

**Topic:** Activities at the services of Caritas Jesi

**Number of volunteers hosted at the same time:** 4

**Type of project:** Long-term

**Place:** Jesi, Italy



# CARITAS JESI



The building

The clothing store

The food emporium

## The Organisation

**Caritas Jesi is a place of inclusion and hospitality that works with people, often with strong weaknesses, to support and accompany them in their life path.** The main objective of Caritas is the promotion of the person, as a whole, and the accompaniment towards autonomy and the exit from poverty. With this spirit, our diocesan centre promotes various services for people: **a canteen, a food emporium, a clothing emporium, reception centre for homeless people "Casa delle Genti", "Centro d'ascolto", solidarity clinic, job search desk.**

We offer volunteers a strong experience of growth, training and awareness, in the reality of a territory with many needs but also many opportunities.

**We are looking for open-minded volunteers, empathetic, with a great desire to do and get involved.**



Activity Room

The kitchen of the canteen



Send your **CV** and a **cover letter** related to the project you like (both in English) to [candidatesevicolocorto.org](http://candidatesevicolocorto.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 following activities:

### THE CANTEEN, which includes:

- Help in the kitchen in preparing food and meals for beneficiaries
- Support to volunteers and the chef in the management of the food warehouse
- Tidying up and cleaning of the kitchen and canteen rooms.

### THE FOOD EMPORIUM, which includes:

- Direct service with the beneficiaries
- Administrative support to the operator
- Preparation of fruit, vegetables and all other foods for direct sale.
- Shelving replenishment, tidying and cleaning.

### THE CLOTHING STORE, which includes:

- Administrative support to the volunteers in the digitization of the forms
- Support to volunteers in the selection of clothes and in the management of the warehouse
- Direct service with the beneficiaries and accompaniment in the choice of clothing
- Tidying up and cleaning of the store.

### RECEPTION CENTRE "CASA DELLE GENTI", which includes:

- Conception, design and development of activities to be carried out directly with guests with the aim of promoting their inclusion and reception
- Direct relationship with guests.

The volunteers will also be involved in communication activities like the promotion of European Solidarity Corps projects and video-making.

*you can find us on social media!*



# WHERE?

## JESI



**Jesi** is located in the lower valley of the Esino river and is the most important town in the Vallesina valley. It is the third largest city in the province of Ancona, after the capital and Senigallia.

In 1969, it was designated by UNESCO as an 'exemplary city' for the architectural integration of its various historical layers.

**Jesi has very ancient origins:** legend has it that Jesi was founded by Hesius, king of the Pelasgians, who came here directly from Arcadia in 768 BC and donated the symbol of a rampant lion to the town's coat of arms, as can also be read on an inscription on the façade of the Palazzo della Signoria. The rampant lion is, in fact, still the symbol of the city.

**The area of Jesi is also famous for the production of the popular wine "Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi".**





## THE SELECTION PROCESS

1. Send your **CV** and a **cover letter** related to the project to [candidates@vicolocorto.org](mailto: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](mailto: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

## ACCOMODATION

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 other 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.