## **VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES AT THE LIBERA SCUOLA WALDORF IN PALERMO**

Every year, the Libera Scuola Waldorf Palermo welcomes some young volunteers. Thanks to European Union funds (Erasmus+ / European Solidarity Corps), these young people come to help out in our school. Volunteering is a wonderful opportunity – both for the volunteer and for the entire school community – to discover another culture, go beyond prejudices, broaden one's horizon and grow as a human being. Volunteers from all over the world have stayed in Palermo, with us!

## Brief description of the school

In 1986, a group of parents formed an association with the aim of opening a Waldorf kindergarten and introducing Steiner/Waldorf education in Palermo. The Waldorf kindergarten was opened in 1987 and, in 1992, the school was founded. Currently the Libera Scuola Waldorf of Palermo includes a state-recognized Nursery School (II Giardinetto, in Via Col delle Beretta 2), and the equally state-recognized Early Childhood section and the elementary and grade school classes from 1 to 8 (the primary school is also state-recognized) in Via Filippo Parlatore 20. At the end of the school year, a summer camp takes place. It is open to children from the school and to children who frequent other schools during the school year.

The Libera Scuola Waldorf of Palermo is open to all children, regardless of race, religion, and social status. The School is run by a non-profit association. The Association brings together parents, teachers, collaborators, and friends of Steiner/Waldorf education in a common experience that is both educational and social.

The Associazione Libera Scuola Waldorf Palermo, which started with a kindergarten and developed into a school is at home in one of the older neighborhoods of the Sicilian capital Palermo.

## **Volunteer Tasks**

Our volunteers work mainly supporting children with disabilities or learning difficulties throughout their school day. Volunteers also work in the kitchen, and help can also be needed in many other areas. The following tasks can be included, among others:

- Support for children with disabilities or learning difficulties
- Support in and around the kitchen
- Caretaker activities (cleaning and maintenance work such as painting and gardening)
- Supporting the teacher during physical education classes
- Preparation and support at festivals and events
- Accompaniment during school trips
- Designing and leading of workshops for the school's summer camp

Our volunteers have the opportunity to contribute in a meaningful and important way to our small community. We are looking for young people who are interested in the growing child and in developing initiative. The Libera Scuola Waldorf is a place where you can learn about the world and about yourself while helping children grow and develop.

## Organization

At the moment, we only accept 2 full-time volunteers per school year. If you would like to have this experience in Palermo, please contact tre association "Freunde der Erziehungskunst Rudolf Steiners" (for residents of Germany).

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