



**Aps Il circo pace e bene**



**INFOPACK 2025**

for ESC volunteers

Sicily - Milena - Aps Il circo pace e bene

**WELCOME TO MILENA !!!**



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# The organization

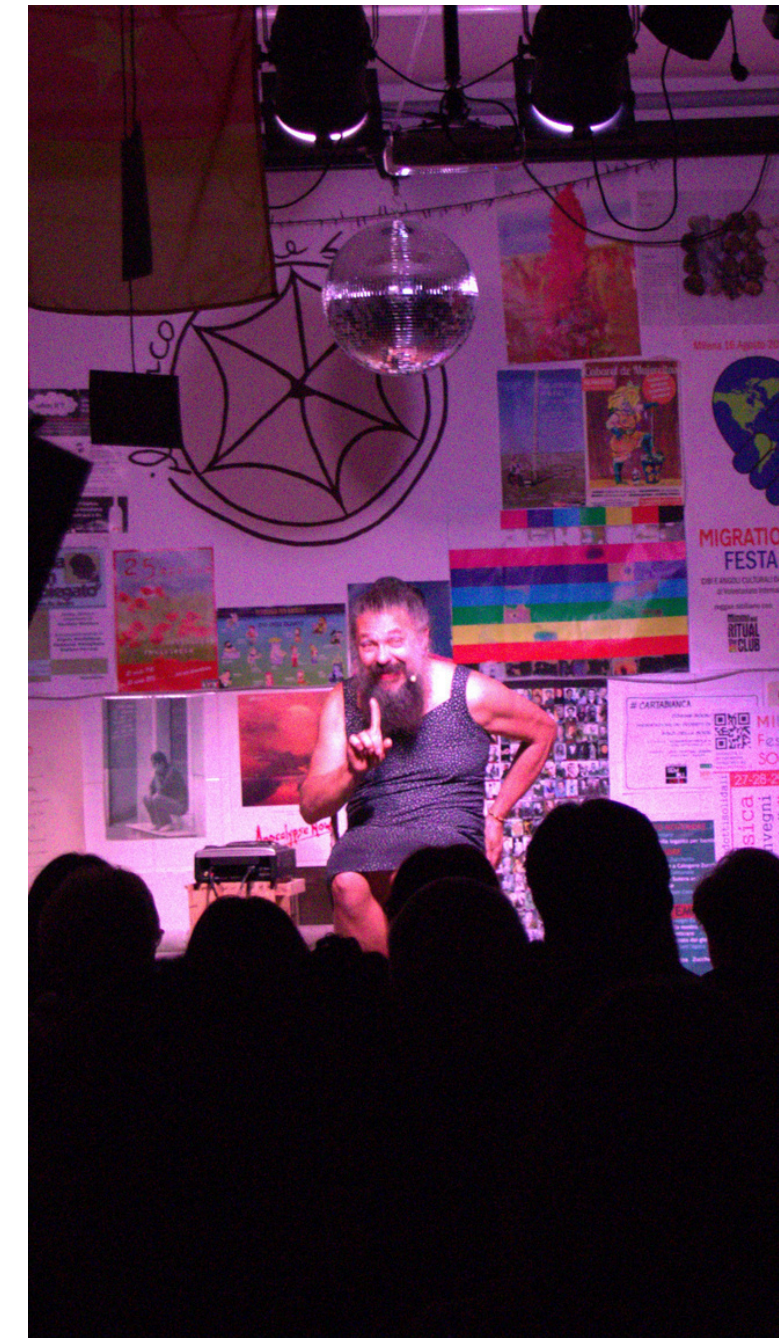
Il circo pace e bene is an Organization for Social Advancement. It has been founded on summer 2015 and its members are young boys and girls, very professional in their job fields who, having common objectives, purposes and aims, have created Il circo pace e bene deciding to share knowledge and capacities for their community. Since the beginning, the Organization has created projects to promote, through the activism of young people, the values of equality and solidarity by the way of social, artistic and cultural activities to support disadvantaged people; social inclusion process for people with less opportunities; promotion of the territory, which has deep social and economic problems, thanks to social community involvement and to youngsters' ideas also coming from their wishes and practical needs.

