious socio-economic project.

Work

Volunteers will support the members of the cooperative in the maintenance of the organic vegetable garden, in particular in the cultivation, sowing and harvesting, in the renovation of the dry stone walls that surround the area, and in the setting up of the fruit and vegetable shop. The work is mainly manual and is only organised in the mornings due to the high temperatures (between 7:00 - 12:00). Afternoons are free and volunteers can explore the surrounding area or take public transport to the beach. Depending on the interest of the volunteers, it is possible to organise workshops to decorate the interior of the house. At the end of the workcamp, there could be a cooking workshop with the volunteers of the cooperative and the young migrants hosted by the cooperative.

Study part: Members of the cooperative will share their stories and experiences of managing property confiscated from organised crime and their knowledge of organic farming.

Accommodation and food

A small building from the end of the 18th century renovated as a cosy house with three hectares of land outside. The house has 4 bedrooms (2 triple and 2 double) with wardrobes, a rustic kitchen, 3 small bathrooms with shower, and a living room. Volunteers will have to share bedrooms, bathrooms and common areas. There is plenty of space outside to enjoy the summer weather. Volunteers will be responsible for cooking, cleaning and keeping the area clean and safe.

Location and leisure

Castelvetro is a town in Sicily, in the province of Trapani. It is known for its rich history, including its proximity to the archaeological site of Selinunte, one of the largest ancient Greek cities in Sicily. The town is famous for the production of high quality olive oil and the historical centre is rich in monuments. A pine forest is 4 km from the accommodation, while the historical centre is 1 km away.

Requirements

Volunteers should have an interest in agriculture, be willing to work very early in the morning and have a good level of autonomy to enjoy their free time.

Meeting Point

Piazza Matteotti, Castelvetro last stop (Salemi bus)

IG and Emmaus Community - Catanzaro

Code: IG25-W013 - Emmaus Community - Catanzaro 1 - **Start date** 21/05/2025 **End date** 30/05/2025
Code: IG25-W020 - Emmaus Community - Catanzaro 2 - **Start date** 10/06/2025 **End date** 19/06/2025
Code: IG25-W021 - Emmaus Community - Catanzaro 3 - **Start date** 01/07/2025 **End date** 10/07/2025
Code: IG25-W022 - Emmaus Community - Catanzaro 4 - **Start date** 21/07/2025 **End date** 30/07/2025
Code: IG25-W023 - Emmaus Community - Catanzaro 5 - **Start date** 04/08/2025 **End date** 13/08/2025
Code: IG25-W024 - Emmaus Community - Catanzaro 6 - **Start date** 18/08/2025 **End date** 27/08/2025
Code: IG25-W025 - Emmaus Community - Catanzaro 7 - **Start date** 01/09/2025 **End date** 10/09/2025
Code: IG25-W026 - Emmaus Community - Catanzaro 8 - **Start date** 18/09/2025 **End date** 27/09/2025
Code: IG25-W027 - Emmaus Community - Catanzaro 9 - **Start date** 01/10/2025 **End date** 10/10/2025

Work: SOCI, MANU

Location: Satriano marina, Calabria, Italy

Min age: 18 **Max age:** 30

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Extra Fee: Extra fee of €50 is due to support food expenses, it has to be paid upon arrival.

Local Partners

The Emmaus Community of Catanzaro is part of the global Emmaus Movement, which aims to combat poverty and social exclusion through the principles of work, sharing, and mutual aid. EMMAUS Catanzaro manages a community for homeless men with social and economic difficulties based in Satriano (CZ). Emmaus runs the community in self-management and self-financing through the recovery of second-hand goods and the Mercatino Solidale (Flea Market) and through the help of local volunteers.

Work

Volunteers will help in collecting second-hand goods, arrange the solidarity market, advertising, tidying up and cleaning premises, serving meals. The work is organised only for half a day. One day off within the week.

Accommodation and food

Volunteers will stay on the ground floor of the community in rooms with bunk beds. They will have a bathroom with a shower (extra showers will only be available outside during July-Aug.) Volunteers will experience community life with the community members who host them and will eat meals together. The kitchen is not available to volunteers, but meals are prepared for everyone in the community canteen by an assigned person.

