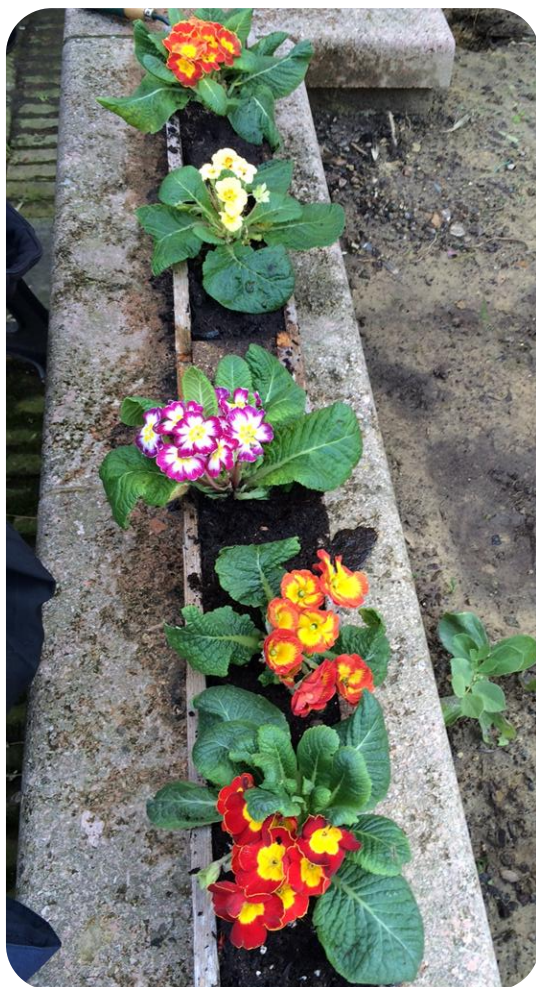


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CALL FOR PARTNERS YSF - YOUNG SOCIAL FARMERS



How can we use
social farming as
a tool to foster
youngsters with
fewer
opportunities and
refugees/youth
with migrant
background
mobility?
Seminar plus 2-3
youth workers
mobilities to
share best
practices over
Europe



Associazione Il Ce.Sto. Onlus is an NGO based in Genoa, Italy. Since 1987, it is committed to promoting integration and social promotion among ethnic groups that live in the historic centre of Genoa, with a particular focus on minors, second-generation immigrants and all other subjects of the neighbourhood (residents, merchants, schools, institutions).

The Association offers various services, among the others: the literacy course for adults, an informational and guidance helpdesk for migrants, the Social Centre for Children, the Social Centre for pre-teens and teenagers and activities of cultural animation and training carried out mainly in the club in Giardini Luzzati (Luzzati Gardens). From 2011, Ce.Sto. Association is involved in the project "New home Guarchi", focused on refugees and asylum seekers' shelter and guidance. The Association currently has about 20 workers and more than 80 active volunteers.

The Association has managed over the years to build a space in which it develops and conveys educational, recreational and creative activities among minors of different ethnicities and Italians stimulating and encouraging positive relationships between people,

gatherings, knowledge and mutual solidarity, thus providing pathways and tools to enhance and improve the potential of individuals and the community as a whole. Ce.Sto Association took over the management of Giardini Luzzati, a space that for long time has been in a state of decay and neglect. Giardini





Luzzati are the subject of a restoring project that has made them a point of reference for the entire youth population and for many families that live in the historic center.

Ce.Sto. association's experience within **Social Farming** has started a couple of years ago, firstly as a way to propose interesting activities to the asylum seekers hosted in its shelter houses and then as part of its work in the historic centre of Genoa.

Since the end of 2014, the Association has designed and realized a urban vegetable garden in the Giardini Luzzati area, where it involves a group of youngsters in weekly activities. We're in the process of enlarging our Social Farming activity in synergy with different NGOs in Genoa, in order to realize different Social Farming projects in the outskirts of Genoa.

Some of our activities related to social farming:

We have a mixed group (Italian volunteers/inhabitants and refugees) taking care of our urban vegetable garden.

We have weekly workshops for people with intellectual disabilities about social farming

we are developing a project with another association and Genoa Municipality to establish another urban vegetable garden in Genova where to include refugees with the aim of creating first job opportunities for them

we are developing a project on flowers together with the children of the social centres.

Associazione Il Ce.Sto. Onlus is member of, among the others:

"Liguria Regional Forum on Social Farming" (Forum regionale dell'agricoltura sociale - Regione Liguria);



AIAB Italian Association for Biological Farming (Associazione Italiana Agricoltura Biologica - Regione Liguria)

"Third Sector forum" (Forum del Terzo Settore), the most important network of NGOs in Italy.

We've already took part in different projects within the Youth in Action - Erasmus+ framework: we're accredited as EVS hosting organization, with a focus on the inclusion of youngsters facing fewer opportunities, and our staff members have participated in different youth exchanges and Training Courses!

We truly believe that Social Farming tools and methodologies are a new and innovative way to approach youth work and we'd like to share experiences within this field!





WHO

We'd like to involve organizations active in the field of Social Farming which are already working with youngsters of migrant origin and/or refugees or wanting to involve youngsters of migrant origin and/or refugees in their Social Farming activities; youth organizations working with refugees and migrants interested in developing projects in the field of Social Farming. We'd like to involve 1 representative for each organization.

WHAT, WHEN and WHERE

- Mobility of youth workers (Job Shadowing): 15 days between September - October 2016 in the different NGOs involved (1 person from Ce.Sto. to another organization and 2 people hosted in Ce.Sto. - selection will be done on the basis of the organizations' profile)
- Seminar to be held in Sassello (Savona) 23-28 November 2017

MAIN AIM and OBJECTIVES

YSF project aims at sharing best practices, method, skills, tasks and competences in the field of Social Farming in connection to youth work and social inclusion, with the goal of developing networking activities between youth organizations and organizations active in Social Farming that will benefit the youngsters with migrant background/refugees with whom partner organizations are working.



- to establish a networking and permanent international cooperation between organizations on the topics of Social Farming
- to bring together organisations and workers in the field of Social Farming to develop ideas, proposals and projects for future partnerships
- to share best practices in the area of Social Farming and on how it can be a useful tool in the work towards migrants and refugee youth inclusion
- to share best practices for youth workers who can apply them with youngsters in order to help them developing new skills and increasing their future employability
- to share tools, methodologies and possible roles of the people involved in Social Farming
- to apply Social Farming methodologies within the youth field with a focus on social inclusion
- to give youth workers the opportunity to meet and experience first-hand new context of working
- to share awareness of and promote the Erasmus+ programme

MONEY

The project covers 100% of food and accommodation and the travel costs until your budget travel limit according to Erasmus + Distance calculator.



DEADLINE and CONTACTS

If you are interested in taking part in this project, please contact us at: youngsocialfarmers@gmail.com sending the **template PIF filled in** no later than **3rd of April 2016**

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