**MAGAZZINO**  
**MULTURALE**  
**EX OLEIFICIO**



Since 10th of march 2019 we have opened a cultural center called **Magazzino Culturale "Ex oleificio"** by the renovation of an old oleificio (factory to make olive oil) very important cultural and social spot in our small town, Milena, in the heart of Sicily.

Here we organize several events ...



CONCERT



BOOK  
PRESENTATIONS



THEATER  
PLAYS

...activities and workshops...



THEATER  
&  
MUSIC

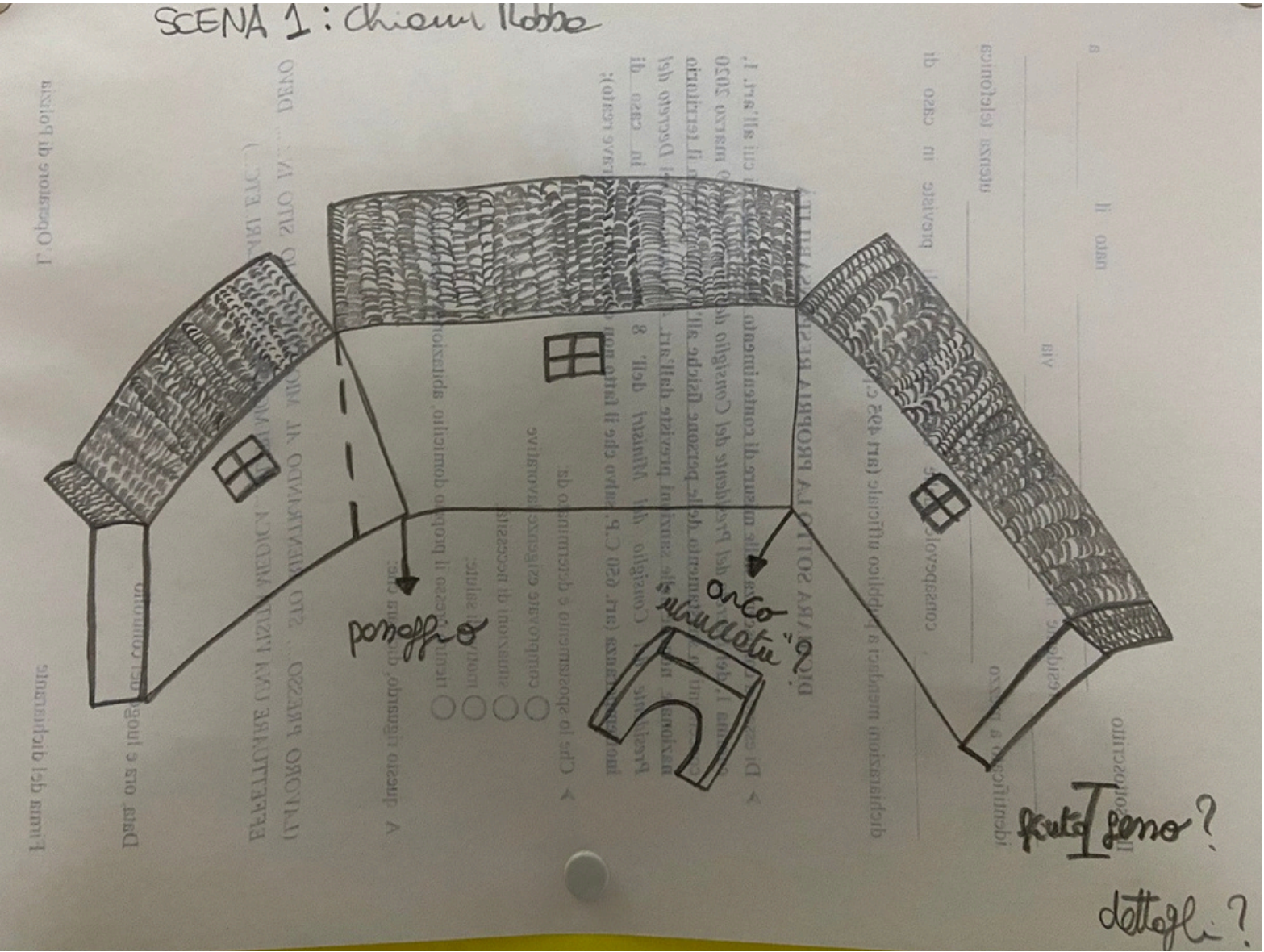




PHOTOGRAPHY



CINEMA



ART



# COOKING



# MEETINGS





# PROMOTION OF THE AREA

# MIGRANT INCLUSION



# what we do

Il circo pace e bene is deeply working in the territory and for the local community. We run social, art, cultural and turistic projects collaborating especially with municipalities. We coordinate the Organizations Working Group in two towns and also the local Council of Entities for one municipality.