Location and leisure

In their free time, volunteers can visit both seaside and mountain areas nearby and can visit the archaeological area of Scholacium on their own costs. Half day will be free everyday.

Requirements

Volunteers should have an interest in charity work and previous volunteering experience is very welcome. The use of alcohol and psychotropic substances is prohibited. Extra fee of €50 is due to support food expenses, it has to be paid upon arrival.

Meeting Point

Satriano Marittima

IG and LIPU

Code: IG25-W015 **Name:** Cleaning of nature reserve - 3 - **Start date** 10/08/2025 **End date** 22/08/2025
Code: IG25-W016 **Name:** Cleaning of nature reserve - 4 - **Start date** 24/08/2025 **End date** 03/09/2025

Work: ENVI, MANU

Location: Isola delle Femmine (PA), Sicily, Italy

Min age: 18 **Max age:** 30

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Local Partners

The "Isola delle Femmine" is a nature reserve established in 1997 by the Sicilian Region and managed by LIPU (Italian league for birds protection) since then. This little uninhabited island is located in a strategic place for the migration of a specific species of bird called Gabbiano reale (*Larus michahellis*), this area allows them to rest from migration and to grow numerically. The regular support received along the year is not sufficient for the maintenance needed, this is the reason why InformaGiovani with LIPU organize together every year volunteering projects to support the maintenance of the natural reserve and to sensitize the local community towards the place.

Work

Work will be run on the little uninhabited island in the middle of the sea every morning. Volunteers will take a boat every day to join this place, therefore, it is compulsory to be able to swim for safety reasons! Volunteers will support natural reserve's staff in: restoration of the flora (this action is part of over thirty-year plan put in practice by Lipu and volunteers) and maintenance of existing vegetation (watering plants), maintenance of the protected area (re-building stone paths) cleaning of the protected area from litter (the area is exposed to different marine streams that bring waste from the sea) cooking meals for the group in couple and following shifts other tasks. Work will be done mainly in the morning and in case of wind or rain it will be postponed. Work is manual and demands physical effort, it is also tiring due to hot temperature and Southern sun (hat and sunblock are compulsory).

Accommodation and food

LIPU offers a room inside their office. All the volunteers will be accommodated in one common room equipped with 3 bunk beds and share one bathroom. Volunteers should be aware of a very basic condition and willing to live as such! Volunteers will be responsible for cooking and cleaning.

Location and leisure

Isola delle Femmine is an Italian town in North-Western Sicily, in the province of Palermo. It is next to the sea so volunteers can spend their free time at the beach, do water sports, snorkeling, etc... Isola is a coast-town close to Palermo and connected by bus/train. Palermo is a beautiful city where there are many sights and places to spend the free time.

Requirements

Since volunteers will take a boat every day the ability to swim is compulsory for safety reasons. Interest in environmental issues, protection of sea and coast. High motivation is requested. Volunteers should be aware of a very basic condition.

Meeting Point

Isola delle Femmine train station

IG25-W018 - FREE School WALDORF

Code: IG25-W018 **Name:** FREE School WALDORF

Work: MANU

Start date 31/08/2025 **End date** 07/09/2025 (TBC)

Location: Palermo

Min age: 18 **Max age:** 30

Num of vols. 1L + 7

Local Partners

The association of the free school Waldorf manages the local school inspired by the principles of Anthroposophy (more info at <http://www.waldorfanswers.org>). The school is a community of teachers and pupils' families and they all do the necessary work to maintain the school building and garden.

Work

Volunteers will support the teachers and the parents of the pupils in the manual work needed before the start of the school year. Main work will be maintenance of the garden and classroom, including painting, arranging the play area for kids, repair desks, etc.

Accommodation and food

Accommodation in the school. Volunteers will sleep in inflated mattresses in the classroom and they will use solar showers. Lunch together with teachers and dinners self prepared by volunteers with provided food. A kitchen is available for volunteers.

Location and leisure

The school is not far from the city centre. Volunteers can join the social and cultural life of the city.

Requirements

Willing to do manual work (like repairing, painting, fixing, gardening, etc). Sense of initiative and active contribution is recommended.

Meeting Point

Palermo Stazione Lolli