

NYU Florence Spring 2016 Community Engagement Opportunities

Keep Florence beautiful with **Angeli del Bello**

NYU Florence does a lot to help in the community and the current project is tidying up the close-by Stibbert Park on Monday afternoons, Thursday mornings, or Saturdays.

Estimated number of minimum hours per week: 2 hours one day a week.

Share your Energy and Active Spirit with **ANIMA**

At the ANIMA center, children with and without disabilities do exercises and play together, thus conquering their insecurities and learning to trust other people.

Estimated number of minimum hours per week: 2 hours one day a week.

Share your language skills at **Local Schools**

NYU Florence offers placements in local kindergartens, elementary, middle, and high-schools. Students work closely with the English language instructors to improve (Italian) students' comprehension, writing, and speaking skills.

Estimated number of minimum hours per week: 1 hour one day a week (plus travel time to and from the school).

Share your knowledge with **Ars et Fides**

Ars et Fides is an association of volunteer guides offering free guided tours in the main churches of Florence to Florentines and tourists. Ars et Fides volunteers are of all ages and include university students. Tours are offered in the various languages of the guides. Before starting, all volunteer guides are trained to give the tours.

Estimated number of minimum hours per week: 2 hours one day a week.

Activities with Children, **Casa Famiglia San Paolino**

Some of the possible activities for student volunteers are:

- Providing companionship for children by playing with them
- Creating music together with the children
- Teaching and practicing dance
- Engaging children in art activities

Estimated number of minimum hours per week: 2 hours one day a week.

Alternative Spring Break: **Caritas Soup Kitchen**

March 14-19, 2016

The Caritas Soup Kitchen offers a hot meal to 500 individuals every day, in a welcoming and familial environment. The group of NYU Florence student volunteers should be a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 10 people. Here is a list of some of the tasks that student volunteers will do:

- Organizing the long-term and short-term food deposit
- Cleaning vegetables
- Setting the tables for lunch
- Assisting in the kitchen
- Waiting tables
- Kitchen clean-up following lunch

From Monday to Friday, from 8:30am-2:00pm

Special One Day Park Clean-Up: NYU Florence, the Angeli del Bello and the Scuola di Agraria of the University of Florence will co-sponsor at the **Parco delle Cascine** a community engagement initiative that aims to get American and Italian students together through a joint clean-up project of a small portion of the Parco delle Cascine (Florence's "Central Park"). When: a Saturday morning between the end of February and the beginning of March. More details to follow.