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# BANCA DEL FARE

WORKSHOPS IN ITALY FOCUSED ON RESTORING  
TRADITIONAL STONE AND WOOD CONSTRUCTIONS



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IN PIEMONTE - ITALY



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# PARCO CULTURALE ALTA LANGA

## HOSTING ORGANIZATION

### ABOUT US

The **Parco Culturale Alta Langa** is a non-profit territorial association situated in **Monesiglio**, region of Piemonte, northern Italy, which purposes are:

- promoting knowledge of Alta Langa area in its various forms (historical, artistic, literary, architectural, gastronomic);
- helping to develop a healthy, positive form of tourism;
- promote educational activities, in order to develop the local culture for youth and adults.

The association's main project is **Banca del Fare**, a summer school about the restoration of traditional stone houses that aims to:

- Address the abandonment and degradation of the region.
- Transmit indispensable knowledge and building techniques related to stone constructions, before it is lost.
- Raise awareness that the heritage our forefathers have left us, everywhere in the world, should be protected and defended.

### WHY IS THE PROJECT CALLED “BANCA DEL FARE”?

**Banca del Fare** literally means the doing bank and refers to **learning by doing**. This project aims to provide people with an opportunity to connect theoretically learning with a hands-on approach, something that we believe is lacking in the education system and our everyday lives. To fully understand a concept, it is also important to be able to apply it in a real world setting.



# ASSOCIAZIONE CULTURALE EUFEMIA

## COORDINATING ORGANIZATION

### ABOUT US

**Associazione di promozione sociale Eufemia** is an association active in the cultural and educational field, with a strong focus on youth. Since 2010, a group of young professionals, together with the volunteers and the members, are all committed to support the process of European integration.

Through lifelong learning, non-formal education, intercultural dialogue, exchanges and networking, Eufemia aims to develop active citizenship culture, educational programmes in the European context (especially in the field of Youth), to promote equal opportunities and social inclusion in the local community and within the European Solidarity Corps (ESC). **We are ESC Coordinating Organisation since 2012.**



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## VOLUNTEERING WITH US

### WHERE?

The campus is located in **Cascina Crocetta**, an ancient hamlet built according to the traditional techniques, about 10 minutes' drive from the closest village, the tiny **Castelletto Uzzone**. The staff, the volunteers and the students will be living at Cascina Crocetta, that offers a hostel with 20 beds, 8 bathrooms, a cafeteria offering cooked meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner, a laundry machine. The surrounding area is rich in small villages, delicious eateries, medieval castles, and beautiful trails all to discover. All local transports are provided by the school's van.



### WHEN?

From 1st of June to the 30th of November 2019 (six months).

### WHO?

We're looking for **2 volunteers**, one from **Portugal** and one from **Spain**, who are **interested on manual work** such as craftsmen/craftswomen and young people with an architecture/engineering background, interested in the area of building with natural materials, restoration of ancient buildings and self-build construction.

The volunteers should also be able to live with people from several backgrounds in an isolated, surrounded by nature environment.

#### We wish to select volunteers that:

- Are able to work in a team, to learn from differences and without any kind of prejudice;
- Consider manual work an opportunity to acquire new skills and abilities, and not demeaning compared to theoretic learning;
- Are able to get passionate about work, the local culture, and also enjoy being social in a multicultural environment.
- The candidate must be willing to work both with people and do some office work, as planning and research.
- Who would like to experiment living in a community, surrounded only by nature and to discover a new lifestyle far from the urban environment, surrounded by people always interested on sharing their diverse backgrounds.

#### The volunteers are encouraged to bring in their creativity and experiences.

Driving license and basic Italian language are an asset (but don't exclude yourself from participating if you do not know how to speak Italian, we will help you learn).



**THE STONE VILLAGE OF CASCINA CROCETTA**



**THE 14TH CENTURY CASTLE IN MONESIGLIO**

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### WHAT?

There are two types of workshops in different locations and they cover distinct topics:

#### WORKSHOPS RESTORING RURAL CONSTRUCTIONS

Workshop location: the stone village known as Cascina Crocetta

The courses held at Crocetta are focused on “CIABOT”, small buildings used traditionally by farmers for activities related to agriculture. They typically consist of a single functional cell, often with two floors. Ciabot are simple and practical structures built in harmony with the landscape, maintaining the distinct character and construction techniques of the region.

