



Associazione Joint would be grateful to present a

**Welcome Infopack for**  
**EVS European Voluntary Service in**  
**Istituto Walden - Sciacca (AG), Sicily – Italy**

**We are looking for 1 female Volunteers for**  
**promoting the social inclusion and working with**  
**adults and minorities with fewer opportunities from**  
**November 2017 to November 2018**

**WHO WE ARE**

Walden Institute was formed in 1993 as "Psycho-Social Center for people with Handicap, Disability and marginalization".

This institute manages now four residential communities for minors, 3 in Menfi (AG) and 1 in Sciacca (AG), and a Center for pregnant women and single mothers and women have been abused in Sciacca (AG).

Walden Institute also manages a daycare center in Menfi. It carries

out preventive activities for Pre-teens and Teens.

It offers home care services for disabled children, adults, women and generally people with fewer opportunities.



## **WHAT WE DO**

**Our staff is composed of 55 women and 2 boys, divided in the three centers between Sciacca and Menfi.**

**Recently, the cooperative has focused on the integration of disadvantaged people, former drug addicts or alcoholics, and women and men who have been in jail. Walden Institute has also opened an office in support of family relationships and educational responsibilities.**

**Today the organization has a strong experience. This is the result of a strong professional identity and an effective collaboration among all the staff members, who have been able to adapt to different situations and changes. Walden Institute has always operated in social work field, using the knowledge and the experience of everyday life in order to remove obstacles and thus strengthen and consolidate the various cognitive processes and training.**



## PROJECT CONTEXT

Sciacca is a town in the province of Agrigento on the south western coast of Sicily. It has noteworthy views of the Mediterranean Sea.

Sciacca is an historic fishing port on the southern coast of Sicily. A

workaday town rather than a polished tourist destination, it is famed for its ceramics, its thermal baths and its religious festivals, as well as for its large fishing fleet.

The 4 volunteers will be hosted in an independent apartment in the centre of Sciacca.





## **MAIN ACTIVITIES**

The 4 EVS volunteers will be involved in different activities with children and teenagers from 0 to 17 years old, in the educational centers of Sciacca.

The principal tasks they will carry out are:

- Support and help children between 0 and 17 in after-school activities, helping them with home-work and giving supplementary lessons if needed.
- Organize together with the staff and the local volunteers recreational activities to create moments of animation such as

games and workshops on art, music, kitchen, sports

- Organize together with the staff linguistic workshops in English and/or in their own language.
- Organize new events like carnivals, storytelling evenings and outdoor activities in different locations.
- Support the staff and the other volunteers with excursions to the beach, swimming pools and many other kind of activities that take place mostly in summer time
- Help the staff and the local volunteers in food preparation and in cleaning the premises before and after services

## **WE ARE LOOKING FOR 4 VOLUNTEERS WITH:**

- Knowledge and experience of working with people with fewer opportunities
- Creative, patient, flexible and proactive personality
- Basic skills of Italian language

- A friendly, communicative and active attitude
- Wishing of development interpersonal relationship
- Strong interest in working with young people with fewer opportunities
- Willingness for live in a small, traditional and provincial town
- Open-minded and with a responsible attitude to



better understand the learning process and the rules of cohabitation in Walden Institute structures

- Strong motivation to have an intensive experience of work with teenagers in difficult situations

**WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU:**

Your **CV** and **Application Form** filled in English

Please send ALL these documents to:

**[candidature.sve@associazionejoint.org](mailto:candidature.sve@associazionejoint.org)**

**AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

**Only the suitable profiles will be contacted back to have a Skype interview**