The organization is going to coordinate a very important project called RabArt, in the small town of Sutera, funded by the Italian Minister of Culture.

Il circo pace e bene collaborates and supports several organizations and startups as C&C, very innovative project about experience tourism with its G.a.s. lab. (Sicilian Ancient Grains museum).



**G.a.s. lab.**



<https://www.instagram.com/tv/CW35WMCgXT8/?igshid=NDA1YzNhOGU>

**our organization supports**



**Milena**  
**FRANCIGENA**

an old walking way from Palermo to Agrigento acrossing also Milena

In Magazzino Culturale we have an hosting space



for Magna Via Francigena walkers (called "pellegrini"),  
volunteers, artists and all people who need

where we also offer several other services.

# Il circo pace e bene

## STAFF

Carmelo



Maria H.



Maria D.



Alessio

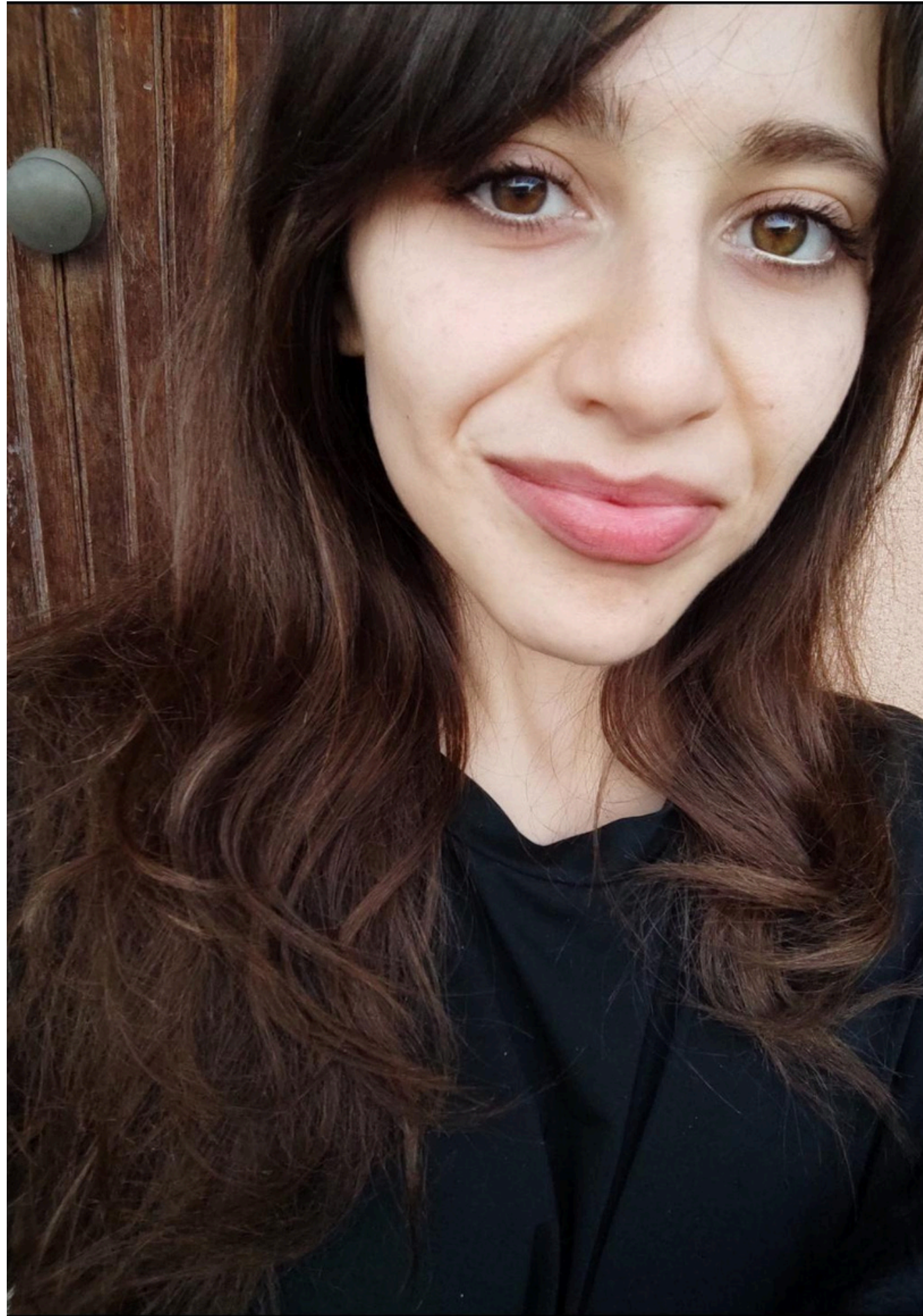


Caterina



Several people, especially locals, help and collaborate in the Magazzino Culturale management

Nello



No panic!!  
(get centered)

SIMONA

