

# SOCIAL FARM

ESC VOLUNTEERING  
OPPORTUNITY IN ITALY

STARTING IN: JULY 2026

TILL: FEBRUARY 2027

8 MONTHS

Outdoor activities  
YOUNGSTERS WITH  
DISABILITY



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## ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

A Ruota Libera is a non profit organization working in the field of disability. We build cooperation and an exchange process through which we create inclusive processes for people with fewer opportunities.

Our mission is to promote a social model that supports the enhancement of different abilities and diversity. We implement the activities, based on the community living and peer education, to build autonomy for people with disabilities - from basic needs to creating a possibility for independent living and working.

Since 2008 organization manages a social farm where we realize **daily center for youth and adults with disabilities**, specialized in pet therapy with donkeys and garden therapy. Since 2015, the activities are open to ESC projects- we host youth that would like to live an experience of volunteering connected with social work including farming and non-formal and outdoor education.

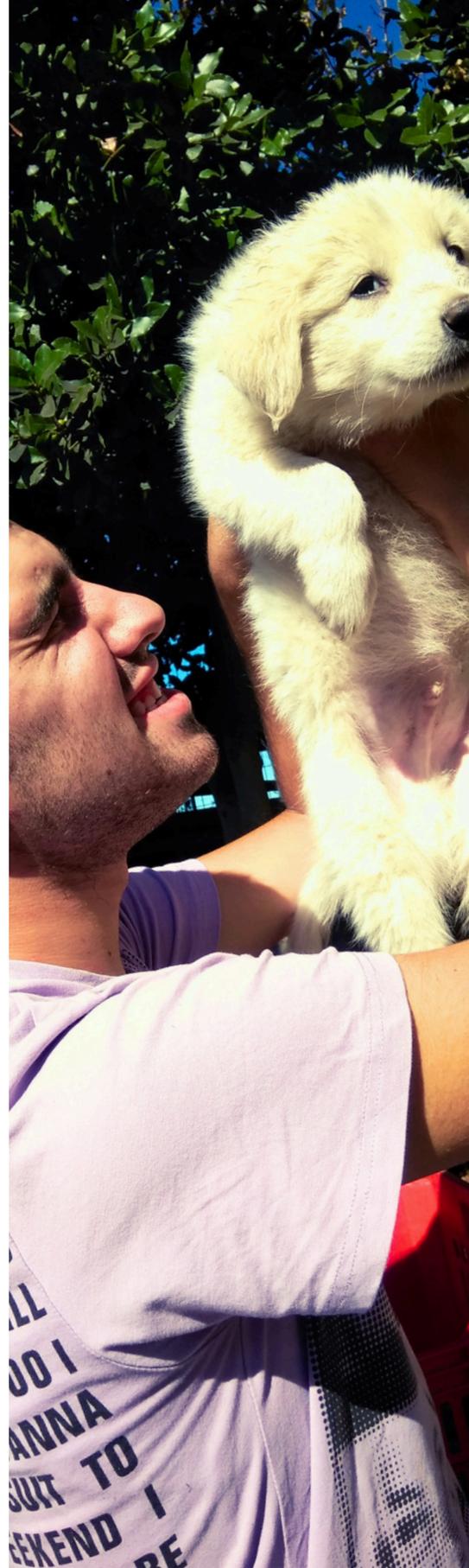
### THE FARM

Social Agriculture, is an innovative educational approach to practice inclusion in outdoor setting – the farm. The social farm is a shared space of relation, learning, exchange and direct experience where people are welcome to establish a positive relationship with animals, plants and other people.

The philosophy behind the social farm “Asino chi legge” is to build wellness pathway for anyone based on the respect of diversity and enhancement of people uniqueness. The farm is open air place of learning for everyone, so it offers a nice opportunity of growth to youth that like to get closer and build relation with disabled people.

The project is centered on the human being and on the wellness of a person. The approach we use, and we would like to transmit is the the importance to develop deep relationships with nature, animals and other people.

We base our work on the development of a life style sustainable for the person and the environment starting from the value of respect. The respect and the valorization of diversity is part of our work to enhance the quality of life of people with special need, who need a different time to develop their skills, abilities and different time.



**Important:**  
**Farm hosts animals like donkeys, big dogs, chickens, bees.**  
**Allergies and fobias must be communicated in advance!**

## WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

A youngster (male or female) that would like to live an community based, educational experience closely in contact with nature, animals and special need people.

The project welcome a youth that would like to explore the intellectual disability dimension and learn more about different abilities.

Moreover a youth that would like to live a different experience base on the creation of relation with the specific surrounding and association life dynamic. It offers to the participant the opportunity to develop a sensitiveness to empower disable people to live their autonomy and develop their skills.

***We are looking for the volunteer able to stay the whole length of the project!***

## VOLUNTEER TASKS

- learn to interact with disable people;
- develop a supporting attitude through people with special needs;
- learn how to support people to develop autonomy skills;
- learn to know and interact with animals (chickens, donkeys, dogs): the care, characteristics, behavior, attitudes;
- the use of the donkey in pet therapy activities: methodology, activities, tools;
- learn how to live in an educational farm: the space management, care, the educational paths;
- to practice the ethics of leave in nature and respect environment;
- to develop and have the space of practice of a sustainable attitude;
- learn to manage a organic garden: seed, plant, eat;
- support basic care of the farm, that might include cooking and cleaning;
- live the content of solidarity in a social farm;
- participate in sports activities (football, swimmingpool)



## WORK SCHEDULE

The project is composed of **35 hours** week activities: 5 days of work from **Monday to Friday** and 2 days off. Plus 2 extra days of holiday each month. The volunteers will respect an alternating timetable (always between 9 to 17.30 at most), participating in football practice and leisure time activities with the group.

## INSURANCE

The organization will be responsible to enroll the volunteer in the HENNER insurance and give to the volunteer all the information about the use of it long the ESC. The enrollment will be done before departure.

We ask the volunteer to bring his/hers European Health Card (if eligible) to be enrolled in the public Italian health care system.

## LANGUAGE COURSE

Before the mobility the participant will be registered to the **online platform** to assess his/her Italian language level, after this he/she will have the access to the online language course.

The volunteer will be asked to follow the Online course at least 1 hour a week during all the project length, to pass the final test and get the language certificate.

Participant will also have a chance to take part in the group Italian language course with a specialized teacher.

## ACCOMODATION

The volunteer will be hosted in a volunteer's apartment in NETTUNO: **sharing double rooms** and a bathroom, common kitchen and living room. Included Wi-Fi connection, kitchen supplies and bed linen.

## TRANSPORT

The volunteer have the opportunity to receive a bike to use as he pleases. More over if needed he/she will be have the chance to use public transport to reach work with the other members of the farm.

## POCKET MONEY & FOOD

Each volunteer will receive a monthly pocket and food allowance of 330 €

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**Duration: 8 MONTHS**  
**Send us your CV and motivation letter!**



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