

Voluntary Service in Sicily at the Etna 1.9.2017 – 28.02.2018

environmental education – reforestation – agriculture – climate protection



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Dear students,

*We offer You the chance to engage in nature conservation -
Six months of exciting experiences with other European volunteers in a climate protection project
concerning forestation, agriculture and environmental education.
Hosting organization: Giacche Verdi Bronte at the Etna, Sicily, Italy*

Background: In the ecological corridor of the Sicilian Wildcat between the Nature parks Etna and Nebrodi, we strive to establish a Biosphere Reserve and conduct different conservation projects containing practical, planning and experimental elements.

Voluntary Service time: ½ year, 1.09.17 – 28.02.18

Age of participants: 18-30 years

Volunteer Tasks: The main activity will be environmental education for school children and forestation. Depending on your interest, knowledge and skills, you may take on particular tasks.

The assignments entail communicative tasks (teaching, public relations, guiding excursions), practical tasks (reforestation and tree nursing, farming, fencing, waste collection etc.), creative and organizing tasks, and so on.

Requirements: Honest and real interest to contribute to our project work! Commitment, self-initiative, enthusiasm, and you need to function well in a team, as well as to be able to work independently. Furthermore you need to be able to adapt, learn new skills, show fairness and respect (the latter particularly for local culture and mentality!!), and be patient and modest. You will have to communicate in Italian, preferably know some Italian already. The minimum are English skills for normal communication.

What do you gain? Experiences abroad and inside a foreign culture, linguistic skills, social skills (and most probably challenges!!). Experiences in Nature Conservation and Environmental Education. Learning new things and put your existing knowledge and skills to test! The placement is neither a vacation nor a training centre; you will expand your horizon in many ways, if you are able to fully engage in the "Sicily Experience"!

Framework conditions: The expenses of your (one off) arrival and departure travel, simple lodging and meals, insurance cover for your placement abroad, as well as small pocket money, will be paid.

Contact and further info: Please send your application (motivation letter and CV with photo) via e-mail to the Manfred-Hermsen-Stiftung: info@m-h-s.org If possible, please also include a brief applicant profile in Italian.

With kind regards,
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