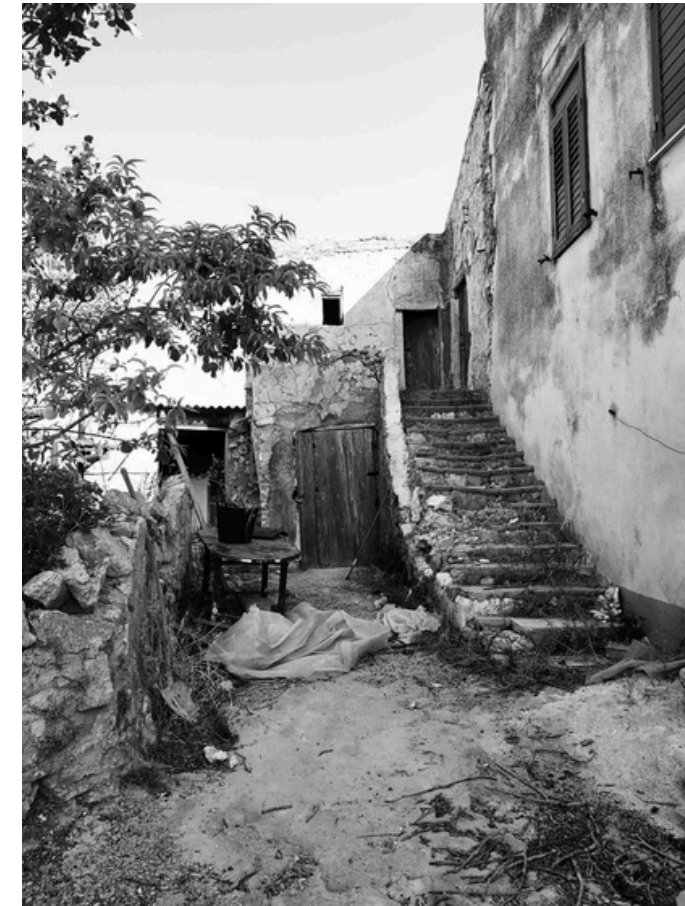
is your  
mentor.

# the mentor

The volunteer has the right to have a mentor, with whom s/he will have regular meetings throughout the voluntary service period. The mentor should be appointed by the host organisation, but not be the volunteer's supervisor or otherwise directly involved in the volunteer's daily activities. The mentor is responsible for the personal support of the volunteer. The volunteer has the right to get support from the mentor to be integrated in the organisation, in the project, in the local community. The mentor should act as the contact person between the volunteer and the local community. The volunteer has the right to be assisted by the mentor in administrative issues, if necessary.

# about Milena "the town of robbe" ...

Milena is a rural town composed by robbe. It doesn't have an old town as usual but it has an unique and very typical structure made by several small villages called robbe. You will live a lot of very old traditions and typical events very connected with its rural soul.



