**Youth Solidarity: Growing Together**

The project is constituted by one main activity, which is based on the mission of the Association: give educational and daily assistance to the minors hosted in the communities, boys and girls who are under the social services care, both Italians and non-accompanied migrant children. The activities will take place in the 5 communities of “Il Tetto” and in the places where the kids usually go: school, gym, creative laboratory and so on. The main objective is to actively involve the European volunteers in the daily life of the communities giving them the chance to live an educational experience.

Moreover, the project aims at stimulating tolerance and solidarity between people, fostering the volunteers’ spirit of initiative and the cooperation between people, united by a common goal.

A transversal objective of the project is the promotion of multilingualism, in accordance with the EU motto: “United in diversity”. The volunteers will have the chance to learn Italian, which is a basic requirement for being involved in the project, communicating and integrating in the community; they will not only be students, but they will also participate at the school’s activities as “peer educators”: learning facilitators for other students. Moreover, they will have the chance to improve their linguistic abilities, communicating with kids coming from French or English or Arabic speaking countries.

The duration of the project (12 month) allows the creation of emotional bonds between volunteers and hosted kids. This is another important aspect in order to reach the goal of the project and promote the well-being of all the people involved.

The presence of the volunteers will contribute to improve the underage’s success possibilities in school and to lower the risk of social exclusion and deviation.

“Youth Solidarity: Growing Together” is realized through simple daily actions, which the team uses as an educational tool to create bonds, accompany and support, day after day, the underage growth and to reach the educational objectives related to their integration in the community.

This is a team work, in which the synergy within the group is very important. Therefore, during the first weeks the volunteers will be involved in the dynamics of the educator’s group so that also the kids will see them as fully part of the team.

The members of the team, especially the tutor, will be particularly present in the first period, as they will support the volunteers in the development of the activities. During the whole year, the volunteers will receive support and the Organization will put in place adequate measures of risk containment, monitoring, evaluation and follow-up.

The activities are thought of as a way through which the volunteers can learn by doing and test themselves, being sure that they will never be left alone in handling complex situations.

The project is based on respecting individual knowledge and competences and it not only guarantees the volunteers’ involvement but also offers them the chance to be part of the project’s decisions; the volunteers will be encouraged to have an active role in the project.

Il Tetto will occupy the volunteers in the 5 communities for underage kids that it coordinates; each group consists of 7/8 underage kids, between 2 and 18 years old, and an Italian course.

The objectives of the project are:

* Encourage a peaceful environment in the structures in which the kids live;
* Promote social inclusion;
* Increase the commitment of young people and organizations in solidarity activities;
* Strengthen cohesion, solidarity, democracy and citizenship in Europe;
* Provide new skills to the volunteers;
* Promote the exchange of good practices in the organizations involved;

The results that we expect are:

* Growth of relational exchanges between young people, volunteers and educators;
* Increase the number of relationships between young people of different nationalities;
* Create new partnerships;
* Promote new job opportunities for volunteers;
* Increase the sense of belonging to Europe;

Volunteers will be engaged in the following activities:

* Participate to the Italian course as students and as peer educators;
* Live together with the kids experiences of daily life;
* Organize activities during the kids’ free time;
* Assist the kids in their daily activities (room cleaning, study, cooking and eating together)
* Workshops
* Participate to sporadic fundraising activities.

4 volunteers will be involved.

The volunteers will be accompanied by the presence of an educator during their activities and they will be required to participate actively and constantly. They must:

* Study together with the kids;
* Cook, clean and tidy up spaces with the kids;
* Support educators in organizing leisure time;