

## LEGAMBIENTE

### WHO ARE WE?

Legambiente is a non-profit leading environmental organisation in Italy that works for the safeguarding and enhancement of natural resources; environment; common health; animal and plant species; historical, artistic and cultural heritage; territories and landscapes. It is formed by 20 regional committees and around 1000 local groups. Since its foundation in 1980, Legambiente's hallmark is the **scientific environmentalism**, which is the willingness to build every environmental protection project on a solid base made of scientific data.

Legambiente's mission is to **make environmental culture at the centre of a new kind of development and diffused well-being**. Important values for the association are the improvement of environmental quality, the fight against all forms of pollution, a wise use of natural resources, the construction of a more balanced relationship between human beings and the nature. Spreading those values could be an effective way to respond to the challenges of our time: the modernization of the economy, the commitment to beat unemployment, the struggle for peace and against all forms of discrimination and social injustice, the effort to consider globalization not only as a mere trading of goods but also as a means to improve quality of life and to give rights to billions of men and women forced to live in poverty.

### LEGAMBIENTE'S WORKCAMPS

Legambiente has been organising volunteering campaigns since 1991, promoting summer-camps in many protected areas both in Italy and abroad.

Voluntary work camps have three main objectives:

- safeguard and **enhance the Italian environmental, historical, cultural and artistic heritage**;
- raise the awareness of local communities and foreign volunteers about the **value of the natural and cultural heritage** and spread **sustainable and responsible lifestyles**;
- build **peace** through **cultural exchange**.

Voluntary projects also help in promoting **green tourism**, developing **sustainable economy**, stimulating people to be active citizens and **participate in decision-making processes** that shape their future as communities.

**Work organization.** Each workcamp can be differently organized according to its specific needs.

Volunteers will be working approximately 30 hours/week. Sometimes they may be asked for working over the weekend or early in the morning in case of high temperature.

Volunteers are expected to be open-minded, flexible, and adaptable to different situations. Moreover, they need to be inclined to face either lacks or unexpected events with a positive attitude.

Not elsewhere specified, special skills are not required. Nevertheless, participation, enthusiasm and motivation are welcome!

Usually volunteers sleep in mixed rooms. Single or double rooms are not available. Shifts for cooking and cleaning are scheduled during the first day.

Each volunteer is responsible for all aspects of the daily life on the work camp.

**Food.** In the most part of our workcamps food will be almost vegetarian and based on local products. Volunteers will eat meat a very few times.

**Language:** English is the official language of the workcamp. Nonetheless, in some workcamps implemented in remote villages, local communities can only speak Italian.

Each workcamp will host a maximum of 2 volunteers for each country, in order to create a heterogeneous group and to foster a real cultural exchange.

**Participation fee:** adult workcamps don't foresee any additional fee. In teenage and family workcamps a participation fee is required and is to be brought in cash directly to the camp; the whole amount is addressed to the local group organising the camp and will be totally used to cover part of the expenses of the camp itself.

**Insurance:** volunteers are insured for permanent damages caused by accidents and third person liability. For non-European volunteers, it is recommended to be provided with a health insurance.

**LEG01 Drawing a civil economy**  
**PONTECAGNANO FAIANO SALERNO Campania**  
**18/06/2020 30/06/2020**  
**cultural, environmental, festival**

The city of Pontecagnano is the third Italian municipality since last year to host a district of the civil economy: a permanent laboratory of participation and experimentation inspired by the principles of a new economy capable of concretely improving the quality of life, through job creation, strengthening of social ties and environmental protection. Volunteers will be an active part of this process: they will meet local actors, receive and generate requests for the implementation of interventions, actions and projects, will be engaged in practical actions of socio-urban regeneration within the framework of the "Festival of the civil economy", the first one organized in the city. They will also have the opportunity to meet other regional realities involved in civic innovation processes.

**LEGAMBIENTE LOCAL GROUP**

Legambiente "Green Eyes" is a Legambiente local group based in Pontecagnano, a city in the south of Italy; volunteers started to be active 20 years ago cleaning a green area from rubbish and transforming it in a wonderful park with 100 urban gardens for old and young people, a small archaeological area, a library open air, a wood oven and more. Two years ago we started also to manage the Green Station, an apartment above the train station of city. In this apartment we also organize a lot of activities for families, children, young and old people. Park and Green Station are two common goods ever open to citizens.

**LOCATION AND LEISURE**

Pontecagnano is a small city in south of Italy really full of archaeological history (it was Etruscan and Roman homeland). Its history is also connected to Paestum history, a Magna Grecia city. Pontecagnano is a seaside city very close to Amalfi coast and Cilento coasts, two amazing natural landscapes. The whole area of the coast is the land of the Mediterranean diet. Volunteers will visit some of these places and Naples as well.

