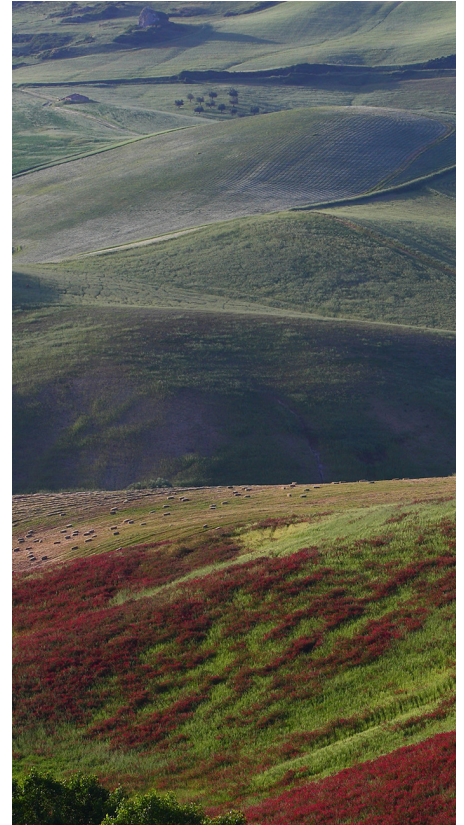


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LOCATION

Caltanissetta, Sicily

THEME OF YOUR CBT VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE

Urban youth sports and community centre 'Eclettica'



CONTEXT

Eclettica is an urban community centre, a skate park, and sport field, a socialization laboratory and a street art gallery in Caltanissetta, in the heart of Sicily. In order to give their own contribution to urban regeneration and development in their hometown, five young people developed a project for the regeneration of a long neglected public space into a skate rink and community centre.

In May 2015 the project idea was submitted then accepted in the frame of a private call. A year later and thanks to the massive help of many volunteers, local contributions and supports, the place has been cleaned up, and given back to the community. The urban centre and skate rink was officially opened in June 2016 and the locals' response was huge. In a town that barely counts 60.000 inhabitants, Street Factory Eclettica has nearly a thousand members. The main goal of the project is to create a place for people of all ages where to practice street sports in a safe way, socialize and create bonds between the community of Caltanissetta and its surroundings. The project sustainability also relies on an urban garden where vegetables are harvested seasonally and sold to the nearby restaurants and pubs, with a positive impact on the way the garden caregivers think about the care of the environment and on the possibility to have a healthier and balanced diet.

Much is also done on the artistic level: the skate rink walls and fences were painted by international street artists. The facility of Eclettica, on its 3000 square metres, offers a great range of sport, cultural and recreational activities for kids, families and youth in a pleasant, artistic, green and friendly environment.



PURPOSE OF YOUR CBT VOLUNTEERING PROJECT:

You will be introduced and participating in the unique, rich and active life of an urban sports and community centre. You will learn how this ambitious and creative group of local youngsters is developing and managing this centre, and run a wide range of artistic, sports, cultural and community activities and events.

ACTIVITIES YOU CAN BE ENGAGED IN - BASED ON YOUR INTERESTS AND SKILLS:

During your volunteering experience at Eclettica, a volunteer will get engaged in the Eclettica daily activities and project:

- Support to the skatepark and other sports activities and workshops targeting children and young people.
- Artistic or creative development of the structure and of the skatepark (paintings, murals, street arts).
- Organization of urban sports, artistic, cultural, social and environmental activities, creative workshops and non-formal learning activities for children and young people.
- Organization of sports competition, festivals and other community events
- Maintenance of the structure and facilities, including care and activities in the urban garden.



INTERCULTURAL EXPERIENCE YOU WILL BE PART OF:

You will be completely immersed in the multicultural context that has characterised Sicily throughout its history. You will experience the traditional Sicilian rural life during your stay but also have an insight of the urban life during your visits to major cities of the island. Sicily offers a great range of cultural, traditional, social and community activities throughout the year, therefore you will also have opportunity to first-hand experience it.





FACULTATIVE TRIPS YOU CAN CHOOSE FROM:

- Archeological sites, natural reserves and castles in several spots on the island of Sicily
- Agrotourism restaurants and wineries
- Traditional rural villages
- Coastal villages and towns famous about fishing and artisan activities
- The amazing vulcanic site of Etna
- Catania: ancient monuments and other cultural heritages, parks and churches
- Palermo and its rich arab-normann historical sites, churches, parks, markets and squares
- Agrigento: the beautiful city and its remarkable ancient temples
- Coastal villages and towns famous for fishing and artisan activities

YOU WILL BE HOSTED AT:

A local homestay / family Bed & breakfast in Caltanissetta

