WHO WE ARE. WHAT WE DO.
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More than 15 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) aims at 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 achieve ambitions and hopes.

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

Cantiere Giovani was **born in 2001 in Frattamaggiore from the will** of a group of **young people** composed by Italian and foreign 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 development of its own living place**.

Currently the staff is mainly composed by 6 associates (with different profiles among educator, youth worker, cultural mediator and graphic designer) and around 20 among occassional workers, local volunteers and European volunteers.
LA NOSTRA MISSION

Cantiere Giovani promuove un'offerta innovativa di opportunità socio-culturali ed educative a livello locale, nazionale e internazionale.

L'obiettivo è far emergere il meglio dei giovani: dare spazio allo sviluppo delle eccellenze, garantire esperienze personali che cambiano la vita, offrire strumenti per realizzare aspirazioni e speranze.

Le proposte nei campi dell'educazione non formale, della comunicazione, dell'intercultura e della mobilità internazionale permettono ai giovani di acquisire nuove competenze, conosce altre persone e mondi diversi. Accompagnano le ragazze e i ragazzi fuori da ogni provincialismo e chiusura, portandoli in sintonia con la dimensione globale di sapere, professionalità e relazioni.
LOCATION: THE LOCAL CONTEXT

Frattamaggiore is part of the northern peripheral 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. This situation facilitates racism and social exclusion episodes.
- serious environmental problems due to years of corruption and permissivity
- 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

Cantiere Giovani sets up places and opportunities where meet diversities, aiming at fostering conscious and meaningful learning experiences through non-formal education based activities. These involve mainly youngsters and adults, but also kids, families and elders. Young students, school dropouts, NEETs, immigrants and disable people with for example autism syndrome are some of the specific target of Cantiere Giovani’s initiatives and projects.
LOCAL ACTIVITIES FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION

Helpdesks and counselling for youth, unemployees and immigrants
Italian language courses for immigrants
Worshops and courses on basic competences (languages, informatics, music, arts)
Educational support for school dropouts and young delinquents in cooperation with the Juvenile Court of Naples and Social Service Dep.t of the Municipality.
Local sightseeing tours and excursions promoting sport, culture and environment
Cultural events (theatre, concerts, art exhibitions)
Talks about literature, philosophy, well-being, ...
Promoting active citizenship organising meetings between citizens, students and/or non profit organisations and politicians or Administrators
WHAT WE DO IN AN INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK

Promoting volunteering experiences in the frame of International Voluntary Service, (workcamps, European Voluntary Service projects, Medium Term Volunteering).

Implementing mobility learning opportunities through Youth in Action projects, Lifelong Learning Program and Erasmus +.

Developing strategic partnerships with European Countries to share best practices and innovative approaches in education for people at risk of social exclusion (Up-Skilling Europe, SIVIM) in the frame of Erasmus + Key Action 2.
FUNDING BODIES

ITALIAN PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS: Fondazione con il Sud, Fondazione Banco Di Napoli, CSV Napoli, Chiesa Valdese, Caritas Italiana, ...

PUBLIC ENTITIES: Region Campania, Italian Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Italian Ministry of “Internal affairs”

EUROPEAN COMMISION: ERASMUS + Program, Council of Europe
MEMBERSHIPS

- CCIVS - Coordinating Committee of International Voluntary Service
- 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 NON PROFIT COMMUNICATION

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

See the portfolio at: https://comunicaxilnonprofit.wordpress.com/
MAIN PROJECTS

YOUTH CENTRE “IL CANTIERE” AND “PIAZZETTA DURANTE”

VOLONTARIATO AL VOLO (VOLUNTEERING AT FIRST SIGHT)

UP-SKILLING EUROPE TOOLKITS AND LEARNING MOBILITY
YOUTH CENTRE “IL CANTIERE” AND “PIAZZETTA DURANTE”

“Il Cantiere” was awarded by the Council of Europe as one of the best projects against youth violence in 2004 and with the Family Award of Ministry for Family Policies 2010.

Since 2003, a meeting point in Frattamaggiore where exchange ideas and learn from diversity, a place aiming at including social disadvantages and providing “meaningful learning experiences”. It organises workshops, excursions, talks, cultural events and foster active citizenship platforms and networking activities among local non profit organisations; it offers counselling and advice.

The location has an study room, a theater room, a bar and an art gallery, all around an open space, the reason why nowadays we call it “Piazzetta Durante”.

Funded by the resources offered by the different projects of the organisation and supported by local and European volunteers, receives a small contribution from the Municipality.
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“VOLONTARIATO AL VOLO” (VOLUNTEERING AT FIRST SIGHT)

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

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

Run in partnership with CCIVS- Coordinating Committee of International Voluntary Service, which provides a network of hosting-sending organisations all over the world.

Further information: www.volontariatoalvolo.it
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.
VIDEO-PRESENTATION IN ITALIAN (7min.):
“Scopri il tuo mondo” ( http://vimeo.com/85734819 )
UP-SKILLING EUROPE (Erasmus Plus, 2014-2016)

The project aimed at improving the employability of adults at risk of social exclusion across Europe through a process of developing and updating skills.

As such, six organisations from six European countries worked together to develop, transfer and implement a set of innovative educational and training methods, tools, and materials based on the principles of Active Learning and tailored to the specific needs of adults at risk of social exclusion.

2. Toolkit for ICT training.
3. Toolkit for English teaching.
5. Toolkit for Learning Mobility.

Further information: http://www.upskillingeurope.eu
5 TOOLKITS FOR UP-SKILLING EUROPE
INNOVATIVE EDUCATIONAL TOOLS TO TRAIN ADULTS ON KEY COMPETENCES
A learning mobility is a transnational mobility aimed at acquiring new skills and competences.

“Learning mobility, is one of the fundamental ways in which individuals, particularly young people, can strengthen their future employability as well as their personal development. Studies confirm that learning mobility adds to human capital, as students access new knowledge and develop new linguistic skills and intercultural competences. Furthermore, employers recognize and value these benefits. Europeans who are mobile as young learners are more likely to be mobile as workers later in life”  (GREEN PAPER Promoting the learning mobility of young people Brussels, 28 and 29 November 2011)

To download the TOOLKIT ON LEARNING MOBILITY: http://www.upskillingeurope.eu/p/toolkits.html
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