?.. DREAMS 

Our organization is running an important project, called Dremms, to save Milena heritage, old traditions and its robbe.



pure nature - old traditions - archeological areas



# robbe



Milena is a very small town (almost 2.500 people) situated in a rural area. There is one pharmacy, open from monday to saturday, and a service of medical guard with ambulance, offering less urgent and complicated services, active during night hours. The closest hospital is in Mussomeli (25 minutes by car). In Milena there are also two Supermarkets, open from monday to saturday, where you can find everything you need in terms of food, personal care and other products. They use to close generally from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Supermarkets sell just frozen meat and vegetables, shops for them are different and the town offers several possibilities about. You will also find one bank usually open from 8.30 to 13.30 and two ATM services. All the major circuits of payment like VISA, VISA Electron, MasterCard, Maestro are (usually but not always) accepted. There are many and diverse shops: tobacco shops, clothes, house, shoes, technology shops, etc. Most of them open from Monday to Saturday from 9.00 to 13.00 and 16.00 to 19.00 or 20.00. Post office opens Monday-Friday from 8.00 to 14.00 and 8.00- 12.30 on Saturdays. There are several bars and one pizzeria almost every day open and one typical and fish restaurant closed on monday.

# REACHING MILENA

**Arriving in Sicily from outside the country it means to land in one of the 4 airports in the island: Palermo, Catania, Trapani or Comiso.  
Here above the instructions to get to Milena...**

**FROM PALERMO AIRPORT** there are 2 means of transport

First of all: **GET THE PALERMO CENTRAL STATION!**

Take the bus "PrestiaeComandè" from Airport to Palermo Central station (it takes almost 50 minutes and costs 6€) or the "Trenitalia" train from Palermo Airport to Palermo Central Station (it takes almost 1 hour and costs 5,90€ )

AND THEN the "Trenitalia" train from Palermo Central Station to Campofranco (Direction Agrigento): the trains timetable is usually this one but check on the "Trenitalia" website to be sure! from MONDAY to FRIDAY: 5.43 - 7.43 - 8.43 - 10.43 - 11.43 - 12.43 - 13.43 - 14.43 - 15.43 - 16.43 on SATURDAY: 5.43 - 7.43 - 8.43 - 11.43 - 13.43 - 14.43 - 16.43 - 17.43 - 18.43 - 20.43 on SUNDAY: 8.43 - 13.43 - 14.43 - 17.43 - 18.43 - 20.43

**The train usually takes almost 1 hour and 30 minutes and costs € 8,70 ...**

...if, in the Campofranco Station, you feel like in the middle of nowhere: you are in the right place!!! Don't worry, we are coming there to pick you up!



# from Catania Airport...

It is at the moment the best way because it is better connected with Milena.

First of all: take the bus from Catania Airport to Caltanissetta bus station!

The buses timetable is usually this one:

from MONDAY to SATURDAY: 00.10 - 6.10 - 8.10 - 9.40 - 11.10 - 13.25 - 14.25 - 15.40 - 17.40 -  
18.40 - 19.40 - 20.40 - 22.10

on SUNDAY: 00.10 - 8.10 - 9.40 - 11.10 - 14.25 - 15.40 - 17.40 - 19.40 - 20.40 - 22.10

It takes almost 1 hour and 25 minutes and costs €10,30.

To get to Milena there is only one bus of Sais Trasporti from Caltanissetta bus station at 14.15  
from Monday to Saturday and it takes 1 hour and 30 minutes and costs €4,60.

If you are not able to take this bus: don't panic! We will come to pick you up in Caltanissetta ;-)

# From Trapani "Birgi" Airport to Agrigento

there are 3 buses "Salvatore LUMIA"  
company at 10.30 - 15.20 - 19.25 from  
Monday to Saturday and only one on  
Sunday at 20.10

It takes almost 3 hours and costs €11,90

# From Comiso Airport to Agrigento

There are 2 buses "SAL Autolinee"  
company only on Monday, Wednesday  
and Friday at 11.40 and 17.15.

