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WHO WE ARE. WHAT WE DO.
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More than 10 years going along with youth in their socio-cultural growing aiming at fostering the excellences, guaranteeing life-changing experiences, offering instruments to achieve ambitions and hopes and contributing to a better world.
WHO WE ARE: OUR MISSION

“Cantiere Giovani” (Youth building-site) is fostering new socio-cultural and educational opportunities working at local, national and international level.

The purpose is to bring out the best in young people: give them the opportunity to develop skills, take part to life-changing experiences, provide them with tools to realize ambitions and hopes.

We are a non-confessional and non-political organisation. We are fostering the respect of cultural, gender, sexual orientation and generational diversities, as well as its discoveral and esteem, facilitating social inclusion.
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WHO WE ARE: THE ORIGINS

Cantiere Giovani was **born in 2001 in Frattamaggiore**, wanted by a group of **young people** composed by Italian and foreigner members, with experience in education at national and international level, art and communication skills and students interested to better their own environment.

During these years, the founding group has increased, someone leaved, new members joined. But it remained faithful to its original mission: to **foster the socio-cultural change of its own living place**.

Currently the staff is composed by **5 associates and around 10-15 occassional workers and volunteers**.
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WHERE WE ARE
WHO WE ARE: LOCAL CONTEXT

Frattamaggiore is part of the northern peripherical area of the Province of Naples, a context marked out by several socio-cultural disadvantages like:

- high rates of youth drop-out and delinquency
- high mistrust in politics and institutions, that mostly work through nepotism practices
- lack of sense of “community”, intending public services and duties and rights of the collectivity
- lack of opportunities to get to know cultural, gender, sexual orientation diversities in a positive and respectful way that easily flow into racism and social exclusion
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Moreover:

- **serious environmental problems** due to years of corruption and permis- sivity
- **lack of opportunities to grow up out of mass consumerism models**, and to feel included in an European and global dimension of modern society.
WHAT WE DO: OUTLINING THE SOCIAL FIELD

Involving mainly youngsters and adults (sometimes children from 7 years).

Cantiere Giovani sets up places and opportunities where meet diversities, aiming at fostering conscious and meaningful learning experiences through non-formal education based activities.
WHAT WE DO: ACTIVITIES

Worshops and courses on basic competences (languages, informatics, music, arts, ...)  
Local sightseeing **tours and excursions**  
**Helpdesks** for youth, unemployees and immigrants  
**Italian language “school”** for immigrants  
**Meetings between citizens**, organisations, politicians and **Administrators**  
Meetings and **networking at support of active citizenship platforms** and associations  
Volunteering experiences in the frame of **International Voluntary Service**, (workcamps, EVS, ...) and **international mobilities** (Youth in Action, Grundtvig)
WHAT WE DO: MAIN PROJECTS

Il CanTiere
CenTro Giovani di Frattamaggiore

Volontariato alVolo.it
“IL CANTIERE” SOCIO-CULTURAL YOUTH CENTRE

Awarded by the Council of Europe as one of the best projects against youth violence in 2004 and with Family Award of Ministry for Family Policies.

Since 2003, a place for socialization, meeting of diversities, inclusion of social disadvantages and providing meaningful learning experiences.

Organises workshops, excursions, meetings and foster active citizenship platforms and networking activities among local associations.

Funded by the own resources of the organisation, supported by different projects, receives a contribution by the Municipality.
“VOLONTARIATO AL VOLO”
(VOLUNTEERING AT FIRST SIGHT)

Supported by the European Commission in 2011 in the frame of the “European Year of Volunteering”.

A service to promote in Italy international short term volunteering (workcamps)

Run in partnership with CCIVS - Coordinating Committee of International Voluntary Service, which provides a network of hosting-sending organisations all over the world.
VOLUNTARY SERVICE: WHAT IS IT?

“Voluntary service is an exchange between an individual, or a group of individuals (coming from all over the world) and a local community”.

The volunteer or group of volunteers offers time, energy and effort to a project of benefit to a community, and through this project the community offers to the volunteer or group of volunteers an opportunity for experimentation, learning and personal and collective development.
FUNDING BODIES

PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS
ITALIAN MINISTRIES: YOUTH, LABOUR AND SOCIAL POLICIES, HOME OFFICE
REGIONE CAMPANIA
EUROPEAN COMMISSION
COUNCIL OF EUROPE
MEMBERSHIPS

CCIVS - Coordinating Committee of International Voluntary Service
Anna Lindh Foundation
European Network Against Racism (ENAR)
Euromediterranean Youth Platform
UNAR - National Office Against Racism Discriminations
Politichegiovanili.it - Rete Informativa sulle Politiche Giovanili
RIVE - National Network for European Voluntary Service
FOSTERING NONPROFIT COMMUNICATION

Communicate the nonprofits work is crucial as the work itself. With this awareness, Cantiere Giovani is supporting nonprofit organisations offering graphic, photographic and filmmaking services.
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