

Topic: Activities with people in need in the field of upcycling and recycling.

Number of volunteers hosted at the same time: 4

Type of project: Long-term

Place: Senigallia, Italy

UNDICESIMAORA



Activities in the Solidarity Garden



One of the buildings of Undicesimaora

The Association

Undicesimaora Onlus is a social cooperative founded in Senigallia in December 2011, as a result of the collaboration between the Fondazione Caritas Senigallia Onlus and the Fondazione Maria Grazie Balducci Rossi per i più bisognosi Onlus.

The aim of Undicesimaora is to improve the quality of life of people experiencing hardship and poverty in our area, through the creation of temporary workplaces, training and guiding to social reintegration. The work projects aim to teach a useful trade for future economic and working independence. Undicesimaora has 2 main sectors: social agriculture and upcycling. They manage **fields**, a **warehouse 'Rikrea - Magazzino Solidale'** in cooperation with Caritas, a **carpentry** and a **unit for restoration and repair of furniture**.

Other sectors that are of great importance to the cooperative are tourism, through the management of Camping Domus on the Senigallia seafront, and the strand of cultural projects. In fact, the cooperative manages a bookshop in the centre of Senigallia, which over time has become a meeting and event development point.

These projects have increased employment opportunities, involving not only people in difficulty, but also young graduates who often struggle to find work.



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RIKREA Warehouse



Send your **CV** and a **cover letter** related to the project you like (both in English) to candidates@vicolocorto.org we will let you know if we have any vacancy good for you!

Tasks of the volunteers

The volunteers will be involved in the activities of the association as follows:

Support at the SOLIDARITY GARDEN where the volunteers will take care of:

- **PLANTING and WATERING:** the volunteers will support the staff and the workers of the cooperative in the activity of planting the seeds. They will have the opportunity to know more about seeds and planting techniques. They will also support in watering the plants from the moment they plant them until the harvest.


- **HARVESTING:** when the time comes, the volunteers will support the staff and the workers in the harvesting and picking of vegetables. This activity will help them to know the seasonality of vegetables and fruit.

- **SORTING:** after the harvest, they will support the staff and the workers in sorting the vegetables. They will clean them and divide them in boxes, ready for the delivery.

- **DELIVERY:** as specified above, the vegetables that we harvest in our solidarity garden are delivered to the facilities managed by Fondazione Caritas Senigallia. They use the vegetables in their canteens for people with fewer opportunities and for people in need. The volunteers will support the staff and the workers in the delivery.

Support at RIKREA - a solidarity warehouse open to all citizens that enables the purchase and collection of furniture and furnishings of various kinds in good condition, the reuse of used clothing in good condition and the distribution of food for needy people in the area:

- clothing and food distribution and accommodation activities;
- sorting, checking and cleaning activities of the items placed in the warehouse (furniture, children's toys, etc);
- activities of dismantling and assembling furniture, delivery and collection from the homes of private individuals.

you can find us on social media! 

Are you curious about the Association? Take a look at their website: www.undicesimaora.org



WHERE?

SENIGALLIA



Senigallia is a municipality and port town on the Adriatic coast in the Marche region. It is situated in the province of Ancona and it counts around 44.460 inhabitants. Senigallia is an important touristic destination, especially in summer with **his velvet beaches** and **spectacular festivals**. In particular, each August the "Summer Jamboree" Festival animates the city with music, art, shows and markets coming directly from the Fifties. There's also a nationally recognised music event during which different Italian singers take part for free concerts. The Rotonda a Mare is the typical postcard of Senigallia: it was built at the beginning of the 20th century and it is now one of the main places for conventions and art exhibitions. The beaches are always crowded in summer and various cultural events animate the other seasons.





THE SELECTION PROCESS

1. Send your **CV** and a **cover letter** related to the project to candidates@vicolocorto.org
2. Then you **will be contacted for a Skype interview**. There is no need of speaking good English, in case you can ask your sending organization to help you. **Don't worry, it will not be a job interview or an English test** but it will be an opportunity to know your personal motivation and expectation and to discuss about the project, the city and the opportunities.

THE PROFILE OF THE VOLUNTEERS

The volunteer's profile our organization is looking for is based on the following criteria:

- **Personal motivations.** We value the volunteers' interest in the programme proposed and the expectation towards this experience more than specific skills: everything you need to do your service will be learnt here!
- **English and Italian level.** Italian or English are not needed, of course, a survival level will be helpful to get by in everyday needs, especially because you will be probably in touch with people who don't generally speak foreign languages. This experience is also your opportunity to improve your communication skills!
- **Interest in working with people.** Working with people is essential to our work. We also value creative, proactive and self-motivated people.

MORE ABOUT THE SELECTION PROCESS

VICOLOCORTO is the **Coordinating Organisation** taking care of the practical, follow-up, support and training arrangements **during your volunteering project**.

On the other side, **you will participate as volunteer within a Hosting Organisation** who will be in charge of all the issues referring your volunteering activities (holidays, tasks, schedule, follow-up, support, etc...).

As a very quick view, **Vicolocorto has more than 10 years experiences in the field of Mobility projects and Volunteering** and we have been coordinating more than 200 host volunteering mobilities so far. It is very important for us that you enjoy this opportunity to live an immense and intense learning journey. **We really need to underline some important points and really need you to know and agree with all the logistical points to avoid any misunderstanding once here.**

CAROLINA, will take care of the selection process.

Nice to meet you!

I will be the one writing to you on candidates@vicolocorto.org and we will get to know each other during a Skype interview. I am waiting to know your motivation and I am ready to answer to all your question!





MORE INFO BEFORE LEAVING

ACCOMMODATION

You have the opportunity to enjoy the volunteering life **in a flat with other volunteers**. Cleanliness is everyone's job. Volunteers are expected to reach an agreement on planning house cleaning. If you have problems finding an agreement, we help you and support you in finding a solution.

Sharing, we know, is not easy, it is even harder when you do not know the people you are living with, who have decided as you, to start this experience. But **flexibility, understanding** and most of all **communication** are the keys for having a positive experience, even if everything won't be perfect!

The lodging of anyone outside our project (friends, family, etc ...) is not allowed.

ATTITUDE

You will spend most of the time with different people (target groups, professionals, local volunteers, etc...) who are anxious to know you, to show you who they are and what they can do, to teach you at different levels, to give you warmth and their confidence. **The impact that you can bring as a volunteer is greater than you can expect.** You need to receive but also to give back. **Participation, initiative, sense of responsibility and flexibility** are important and welcome. From both parts (Coordinating and Hosting organisations), we hope to make you feel comfortable, empowered and proactive.

All the persons involved in the project are always trying their best to reach your expectations, if you show the willingness to do so.