It takes almost 3 hours and 30 minutes  
and costs €9

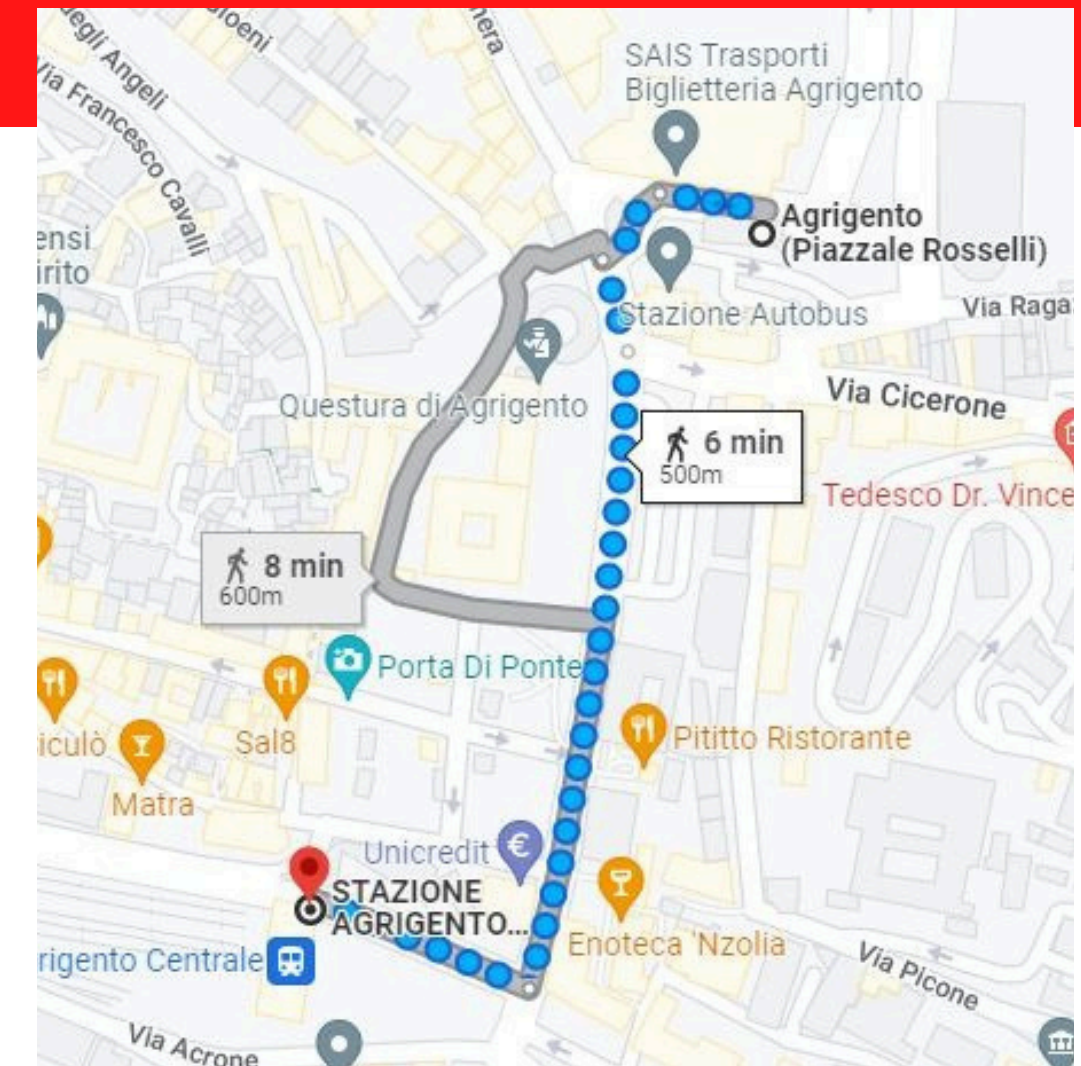
Then move from Agrigento bus Station to  
Agrigento train Station: very close and easy!

and take the "Trenitalia" train from Agrigento Central Station to Campofranco  
(Direction Palermo): the train timetable is usually this one but check on the  
"Trenitalia" website to be sure! It costs €4,20 and takes 30 minutes.

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17.15 - 18.15 - 20.15

on SATURDAY: 5.22 - 6.15 - 8.15 - 10.15 - 14.15 - 17.15 - 18.15 - 20.15

on SUNDAY: 8.15 - 10.15 - 16.15 - 17.15 - 18.15 - 20.15



# get to other cities...

Since Milena is a very small town, there is no public transport service inside the city and it is not even connected with the main cities of the area and the island: Palermo, Catania, Caltanissetta and Agrigento.