**WORK**

The volunteers will be engaged in socio-urban regeneration practices in the city areas; after mapping of the city and meeting with local actors an unused space will be identified and it will start a regeneration process with the volunteers through street art practices and environmental, cultural and social interventions. Volunteers will also be involved in organizing the Civil Economy Festival in the city.

**STUDY PART**

Volunteers will explore the issues of circular and civil economy, community welfare, socio-urban regeneration and youth work through workshops, using non-formal education methodologies.

**ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD**

Volunteers will be hosted in Green Station, apartment above the train station of city managed by Legambiente local group. Wifi is provided. Food will be mainly vegetarian.

**TERMINAL**

Closest airport is Napoli Capodichino Airport. From there it is possible to take a bus for Napoli train station and then another train to Pontecagnano. Our apartment is exactly above the train station!

**SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

Just enthusiasm, cheerfulness, creativity, will and spirit of adaptation!

**LANGUAGE**

English

**LEG02 Love the mountains in Orobie Park**  
**CASTELLO DELL'ACQUA SONDRIO Lombardia**  
**21/06/2020 04/07/2020**  
**Environmental**

Volunteers will be asked mostly to take care of pathways, which are very culturally important in the area because each of them leads to old mills and ethnographic sites. Castello dell'Acqua is a very small country area with a very traditional population.

**LEGAMBIENTE LOCAL GROUP**

Our Legambiente local group is made up of young and dynamic people, mostly under 30. Our main activity is the management of a hostel; moreover, we carry on a campaign against food waste and for the correct waste management. Take a look at <https://it-it.facebook.com/legambiente.lecco> for details and on our website [www.legambientelecco.it/en/](http://www.legambientelecco.it/en/)

## **LOCATION AND LEISURE**

Volunteers will be shown all the places and costumes of the local farming culture. Teglio, a well-known locality famous for its Pizzoccheri, is near Castello dell'Acqua, as well as Tirano, a little medieval town. People living in Castello dell'Acqua are really looking forward to welcoming volunteers from all over the world and will gladly help them with their tasks.

## **WORK**

Volunteers will be asked to clean pathways, eliminate infested plants and take care of the woods. They will be working with the constant help of experienced voluntary people, local people look forward to welcome volunteers from all over the world and help them in their tasks and provide them all the necessary tools.

## **STUDY PART**

During the first day of work, the locals will explain to the volunteers which are the specific purposes of the work that they are going to do.

## **ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD**

Volunteers will be hosted in an apartment in the centre of Castello dell'Acqua.

## **TERMINAL**

Nearest airports: Orio al Serio, Bergamo or Milano Malpensa, Milano. Nearest train station: Sondrio

## **SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

Predisposition to live, walk and work in the mountains. The knowledge of the English language is fundamental. A project related motivation letter is required and if necessary a skype interview. Please send ML with application!

## **LANGUAGE**

English

## **LEG03 San Fele B.E.S.T. Camp**

### **SAN FELE POTENZA Basilicata**

**02/07/2020 15/07/2020**

### **environmental, renovation**

Workcamp is part of the project called Lake B.E.S.T Biodiversity Ecosystem Services Tools. Legambiente Basilicata works for a long time to counter the loss of diversity, the illegal abandonment of waste and to mitigate environmental risk caused by human presence and by tourist exploitation of the area. Workcamp intends to aware volunteers and local people about protection of territory and the sustainable tourism and to improve the use of the area with a view to environmental sustainability

## **LEGAMBIENTE LOCAL GROUP**

Legambiente Basilicata carries out its activities on a regional basis, with more than 10 local groups. It focuses to a society based on a balanced relationship between man and nature and to the correct use of natural resources. It promotes Citizens Science and environmental volunteering activities, supports local and biological agriculture, in order to improve society.

## **LOCATION AND LEISURE**

San Fele is a small village of 2.882 inhabitants. Rich of history and traditions, the village is situated in the Vulture Regional Natural Park. Volunteers will visit the Monticchio Lakes, ancient volcanic craters, extinguished 130 thousand years ago, natural habitat of night butterfly, the *Brahmaea europaea*; the Vulture Museum in Monticchio tells the Vulture's story.

## **WORK**

The San Fele waterfalls are a strong tourist attraction. The large presence of visitors caused, over time, damage and deterioration of the nature trails. Volunteers, in accordance with the indications of the Park Authority and the Municipality of San Fele, will be involved in the maintenance and in the cleaning of the paths of the Park in Cascade di San Fele area. In particular, they will deal with the arrangement and repair of paths, detached and damaged horizontal and vertical signs.