#### WORKSHOPS RESTORING A MONUMENTAL HERITAGE SITE

Workshop location: the 14th century Castle in Monesiglio

The courses are focused on the restoration of the extraordinary 13th century CASTLE in Monesiglio, one of the most relevant historical buildings in the Langa. The project is in its second year with much restoration work remaining. Practical “in-the-field” activities will include an architectural survey, and the evaluation and design of not only the castle but also its surrounding gardens.

### MAIN ACTIVITIES:

- Welcoming the new coming students,
- Helping to manage the school's hostel and cafeteria,
- Planning school trips and events,
- Planning and running special events to promote the knowledge of the school's activities in the area.
- Helping to design punctual interventions on the buildings to be renovated,
- Researching materials and techniques to integrate the traditional ones,
- Helping with the building site logistics,
- Creating graphic works to promote the school's activities.

**Beside the specific tasks listed above, the volunteers will take turns to help with the daily chores:**

- Cleaning the common spaces of the campus,
- Setting the tables and washing the dishes,
- Operating the disposal of the garbage focusing on recycling,
- Documenting the school's activities with pictures, videos, and filing all the material.
- The Banca del Fare is proudly running an organic vegetable garden, and the staff, volunteers and students share the task to take care of it.
- The volunteers may be involved in other projects run by the Association, such as the Hostel in Monesiglio, the TuristOffice, the Maintenance of the Trails, outdoor movie projections, and special events involving the local population.

## WORKING TIME

The volunteers will be involved in the Association activities for five days a week, for a maximum of 35 weekly hours.

Example of a weekly schedule:

**Wednesday:** Helping with building site logistics; documenting the activities. (helping with the chores/Italian lesson)

**Thursday:** Helping with the organisation of the workshops; planning school trips and events. (helping with the chores/Italian lesson)

**Friday:** Creating graphic works to promote the school's activities; Event night (helping with the chores/Italian lesson)

**Saturday:** School trip (helping with the chores/Italian lesson)

**Sunday:** Helping managing the school's hostel and cafeteria; welcoming new coming students (helping with the chores/Italian lesson)

\*Two days a week are off. The schedule may change according with the necessities on the site.

## LOGISTICS:

All the meals, accommodation, and the local transports, are provided by the Association at the campus. During all the 6 months the volunteers will receive the pocket money of 5 euro per day, and in case the volunteer is away from the campus will receive the food money of 6 euro per day, according to the European Solidarity Corps rules.

All the activities will be held in the respect of the laws and protecting the health and safety of the volunteers and all the participants.

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### LIFE IN CROCETTA

At Crocetta there is lots of work to be done on the building site, but it is complimented with fun leisure activities, school trips, outdoor cinema, music, theme nights, and events.





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### WHY?

Our ESC project offers several opportunities to the volunteer:

- Rediscover the manual work as a “union between hand and mind”, that has been lost in the most recent generations.
- Experience the building site in person, taking part in every step of the construction process.
- Deepen the technological knowledge about renovation, through theoretical lessons and practical workshops.
- Strengthen decision-making ability and project planning skills, helping the staff to plan workshops.
- Empower self-confidence, self-esteem and entrepreneurship, contributing to create such a complex project as rebuild a stone house.
- Extend the CV, improving the technological, managerial and operative skills as well.
- Acquire skills useful in other countries, since the traditional use of wood and stone are common patrimony of many European regions.
- Improve the experience in managerial field, working on the campus managing, on the logistic and planning events and their media documentation.
- Acquiring experience in hospitality management, helping in running the campus’ hostel and cafeteria.
- To live in a school campus, experiencing the interdisciplinarity and the multiculturality values.
- To understand the identity value of the architectural patrimony for the local community and engage to preserve it, involving with the local culture and bonding with the territory.
- To interact with the community surrounding the campus, through a daily exchange of cultural activities, events, festivals.
- To learn Italian thanks to a language course (Erasmus+ OLS), and the professional terms through the daily use.

### INTERESTED?

In order to apply to this project, send your CV in English or Italian, and your Motivation Letter to [bancadelfare@gmail.com](mailto:bancadelfare@gmail.com) and [evs@eufemia.eu](mailto:evs@eufemia.eu), by the 15th of April.

We will contact only the candidates that we will find suitable, asking for further Skype interview.

For more information, don't hesitate to contact us!

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