The bus company SAIS Trasporti connects Milena to Caltanissetta only once per day from Monday to Saturday. It leaves at 6.35 in the morning, the journey takes 1 hour and 30 minutes and costs €4,60. The same bus leaves from Caltanissetta to Milena at 14.15 and arrives at 15.45 (if you buy the ticket to go and come back it costs €7,50). 10 km far from Milena there is Campofranco train station. Please note that, during days off and holidays and for any personal reasons, volunteers has to organize their own trips to Campofranco Station to get a train. Only for activities related tasks, exceptional cases or urgent matters, the staff can drive the volunteer to the station by car.

Volunteers will be housed in an apartment near the modern city center of Milena and close to the main working place Magazzino Culturale "Ex oleificio". The apartment will be provided by all needed to accommodate the volunteers.

## accommodation

Volunteers will be the only ones who live in the apartment. From time to time, the organization may host some guests, for institutional or working reasons. In such cases, volunteers will be informed well in advance.

# ALLOWANCES AND WORKING HOURS

Il circo pace e bene will provide to volunteer a food allowance + a monthly pocket money. The pocket money is 5,00€/day and the food allowance is 6,00€/day. The volunteer will use the food allowance to buy food by himself/herself. The volunteer will receive the allowances above mentioned at the beginning of the service by bank transfer. The day of the 1st transfer will be the one in which, every month, volunteer will receive the transfer, unless there are holidays or Saturdays/Sundays. The volunteer will work around 6 hours/day for 5 days/week. The volunteer will have 2 consecutive free days each week and 2 free days each month. Is it possible to manage the free days in order to get all together and have more vacation. Depending the period, volunteer can have more free days following the Italian holidays calendar.

# VOLUNTEERS'TASKS

WHAT DO YOU LIKE?

SOCIAL AND ART



managing and improving  
of the space



creation of  
the archive



creation and managing of  
social, cultural and artitic  
activities and events

# VOLUNTEERS'TASKS WHAT DO YOU LIKE?

## NATURE AND WALKING



managing of the pellegrini  
welcoming and hosting in the

SPAZIO – ALLOGGIO  
**M**AGAZZINO  
M**U**LTURALE  
EX OLEIFICIO

taking care of the our part of  
the way (claning – checking of  
the way – signs - monitoring)

helping the main organization  
with some little translation, in  
the sending of “credenziali”  
(the offical passport of the  
pellegrini) and in managing of  
the social networks with some  
video-pills and merchandising

# VOLUNTEERS'TASKS WHAT DO YOU LIKE?

## CULTURE AND TRADITIONS



supporting in the creation and implementation of the C&C project especially the G.a.s. lab.

The organization could also provide a Language course in addition to the OLS, depending also from the level and the necessities of the volunteers. The volunteer has the right to participate in the on-arrival training upon arrival in Italy. The volunteer has the right to adequate support and guidance to enable her/him to carry out the agreed tasks. The volunteer has the right to participate in the mid-term meeting in Italy if the service is longer than 6 months. The volunteer has the right to receive ongoing support from the supporting organisation throughout the voluntary service period. The volunteer has the right to receive the YouthPass, official certificate of the project that document the learning process.

**THE VOLUNTEER RECEIVES...**

In order to set a good relationship between volunteers in the house and have normal cohabitation conditions, the organization set some rules all volunteers have to respect. No exception will be considered. We expect sense of responsibility and duties. Volunteers will be in charge of the maintaining of their floor, in specific: clean the common areas (kitchen, hallways, bathrooms) at least 2 times per week; clean dishes, pots and all that will be used in the kitchen, as soon as the breakfast/lunch/dinner is finished; keep the room tidy and clean; as the whole building is not owned by organization, do not do any change or modification in all rooms and especially in bedrooms; do not stick anything or hammer nails or tacks on the walls or do kind of similar things, do not take tools, objects or furniture out of the building and neither take into the accommodation something from outside; do not change room on own decision; do not accommodate friends and relatives in the structure

## **RULES - DUTIES - RESPONSIBILITIES**

For logistics reasons, volunteers will be roomed in consideration of the availability of the rooms, always in double bedrooms at least (if needed even more), divided by gender. Volunteers could be also asked to change room: the structure can be host other participants from other projects. Volunteers should consider themselves not the owners of the room but the caretakers. However, we will always respect privacy. The cleaning schedule will be introduced and explained as soon as you arrive and will be made all together. Housekeeping will be scheduled in the weekly working hours of the volunteer, as part of weekly activities.