## **STUDY PART**

Volunteers will participate in seminars and training courses about the environmental sustainability. The main topics will be conservation and protection of biodiversity, local flora and fauna and agricultural biodiversity. In particular biological agriculture. So volunteers will visit ScamBioLogico, the first Italian green station. An emporium of organic products at km 0, connected to fair and sustainable trade.

## **ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD**

Volunteers will be hosted in the rectory. There are 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and a common area with a self-managed kitchen. They will eat local products and moderate meat.

## **TERMINAL**

Airport Napoli Capodichino and Airport Bari Palese; Train Station Rionero-Atella-Ripacandida.

## **SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

attitude for manual work; propensity to go hiking and walking for short or long path.

**LANGUAGE**

English

**LEG04 Love the mountains in Alpe Dosso**

**DELEBIO SONDRIO Lombardia**

**05/07/2020 18/07/2020**

**environmental, renovation**

Alpe Dosso is located at 1600 meters over sea level surrounded by breathtaking landscapes. It is a place full of woods which are in need of constant maintenance. Volunteers will take care of pathways, woods, plants in order to keep the park clean and beautiful.

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**LOCATION AND LEISURE**

Orobic is the first alpine chain in the north of Lombardia plain. Since the alpine hut is quite isolated, leisure trips will be arranged inside the park itself, who has breathtaking landscapes and lots of pathways that volunteers will be free to visit to enjoy fully the Orobic Valtellinesi mountains park. **WORK**

Volunteers will clean pathways, eliminate infesting plants and take care of the woods. They will be working with the constant help of experienced voluntary people from Consorzio Montagna Viva - <http://www.cmviva.it> that will provide all the necessary tools.

**STUDY PART**

Volunteers will learn about biodiversity of the park and its conservation.

**ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD**

Our alpine hut is quite isolated and has bad line reception. It takes 2 hours by foot to reach the alpine hut, which is provided of a kitchen, beds and toilets. **TERMINAL**

Nearest airports: Orio al Serio, Bergamo or Milano Malpensa, Milano. Nearest train station: Colico

**SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

Predisposition to live, walk and work in the mountains. Motivation to live an experience far away from chaos of big cities. It is mandatory to know the English language. A project related motivation letter is required and if necessary a skype interview. Please send ML with application!

**LANGUAGE**

English

**LEG05 Together for a better world**

**Paestum SALERNO Campania**

**06/07/2020 20/07/2020**

**environmental, refugees**

The camp is part of a project called INVOLVE (INtegration of migrants as VOLunteers for the safeguarding of Vulnerable Environments). We are going to create a Local Community Hub where migrants and locals can come together to identify environmental and cultural issues in their locality and plan common actions for enhancing and promoting their shared resources. Legambiente Paestum is running the project with several partners to involve local communities, students and volunteers. During the workcamp, the volunteers will help to strengthen respect for diversity in the community and educate citizens in caring for the area's natural, historical and cultural riches.

**LEGAMBIENTE LOCAL GROUP**

Born in 1987, Legambiente local group Freewheeling is currently engaged in the running of Dune Oasis and the project "INVOLVE" (INtegration of migrants as VOLunteers for the safeguarding of Vulnerable Environments).

**LOCATION AND LEISURE**

Paestum is a little town founded during VI century B.C. by Greeks, who built wonderful temples - and civilization - that now constitute a very important archeological area (UNESCO site) among the best maintained in the Mediterranean. For its art, nature, tastes and events Paestum is one of the most important beautiful cities of Magna Grecia. The old city is located in a strategic position, a few km from the Amalfi Coast that extends along the Tirreno Sea and from the National Park of Cilento. The Archaeological site includes three Temples (it dates back to 550 B.C)

**WORK**

Volunteers will cooperate with a group of migrants and the local staff to run the activities connected with maintenance and the cleaning of a coastal area that Legambiente transformed in a protected area composed by a pinewood, the mediterranean bushes and the sand vegetation (the mediterranea brush). Volunteers will be involved also in beach and old city walls of Paestum cleaning. Easy activities but very important not only for the preservation of the area but specially to raise awareness tourists that visit the region during summer. Moreover the presence of migrants will require attitude in supporting them in learning italian and in socializing during the working activities and during free time.

**STUDY PART**

Trainings on environment and sustainability. Practices of integration and social inclusion of migrants. Trainings on cultural heritage.

**ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD**

Volunteers will be hosted in bungalows in a camping on the coast. Moreover there is a cottage just on the beach where is possible to have meals after the working activities.

**TERMINAL**

Naples Capodichino international airport. There are buses connection for the central railway station of Naples where is possibile to take a regional train to Paestum. The requested time is about 1hour and 20 minutes.

**SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

none.

**LANGUAGE**

English

**LEG06 Nature and social wellness****MALEGNO BRESCIA Lombardia**

**12/07/2020 26/07/2020**

**environmental, renovation**

The camp activities will be aimed at touristic and environmental recovery of Val Camonica. Volunteers will work on a Romanic pathway called Via Valeriana, on the Ciclovía Oglio elected the most beautiful Italian cycle paths to Italian Green Road Awards 2019. Adamello Regional Park will be partner of project too.

**LEGAMBIENTE LOCAL GROUP**

Legambiente Valle Camonica local group is active since the eighties and has already organized several international workcamps. It promotes initiatives in various issues like rivers safeguard, soil consumption, landscape protection and care of the environment.

**LOCATION AND LEISURE**

Malegno is a small town of Valcamonica located in a suggestive mountain landscape, in the central Alps. During the free days, volunteers can visit places and cities with historical and cultural interest: the National Park of Rock Carvings, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Iseo Lake, where Montisola rises, the largest lake island in Europe, the town of Bienno, which is part of the most beautiful villages in Italy or the cities of Brescia and Bergamo.

**WORK**

volunteers will be involved in works as recovery of some of the footpaths with an historical importance and breathtaking views, that bring to locality Dois. They will clean and recover part of the cycle path Oglio, where the municipality has just built a Cyclo-pedestrian bridge; and clean the pathway of vineyard recently planted and owned by the municipality. Moreover they will help locals to set up the fence of municipal animal shelter.

**STUDY PART**

Volunteers will meet people from Pia Foundation, a center which welcomes people with psycho-physical disabilities. During this meeting a girl with disability will design and write, using a special computer, posters in English that will be left as a gift to the participants. Poster will be about a particular species of ant, named "rufa", with the aim to inform about this particular ant who lives in this area. Indeed the Giovetto Reserve is the first area in Europe to create a protective environment for these ants, which play a role to defend the ecosystem of woods.

**ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD**

The participants will stay one week with host families. The second week they will stay in a former convent with 10 rooms, 4 bathrooms and showers. The meals will always take place in common also during the first week.

**TERMINAL**

Nearest airports: Milano Linate and Milano Malpensa in Milan, Orio al Serio in Bergamo and Valeria Catullo in Verona. The nearest train station are: Cividate-Malegno and Breno (train from Brescia).

**SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

Ability to walk and work in the mountains.

**LANGUAGE**

English

**LEG07 Cà Matta 3R**

**PONTERANICA BERGAMO Lombardia**

**12/07/2020 26/07/2020**

**environmental, festival**

The workcamp is part of a project called Dirama - Nature and Communities. Within this project, the classic outline of a workcamp (maintenance of protected areas) merges with a series of events open to the public (concerts, workshops, tours). Bringing together the volunteers and the local community to share these experiences, we aim to create a new awareness towards our territory. Last year edition: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rk-E2R7vRZU>

**LEGAMBIENTE LOCAL GROUP**

Legambiente Bergamo local group promotes environmental education addressed to youngest generations and environmentally friendly lifestyles, thanks to collaboration with local parks, municipalities and associations.

**LOCATION AND LEISURE**

Ca' Matta is located in the heart of Parco dei Colli di Bergamo (Bergamo Hills' Park), which covers around 4,700 hectares of hills, woods and streams. The Park was established in 1977 with aim to protect the area and regulate human activities, but also to promote its value for the community. Surroundings areas include natural and architectural beauties, such as Bergamo old town named Città Alta. In summer, the city hosts many events for all target.

**WORK**

the work consists in taking care, cleaning paths and ponds, removal of litter, surrounding Ca' Matta, center of Environmental Education of Parco dei Colli di Bergamo. In collaboration with local associations and youth clubs, volunteers will work at cleaning of Bergamo neighborhoods on special event day. Sometimes they may be asked for working over the weekend or early in the morning in case of high temperature. In the same weeks of workcamps, city of Bergamo will host the festival and volunteers will be involved in organization such as logistic, reception and information tasks.

**STUDY PART**

Throughout the workcamp, the staff will provide the volunteers with all the relevant information regarding the local biodiversity, landscape and environmental issues. Volunteers will also have the chance to take part in guided tours in nearby protected areas. Moreover they will take part to workshops about Reuse-Reduce-Recycle.

**ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD**

Volunteers will sleep in mixed rooms (6 to 10 beds) Food will be almost vegetarian and based on local products. No Wi-Fi available.

**TERMINAL**

Nearest airports: Orio al Serio, Bergamo. Nearest train station: Bergamo.

**SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

Special skills are not required. Nevertheless, participation, enthusiasm and motivation are welcome! Volunteers are expected to be open-minded, flexible, and adaptable to different situations.

**LANGUAGE**

English

**LEG08 GO BIKING IN THE EASTERN VENETO - teen**

**SAN STINO DI LIVENZA VENEZIA Veneto**

**13/07/2020 25/07/2020**

**environmental, renovation**

The project includes some local actions about: - restore and adding cycle paths billboards; - planning and building up a new path through the San Stino forest; - cleaning of the trails among trees in the wood; - promotion of local products through the involvement of associations and companies of this territory.

## **LEGAMBIENTE LOCAL GROUP**

Legambiente "Pascutto-Geretto" local group was born almost twenty years ago at the urging of Geretto Franco, with the aim to aware about environmental issues in the Eastern Veneto, where territory subjected to a rapid transformation. The club is named after the Romano Pascutto important dialect poet and writer born in S. Stino di Livenza. Later, after the death of the founder, the members decided to assign to the club the surname of Geretto.

### **LOCATION AND LEISURE**

The town of San Stino di Livenza, where the Green Station is located, is a rich area in terms of environmental and historical values and landscape, as well as being a central node in the system of mobility infrastructure such as highway, railway and waterway, features that make it a crucial junction for the tourist itineraries.

### **WORK**

Small maintenance of the forest such as cutting herbaceous and shrubby plants, waste cleaning, making posters/billboards, signage for cycling trails. Promotion of social events related to the local cycling.

### **STUDY PART**

Involving in authorities and local technicians interconnection on strategic planning cycle tourist infrastructure.

### **ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD**

Green stations are unattended stations that Legambiente has redeveloped and enhanced by converting them into centers of environmental sustainability, tourism and innovative mobility in support of the territories. The Green stations have thus become places of meeting and socializing, as well as poles of urban attraction, social, environmental and collective mobility service centers. The Green Station is equipped with 2 rooms with bunk beds, a kitchen, a bathroom with shower, a laboratory for the bike repairing, a dining room and Internet access.

### **TERMINAL**

Nearest airports: Venice Marco Polo; Trieste airport. Nearest railway station: Trieste

### **SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

ability to ride a bike!

### **EXTRA FEE**

100 Euro to pay locally.

### **LANGUAGE**

English

## **LEG09 We love Bears**

### **Pettorano sul Gizio L'Aquila ABRUZZO**

**13/07/2010 27/07/2020**

### **environmental**

In the Monte Genzana Alto Gizio Regional Nature Reserve, the Abruzzo protected area that connects the Abruzzo, Lazio and Molise National Park and the Majella National Park, there are all the main fauna species characteristic of the central Apennines. The Marsican brown bear is certainly the most important species, but also the one with the highest risk of extinction. For years, the Nature Reserve has launched numerous conservation actions and, starting from 2014, it is carrying out useful interventions to reduce the conflict between bear and local populations. The camp fits right into this system, and the volunteers will be engaged in communication actions and manual works.

### **LEGAMBIENTE LOCAL GROUP**

The Monte Genzana Alto Gizio Regional Natural Reserve, the largest of the Abruzzo reserves with its 3,162 ha, is the only one to include the historic center within its perimeter. Thanks to this feature, tourists and residents have often seen some specimens of the most representative species of fauna of the central Apennines right from the viewpoint in front of the headquarters of the protected area. The Nature Reserve was established in 1996 with the aim of protecting an area of great importance for biodiversity, in a place that bridges the Abruzzo, Lazio and Molise National Park and the Majella National Park. Today the stable presence of the wolf (*Canis lupus*), the increasingly frequent sightings of individuals of the Marsican brown bear (*Ursus arctos marsicanus*) and the Apennine chamois (*Rupicapra pyrenaica ornata*) confirm that the Reserve represents an important hub in the ecological network of Apennine biodiversity.

### **LOCATION AND LEISURE**

Pettorano sul Gizio is counted among the "most beautiful villages in Italy". The origins of the current town of Pettorano sul Gizio date back to medieval times, but the surrounding area and the hills close to the town were frequented by man since the Palaeolithic era.

