Galbiate (Lecco), Italy

ESC at the Hostel Parco Monte Barro

NO BORDERS

EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS

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Parco Monte Barro



Coordinating organisation

Who we are



No Borders is an association of ex-volunteers settled in Milan since August 2014 to promote mobility and intercultural learning for youngsters.

We are the coordinating (lead) organisation.

- **Core Management: we handle volunteer selection, administrative matters, & ESC trainings.**
- **Active Scope: leading ~20 ESC volunteers across youth centers, social inclusion centers, animal shelters, & eco-hostels.**

Hosting organisation

Who we are

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Hosting organisation:
Hostel Parco Monte Barro

Where:
Mountain of Monte Barro, Galbiate, Italy

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Who we are

Legambiente is the main environmental organization in Italy and since 1980 has been working with national administrations and local communities to develop sustainable practices.

Legambiente Lecco opened in 1988 as a local entity with the main focus on ecology, sustainability, and slow tourism.

In 2013 Legambiente Lecco started their biggest project:
the management of an eco-hostel in the middle of a regional Park,
Ostello Parco Monte Barro.

Ostello Parco Monte Barro will be your hosting organisation and
the main place of the activities.



Project context

The Hostel Parco Monte Barro is an eco-hostel led by Legambiente Lecco based on environmentally sustainable values. It is located in the middle of Monte Barro Regional Park, situated at 750m above sea level.

The hostel is located in an ancient hermitage, and local facilities consist in:
1) church (rarely open)
2) the hostel itself
3) a bar-restaurant, which is open only for lunch on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday
4) an archaeological museum.

Being in a hermitage means that you will be isolated: you will live in a very beautiful and natural environment, far from the city life.

Activties



The project will involve 2 ESC volunteers that will collaborate with the staff members of Ostello Parco Monte Barro with tasks related to the management and promotion of sustainable practices.

Management of areas and spaces of the hostel: clean and tide up rooms and common areas, check that everything works and make it nice for guests' arrival, (rarely) help in the kitchen for certain events.

Outdoor activities: clean and tide up outside areas, collect leaves and check there is no garbage around, little gardening.

Front and back office: support in the reception, support in checking-in and registering guests, support with social media.

Activties



Events: support in organizing and preparing events, such as, markets with local products, courses, and excursions.

Social media: we have an IG page for the volunteers @barro.team and one for the hostel @ostello_barro. Volunteers manage the first one and support in managing the second with pictures, ideas, videos.

Art and personal competences: any type of art or talent or competence is welcome and well received.
Every person that participates at the life of the hostel leaves their own little footprint!



Accomodation

Volunteers will be hosted in an apartment with kitchen, living room, shared bathroom, and shared bedroom in the very same building of the hostel.

The apartment is located behind the reception and not accessible to guests.

ESC volunteers will share the apartment with other volunteers from Workaway and employees.

You will live in a DOUBLE room, sharing it with another ESC volunteer of the same gender.

Free WI-FI will be available at the main areas of the hostel. Please note, internet connection might not be stable due to the high altitude of the place or weather conditions.







Important info

- There are no public means of transport that connect the hostel with the closest town. We will orgainise pick up for you at the beginning and at the end of the project.

- If you want to visit places around during your free time, we ask you to be indipendent because car lifts are guaranteed just for the activities trips. You might need to walk (45-60 minutes to reach the closest town and train station).

- The diet will be vegetarian or vegan based on values of sustainability because of the topic of the project, since a large consumption of meat is not environmentally and ethically sustainable. We will provide you food products and teach how to cook tasty and rich meals (we are still in Italy!) :)

- Towels and sheets, hairdryer, basic soap is provided.





We kindly ask you to bring:

- European Health Insurance Card (EHIC “blue” card);
- Warm clothes. We are in a mountain environment;
- Comfortable shoes (hiking or sport shoes if possible);
- Working clothes, something that can get dirty (we have some just in case);
- A reusable water bottle to keep with you;
- Laptop;
- Positive attitude!

Support

🥗 **Food and accommodation is covered by the European Commission.**

💸 **The volunteers will receive pocket money of 6€ per day.**
The pocket money will be paid each month by bank transfer.

🚂 **The travel expenses (home - Italy - home) will be reimbursed depending on a distance defined by the European Commission.**
If more than 51% of the trip is done by bus or train, it qualifies as green travel and the budget of traveling can be increased.

🗣️ **The Online Language Support (OLS) - online basic Italian course will be provided.**



Hours

Volunteers will have activities for maximum 35 working hours per week.

Volunteers will have activities 5 days per week, with 2 days off (not always Saturday and Sunday).

Volunteers will have 2 days of vacations per month (possibility to use them with 15 days' notice before).

Please note that if you are working or studying and need to dedicate time to those commitments, you can only do that in your free time.
The project requires your full availability: activities may take place in the morning or in the evening, and you are expected to be flexible and present for the daily activities.





Volunteer's profile

- aged 18 to 30;
- legal resident or citizen of an EU country;
- at least intermediate knowledge of English.
- open minded;
- positive and peaceful attitude;
- flexibility to adapt to possible changes;
- proactive and respectful;
- racist, sexist, fascist, homo-transphobic behaviors are not accepted nor tolerated.

Ready for:

- living in an isolated area;
- physical or manual work and “get hands dirty”;
- trekking and hiking experiences;
- follow vegetarian or vegan diet;
- cooking for yourself and others;
- share private spaces with the other people;
- going out from comfort zone, experiment, and explore.



Please, send your CV and motivation letter to
apply.esc@associazionenoborders.org

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted back to have an online interview.

Find out more information at:

http://www.ostelloparcobarro.it

https://associazionenoborders.org

https://youthforeurope.eu/european-solidarity-corps