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Welcome to Casapesenna !



The "Park of Legality" - Casapesenna (Caserta)

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Who are we?



Giosef Italy- Giovani Senza Frontiere

The Association Giosef - **Youth Without Borders**, was born in **April 1998** to promote **active European citizenship and youth mobility**. It is engaged in the inclusion and participation of youth in all its forms and at all levels. Giosef aims to create new spaces for youth participation in public life, so that young people themselves are able to provide answers to the needs of new generations. We support the construction of a Europe of solidarity and hospitality, founded on the ideals of democracy, peace, tolerance and acceptance of diversity. We promote paths of non-formal education and job training in intercultural perspective. These objectives are pursued through the development of intercultural exchanges of young people, voluntary services, seminars, training courses, work placements, actions of active citizenship, twinning between cities, conferences, research and publications, fields of solidarity, cooperation projects and development.

Since 2012 we worked on education and employment issue through our projects in the field of the structured dialogue and EU Youth Programme (Youth, Youth in Action and Erasmus +). We developed many training course and projects on active youth entrepreneurship carried out thanks also to the program "Europe for Citizens" and developed by our organizations together with Universities and Public Body, National and European Parliament and stakeholders.

We manage from 2010 EVS projects both in sending and in hosting in several fields. In the last years, we managed hundred EVS projects within social, health, solidarity, sport and environmental issues.

Recognition of Non Formal Education skills and the role of the youth worker is also our priority and we are on the advocacy process at national and European level.

Nowadays, the association is managing the Euro-Mediterranean Centre for Youth (Il Paguro), created within a house confiscated from the mafia in the Municipality of Casapesenna in the province of Caserta and funded by the Department of Youth and the National Civil Service. In this Centre we develop trainings, youth exchanges and social innovation activities.

Giosef Italy is a national umbrella organisation that promotes from 21 years youth mobility, youth policy and social promotion. Our work is dedicated to spreading the ideas of tolerance, cultural diversity and European citizenship among our members, most of whom are aged 18-35. We believe that is important to increase young opportunity, and make them in contact with new realities, behaviors and culture for improving the sense of European citizenship. They could learn about intercultural reality and rich themselves through the contact with other volunteers. We are convinced that is a tool for becoming active citizens and help them to grow personally and professionally.

Where are you coming to?

Il Paguro - Little Euro Mediterranean Youth Centre



Despite the effort of the State in fighting against “camorra” the internationally known mafia criminal organisation of Campania, these lands are still daily dealing with living in a territory in which the “camorra” issue is still very present and eradicated in the culture of these places.

The territory englobes 6 municipalities and it is sadly known for the presence of criminal organisations that still today keep a real control on the area.

This situation has generated in the recent past social decline and high rates of unemployment and also very low indicators for the quality of life. Several NGOs and organisations of the civic society work on new development models in order to fight against the current situation. One of the main important and impactful is the social use of confiscated goods integrated with activities and initiatives with the local communities.

Also Giosef works in order to overturn the imagine of this territory as a “laboratory” of illegality. The organisation has received in 2009 custody and the management for 20 years of a building confiscated to camorra. In the same year, Giosef applied for a grant of the Ministry of Interns and got funded for the restoration of the building. The works ended in 2015, with the inauguration of the Centre “Il Paguro” in Casapesenna, in province of Caserta. The organisation is also beneficiary of the project "**LEMYC - Little Euro Mediterranean Youth Center**" funded by the Department of Youth (Presidency of the Council of Ministers of Italy), built on the model of the European Youth Centres promoted by the Council of Europe. The project granted the creation of an hostel for youth organisations and young people active in European and Active Citizenship topics. The hostel, inaugurated in 2016 has 24 beds capability.

The goal of our work is to promote and foster these concepts as an important factor for the development of the territory by opening it up to new and innovative cooperation processes between local and European citizens. Our challenge is to facilitate the intercultural dialogue by bringing these topics in the periphery of Europe, lands too often forgotten and isolated.

The Centre hosts a diverse range of activities: **youth exchanges, training courses and ESC volunteers of associations working in this area.**

Description of “Il Paguro”

The hostel is located in Casapesenna (CASERTA - ITALY), it is in line with all certifications required the Italian law regarding safety for working and living. The building is also fully accessible for disabled. The capability is of 24 beds divided in 5 rooms fully equipped with desks, wardrobes and sleeping and bath facilities. There is a big kitchen complete with oven, kitchen equipment and washing facilities.