### **WORK**

Volunteer will collaborate with Reserve for the maintenance of the "Vitto Massei pond" site, in order to implement the touristic offer of the Bear Smart Community Genzana; they will clean and remove solid organic waste along paths, that attract local fauna in particular the Marsican brown bear.

### **STUDY PART: -**

## **ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD**

Volunteer will be hosted in a school. The dormitory will be used by both men and women. In the house, they will find a kitchen, bathrooms, a big shared living room. Italian diet and local products.

## **TERMINAL**

Nearest airports Roma or Pescara; nearest train station Pescara.

## **SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

Propensity to go hiking and walking for short or long path

## **LANGUAGE**

english

## **LEG10 Natural Reserve of Pian di Spagna**

### **SORICO COMO Lombardia**

**19/07/2020 01/08/2020**

### **environmental, renovation**

Pian di Spagna is a rural area in which there is a problem with garbage brought up by the river. It is a reserve in which some garbage tends to be brought up by the wind and it is often problematic to reach all the waste by foot. Therefore, volunteers will be given the task of retrieving waste stuck in that area, by boat and also partly by foot. During the workcamp, we'll help the reserve with the maintenance of some green areas. Along with international volunteers, there are going to be also 5 local young people.

## **LEGAMBIENTE LOCAL GROUP**

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## **LOCATION AND LEISURE**

Pian di Spagna is located where Valchiavenna meets Valtellina, creating the basin of Lake Como. Here a large flat wetland extends in a majestic and spectacular natural theatre of ornithological value, under the first spurs of the Alps Lepontine and Retiche. Pian di Spagna is located exactly on a trajectory of migrating birds which find shelter and food there, among the thick marsh vegetation, before and after the strenuous crossing of the Alps. **WORK**

Volunteers will retrieve garbage stuck in that area of the lake on a small boat, and also along the road that goes through the park. Besides that, they will be involved in painting the benches and signs, and in mowing of weeds along pathways.

## **STUDY PART**

At the beginning of the camp, there will be a meeting in order to show the volunteers the details regarding their work in the park. Moreover, during the camp, there will be the possibility to take a tour of the reserve with an environmental guide, who will explain to the volunteers how the wildlife is very important for the reserve.

## **ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD**

Volunteers will be hosted in a beautiful house owned by the park. The dormitory will be used by both men and women. In the house, they will find a kitchen, bathrooms, a big shared living room.

## **TERMINAL**

Nearest airports: Orio al Serio, Bergamo or Milano Malpensa, Milano. Nearest train station: Colico

## **SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

It is essential that the volunteers have adaptability and the will to work in a group is mandatory. The ability to RIDE A BICYCLE is also required since volunteers may be asked to bike through the park. A project related motivation letter is required and if necessary a skype interview. Please send ML with application!

## **LANGUAGE**

English

## **LEG11 Discover the ancient roots of Calabrian Pollino**

### **San Lorenzo Bellizzi CALABRIA**

**25/07/2020 10/08/2020**

### **environmental, renovation**

San Lorenzo is a small town in the south of Italy where large part of the economy depends small business, catering, and tourism seasonal jobs in the summer. An important resource for the place is the maintenance of natural resources and ancient productions and skills. Since last years, the local Association "I Ragazzi di San Lorenzo Bellizzi" (IRSLB) and the Municipality, worked to loan abandoned yards in order to recover them and restart olive production. The activity of the



workcamp will sustain the recovery of the olive groves and of the haystack inside in the vision of the “Museum of rural crafts” for valorization of ancient production and skills.

#### **LEGAMBIENTE LOCAL GROUP**

Legambiente Cosenza is very active in environmental education in the schools, participates in the national Legambiente campaign Puliamo il mondo (the Italian initiative of “CleanUp the World”) and is involved in several European projects related to PACS (communitarian agriculture Politics). Partner of workcamp “I Ragazzi di San Lorenzo Bellizzi” (“Young people from San Lorenzo Bellizzi”) is an association established in 2010. It aims to grow the culture and the quality of life of the local community.

#### **LOCATION AND LEISURE**

San Lorenzo is a small town subjected to a strong depopulation as many villages in the south of Italy. The territory of San Lorenzo is a small treasure trove of beautiful landscapes characterized by canyons created by the Raganello river. Volunteers will visit the ancient roots of Brigants. The initiative will comprise an experience in the tent in the Pollino. Volunteers can visit also the “Grotta delle ninfe” (Nymphs' cave), a thermal spring site.

#### **WORK**

The works on olive groves recovery will consist in eliminating weeds, cutting down shrubs and plants that grew spontaneously over the years, removing stones and all that is needed for recovery of the plant. Ancient haystacks in the olive groves will be cleaned in order to restore these ancient buildings. The camp will contribute to the “Biodiversity Project” for mapping biodiversity in Pollino Park in collaboration with Pollino Park.

