

**Project name:** Act for you, act for all

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**Coordinating organization:** Association for Culture and Education PiNA

## DESCRIPTION OF THE VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

**Name of the organization:** CEMEA del Mezzogiorno onlus

**Venue:** Rome, Italy

**Project activities dates:** June 2018 - November 2018 (6 month)

**Field of the volunteering:** Education and free time activities

### About the organization:

The Italian organization CEMEA del Mezzogiorno onlus (Training Centres for Active Education Methods) works with **international learning mobility** as a tool for education, complementing its local work within the youth centres and playgrounds in Rome.

CEMEA promotes the respect of people diversities, believing in everyone's desire to better one self. Making this opportunity accessible to each individual is CEMEA's main aim.

CEMEA supports participation, intercultural approach, local dimension and active citizenship as basic elements for collective and individual actions.

Links for more info: [www.cemea.eu](http://www.cemea.eu)

### Volunteer profile:

In the principles and methodology of CEMEA, one of the 10 focus is the motivation to learn. The motivation to learn and motivation to act are the impulses that allow the individual to make an effort in the pleasure of doing; these two motivations represent the push for a not superficial commitment, towards an action that is done for his/her own interest but also "to be with", to share with the others the discoveries, the enthusiasm, the defeats, the desire to keep looking. The education of CEMEA asks participants a sort of "motivational agreement" and a mutual commitment of attention and care.

According to our philosophy, the main selection criteria will be motivation more than experience or studies in the field. Curiosity and flexibility are well accepted and very useful to face EVS experience, even more than specific skills in the field. Interest in learning the hosting language is needed, but it is not required any previous knowledge of it. We believe in the need of a strong relationship and cooperation between the three actors involved in the European Voluntary Service: sending organisation, hosting organisation and volunteer.

## Description of the activities and tasks:

The volunteer could be involved in the following activities within a playground or a the youth centre, depending on his/her interests and depending also on the different opportunities and initiatives promoted by CEMEA del Mezzogiorno, available during the EVS.

**In the playgrounds** some activities are proposed to kids (from 4 to 11 years old) and their families. Kids are stimulated by workshops and special games supporting socialization and soliciting their communicative skills and abilities. The playgrounds are open in the afternoon, while, during the summer, the recreational centre works in the morning and in the early afternoon.

The volunteer will support the team being involved in all the activities and workshops proposed (games, sport activities, recycling workshops, art and crafts...), in the organization and in setting the space up and in the weekly team reunion.

**In the adolescent centres**, the volunteers will support the teams to prepare and implement the planned daily activities towards the users (youngsters between 11 and 18 years old). The centers are opened 5 days per week, a part from all the external activities and events, such as actions in the territory and workshops in the schools. The working teams are generally composed by a coordinator, educators, psychologists and social assistant. Technicians, for specific workshops, university internship and volunteers for national Civil Service are involved in specific projects aimed to enlarge the socio-cultural activities offered.

In the adolescent centre, the volunteers' tasks could be the following:

- Participate in the different workshops (sport, music, body expression, recycling, dance...)
- Participate at the daily tasks in the centre

- Multimedia activities - assist young users with the use of Information Technology hardware and software, specifically in the area of video editing and web design, and support users to their first approach to the internet world
- Contribute to welcome and assist people participating to the Italian for foreigners activities
- After school support - assist users in doing homework
- Actively participate in the weekly coordination meeting
- Contribute with his/her own idea to the centre activities.

Volunteer should contribute to drop bits of international culture (mostly from country of origin) in all activities implemented.

Depending on the different local initiatives, CEMEA del Mezzogiorno is involved in territorial actions carried out in cooperation with partners at local level. These actions are focusing above all on voluntary activities in the quarters aimed to reach a mutual support inside the local community and to stress the importance of intercultural dialogue and active participation.

### Working hours:

Generally in the afternoon, 14:00 – 19:00. To this programme are to be added the mentoring hours, Italian language class, different territorial actions.