# RULES - DUTIES - RESPONSIBILITIES

All things broken for negligence, on purpose or because of dangerous behaviours, must be refunded. We are open to understand all kind of explanation and justifications, if for any reason the "guilty" would not be found all the group refund the objet broken. We will detract the amount from the deposit. It is not allowed to smoke inside the accommodation. The smokers can do it outside and balconies or terrace can be used, but only if volunteers take care not to let the smoke go inside the accommodation. There is no possibility to host guests overnight. Although we are very friendly and hospitable people here in Sicily and we understand what it means stay some period of time far from family and friends, we cannot allow the hosting overnight of other people apart the volunteers.

Although we know that there will most probably be no need for it, we feel we must stress the importance of proper personal hygiene in the volunteers' flat and, in general, during all activities.

We demand you to:

- take at least one shower a day;
- take care of your personal hygiene in general;
- use deodorants;
- wash your hair frequently;
- wash your clothes frequently;
- clean your rooms frequently;
- air your room in the morning;
- throw out your rubbish frequently.

Although you are an individual, you are being hosted and acting in the community on behalf of the organization and representing your country in a foreign community. For these reasons, it is of utmost importance to stick to these simple guidelines. Although it may seem insensitive, we will reiterate these requirements during the welcome training and repeat them if needed.

**PERSONAL  
HYGIENE**

# DRESS CODE AND ALCOHOL

Il circo pace e bene does not restrict the volunteers' freedom of expression in any way in their personal lives during their voluntary service. However, during activities, especially those with minors, children or disabled people, sober and appropriate clothing is required. Remember that you are being hosted and acting in the community on behalf of the organization and representing your country in a foreign community. Il circo pace e bene calls for moderation in alcohol consumption. It is forbidden to carry out any activity under the influence of alcohol and other psychotropic substances, even the day after consumption (alcoholic breath, hangover, etc.)

# RULES-DUTIES-RESPONSIBILITIES

The volunteer is asked to fill a monthly report, after the periodical meetings with the staff. Reports will be about activities, learning process (YouthPass), relationship with staff and other volunteers, accommodation, any other issue considered important by the volunteer. The volunteer will enjoy days off and holidays, but before leaving the accommodation he/she is obliged to inform staff about the moving, in order to be ready to support, if necessary. The volunteer must read and understand the activity agreement in all its parts and sign it. As well, it is required the same for this Infopack.

# Places and events you should definitely see in Sicily

Palermo - Catania - Agrigento and Valley of the Temples - Siracusa and Archaeological Park - Ortigia - Etna - Mondello - Alcantara Gorge - San Vito lo Capo - Sciacca and its carnival - Carnival of Acireale - Taormina - Aeolian Islands - Pelagie Islands - Egadi Islands - Acicastello and Acitrezza - Segesta and Selinunte - Mazara del Vallo and Marsala - Marsala Salt Pans - Cefalù - Scopello and Macari - Andromeda Theatre - Mount Cammarata - Ficuzza Wood - Cavagrande del Cassibile - Noto, Modica and Ragusa Ibla - Pantalica - Roman Villa of Piazza Armerina - Caltagirone and its ceramics - The Scala dei Turchi - Enna - Erice - Zingaro Nature Reserve - Torre Salsa Natural Reserve - Mount Cofano Natural Reserve - Monreale - Gangi - Castelbuono - Sutera and Living Nativity - Ottobrata of Zafferana Etnea - Messina and the astronomical clock - Scicli - Ustica Island - Capo Gallo Natural Reserve - Castellammare del Golfo - Farm Cultural Park Favara - Mount Carcaci Natural Reserve - Corleone - Montedoro with its zolfare museum, planetarium and astronomical observatory - Mussomeli and its old town and churches

**and Milena with its robbe and beauties of course!!!**

# SEE YOU SOON in Milena!!

(Rainbow ends here.. Obviously)