Room

1° floor:

n. 2 rooms with 6 beds
(each) n. 1 room with 4 beds

2° floor:

n. 2 rooms with 4 beds (each)

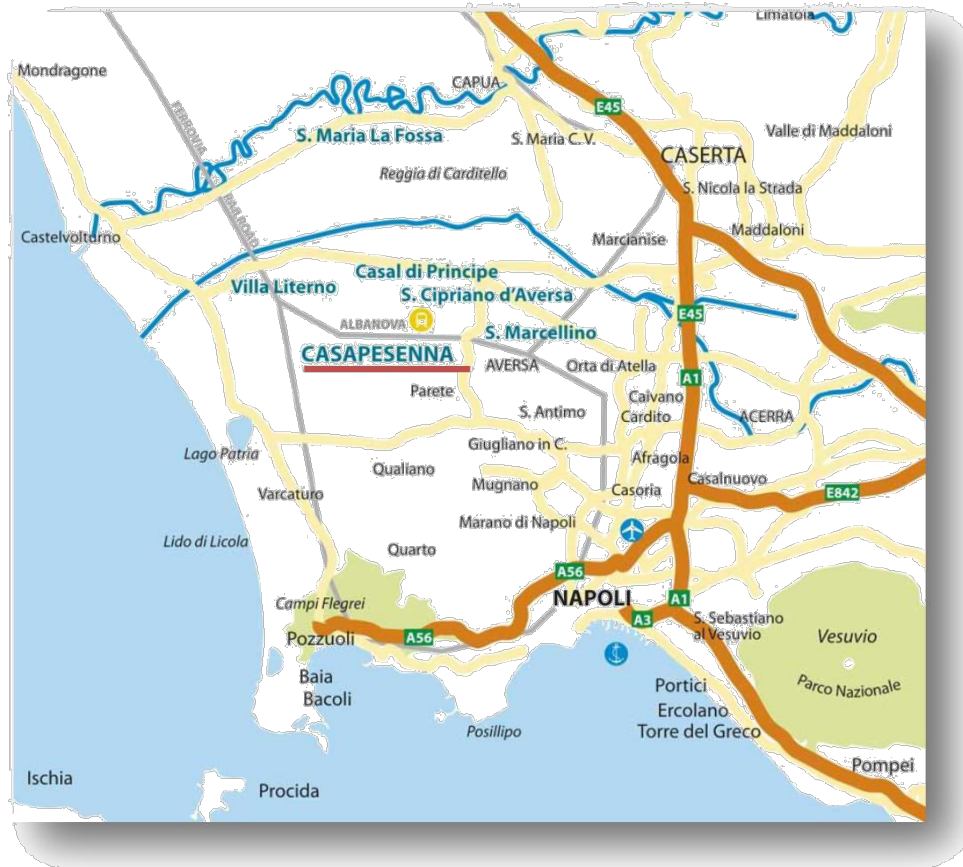


On the ground floor there is a big open space equipped to carry out different activities, this is also a common living area with sofas, tables, wi-fi zone, telephone and laptops. A big common kitchen on the same floor is provided for everybody, also for those with special dietary needs, and it is fully equipped. 1 bathroom for disabled plus 2 (1 for males and 1 for females) is present in each floor. Bathrooms are equipped with showers, toilets and sinks.



How to get here

- Train Station: Albanova / San Cipriano d' Aversa, which connects directly to Naples and Caserta (30 min walking distance).
- Nearest Airports: Naples Capodichino 25 minutes away (by car) or Rome (all airports) about 2 hours away (car, train).



Proposed Activities

We propose a wide range of activities for our volunteers in hosting. We host volunteers in long term project for a period of 8 months. In our projects we tend to tailor tasks on volunteers and propose what they are more interested in. However following an list of tasks that we expect our group of volunteers to perform:

The project will engage the volunteers in support of the activities of Giosef Italia in the Hostel "Il Paguro" and ,in part, in other assets confiscated as "Casa Don Diana", "Altromodo", "ArtEspresso - Caffè Letterario". Specifically, the volunteers will take care of:

- Communication and Promotion: management and updating of websites, newsletters and social network pages and creation of multimedia and promotional material;
- Organization and promotion of awareness events and promotional initiatives in the area. Volunteers will have to schedule events and manifestations of interest for the local youth and try to involve them directly. The events will be organized in rotation in all assets confiscated to allow fair distribution and dissemination;

- Support for confiscated assets: the volunteers will support the work regarding the ordinary maintenance of the structures and the management of the services to the client based on the type of activity developed in the confiscated property. example:

- * Il Paguro: check -in, check-out of the guests, cleaning and organization of the rooms, preparation of breakfast. Info-desk: also in this case volunteers must be trained and assisted in the work of promoting opportunities for young people in the area. Opportunities promoted concerns both the internal ones of our network but also those that relate to the territory. Particular attention will be given to the promotion of CES opportunities;

- * Casa Don Diana: management of the library and the external bar, organization of the visit to the museum of mafia victims.

- * Altromodo: creative recycling of waste material

- * ArtEspresso - Caffè Letterario: internal bar management, coordination of artistic courses.

In case additional activities will be required, recommended agreed with the volunteer in advance, tackling together the difficulties they face facing.

The expected commitment is 35 hours per week. The days of Saturday, Sunday and holidays will be free for the volunteer and, in case there are activities scheduled for the weekend, rest days will be arranged in the following week. Every month there will be 2 days of mid-week rest.



Logistic

- The volunteers will move through cars that we are providing to rent for the project duration or to buy for future projects. In each way the volunteers will be brought until the activities place if it's too far away from the Paguro Youth Centre. We bought already bikes to move in the village and around there.
- The Volunteers will receive, in the beginning of each month, the pocket money in order to ESC Programme and a budget for the food.
- The volunteers will be followed from mentors, coordinator, supervisor.

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