#### **STUDY PART**

The workcamp seminars session will be organized about brigants and history of Calabria, Rural life, and about biodiversity energy agroecology and water classe di dialetto. The volunteers will be actively involved in the preparation activities of the annual initiative of “Saperi e Sapori”, a traditional fest on the street of the town.

#### **ACCOMODATION AND FOOD**

Volunteers will be hosted in the Casa Parco shelter and can benefit by a convention with the local restaurants. No internet

#### **TERMINAL**

Local Train Station: Trebisacce station, (Last bus at 16.00); airport: Lamezia Terme (SUF). Bari Palese (BRI)

#### **SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

no internet addicted

#### **LANGUAGE**

English

### **LEG12 Around the Green Station**

#### **BRENNA COMO Lombardia**

**27/07/2020 09/08/2020**

#### **environmental, renovation**

The objective of the work camp is the redevelopment of the green, open spaces in the area belonging to the Brenna-Alzate station to guarantee public and free use of the spaces

#### **LEGAMBIENTE LOCAL GROUP**

Legambiente local group in Cantù was founded in the 90s when local people battled against the landfills of undifferentiated waste. From then it is committed to the recovery of territorial elements of environmental value, such as an ancient wash house in the town of Vertemate (CO). Still now the local group is active for the defense of biodiversity manages a Green Station qualified and used for environmental education to community.

#### **LOCATION AND LEISURE**

The railway station, which dates back to 1888, is located in an area rich in environmental and historical values, within a consolidated system of regional parks. The area is rich in history and environment. A special value are the prealpine lakes that can be reached by train, located between the cities of Como and Lecco.

#### **WORK**

Volunteers will be involved in maintenance work in the area around station in order to guarantee a better quality of the open green spaces. Moreover they will carry on works of reconstruction and restoration of the fountain, started last years in other international workcamps.

#### **STUDY PART**

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#### **ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD**

First floor of the station building, two dependent rooms with 8 beds with shared bathroom. Living room and shared kitchen. Internet access. Italian diet

**TERMINAL**

nearest airports in order of distance: Milan Linate, Milan Malpensa, Bergamo Orio Al Serio. Nearest railway station Brenna Alzate, Como and Lecco stations.

**SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

none

**LANGUAGE**

English

**LEG13 Altogether for a safer country****CHIAVERANO TORINO Piemonte**

27/07/2020 09/08/2020

**environmental, renovation**

The project will take place in Chiaverano, a village in the Morain Amphitheatre of Ivrea (AMI). This is a geological site of great importance. The aim is to promote and enhance the region involving local people and international volunteers. All the activities are organized to establish a strong relationships and synergy among them: volunteers will form groups with local people (young people will be involved too) to clean nature trails and natural areas together.

**LEGAMBIENTE LOCAL GROUP**

Legambiente Dora Baltea local group takes its name from Dora Baltea river that flows through the AMI. Our activities are focused on safeguarding the Morenic Amphitheatre of Ivrea area, either monitoring new industrial settlements or maintaining the natural balance thanks to volunteers activities. We also participate to national campaigns such as "Cleaning the World" and cooperate with other local clubs engaged in similar activities and involving specifically young people.

**LOCATION AND LEISURE**

Chiaverano is an ancient medieval village 55 km far from Turin, and Valle Aosta 39 km. It is located in a naturalistic context of exceptional importance: the largest morain amphitheater in Europe. This scenario is dominated by the straight and regular profile of the great Serra morain, a site with lots of geological peculiarities. At its feet there are five glacial lakes.

**WORK**

The activities will be focused on the prevention against hydrogeological instability and to the enhancement of the area. The main activity will be the environmental restoration of specific areas previously identified by local administrations. Activities will be shared with local firefighting volunteers (AIB association) and other people already involved in preventive interventions against hydrogeological instability

**STUDY PART**

There will be held focus groups about sharing economy, local food supply chain, the importance of recycling and the immigration politics and integration of migrants and refugees. Also the prevention against hydrogeological risk. The knowledge of the region, the AMI, and the history of the social- entrepreneurial model developed by Adriano Olivetti will be the focuses of some guided tours.

**ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD**

Volunteers will be hosted in a guest house of the Municipality, equipped with beds and toilet services. There is a kitchen inside the house.

**TERMINAL**

The nearest airport is Caselle Airport, Torino; or Milan Malpensa, Linate, Orio al Serio in Lombardia region. The nearest train station is Ivrea. There are trains or buses between airports and Turin, then trains or buses from Turin to Ivrea. A bus from Ivrea gets Chiaverano.

**SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

none

**LANGUAGE**

English

**LEG14 Biodiversity in "Campo dei Fiori" natural park****BRINZIO VARESE Lombardia**

03/08/2020 16/08/2020

**environmental, renovation**

Legambiente has been collaborating with the natural park Campo dei fiori for many years, with volunteers programs and environmental education. The Park is a beautiful woods area really important for all the region as a source of biodiversity. The project's aim is the preservation and the improvement of an area, called "villaggio Cagnola", important to promote "green" tourism in the park.

## **LEGAMBIENTE LOCAL GROUP**

Legambiente Varese Onlus, besides giving contributions to main Legambiente national campaigns, cares about the environment of the district of Varese since the eighties. Legambiente Varese coordinates 13 local groups of Legambiente volunteers, carries out several activities such as the management of natural areas, the organization of workcamps, environmental education addressed to youngest generations and promotion of environmentally friendly lifestyles.

### **LOCATION AND LEISURE**

The natural Park "Campo Dei Fiori" overlooks the hills of the Province of Varese and the Po Plain. In the area there are several interesting natural and historical sites. <http://www.parcocampodeifiori.it> The particular geographical location and the geological features favored the presence of a various vegetation, with chestnut tree and beech tree woods, typical flora of the rocky areas, marshy and peaty zones rich in wildlife. Brinzio is a little village (about 880 inhabitants) in the Park.

### **WORK**

Volunteers will work mainly in "Villaggio Cagnola", that is a place of great historical and natural importance used by the Park to create a centre for environmental education and nature's preservation. The work will be: footpaths cleaning and maintenance, removing weeds from grassland at the top of the mountains. We'll use bicycles for moving between camp and working place. We'll work with local volunteers and citizens on Saturday and Sundays.

### **STUDY PART**

Part of the time will be dedicated to study the natural characteristic of the Park specially focused on biodiversity and on the protection of water springs.

**ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD**  
Volunteers will be hosted in a common room with camp-beds and they'll use a camp-kitchen. There will be an environmental friendly diet with local products and little meat.

### **TERMINAL**

Milano Malpensa, Varese train station.

### **SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

Volunteers need good skills in bicycle riding.

### **LANGUAGE**

English

## **LEG15 Volunteers for Pantelleria**

### **PANTELLERIA TRAPANI Sicilia**

**08/07/2020 17/07/2020**

### **environmental, renovation**

The project envisages differentiated actions both for the maintenance of paths and for equipping the National Park as a fire control activity in defense of the flora of Pantelleria. All in close contact with the local population who will collaborate in voluntary activities.

### **LEGAMBIENTE LOCAL GROUP**

The Legambiente local group "Francesco Lojacono" is in favor of a society based on a balanced relationship between man and nature for a development model based on the appropriate use of natural and human resources. The local group also carries out civil protection activities, promotes training, prevention and intervention in the event of an emergency with a specialization in the protection and safeguard of cultural heritage.

### **LOCATION AND LEISURE**

Pantelleria si trova tra la Sicilia e la Tunisia. Nell'isola si trova la riserva naturale orientata Isola di Pantelleria e un ampio lago (lo specchio di Venere) il cui bacino occupa i resti di una caldera vulcanica. Nel 2016 la riserva e un'ampia porzione dell'isola sono stati inseriti nel Parco nazionale dell'Isola di Pantelleria. The base of the workcamp will be in Scauri, one of the small villages in Pantelleria island. Pantelleria is a place of unparalleled charm, in it you can still read very well the remains of the ancient prehistoric civilization of the "Sesi" and the other monuments of the historic ages.

### **WORK**

Volunteers will be involved in small path maintenance tasks, recovery of portions of public gardens, rearrangement of signs and path markers along paths. Fire control with the aid of sighting points and drones.

### **STUDY PART**

Training sessions will be held on the history of Pantelleria, on the civilization of the island, on volcanism and on the nature of this microcontinent.

### **ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD**

Volunteers will be hosted in a school, a few meters from the sea. Diet will be based on local products.

### **TERMINAL**

Pantelleria airport. Pantelleria port.

### **SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

ability to adapt to a very hot climate

**LANGUAGE**

English

**LEG16 Volunteers for Pantelleria**

**PANTELLERIA TRAPANI Sicilia**

**01/08/2020 11/08/2020**

**environmental, renovation**

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**TERMINAL**

Pantelleria airport. Pantelleria port.

**SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

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**LANGUAGE**

English