

**DURATION** 

LOCATION

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## My experience as ESC Volunteer

I am Caroline, 30-year-old Belgian woman, communication specialist but reinventing myself professionally for a year now.

My volunteering experience unfolded in Italy within the "YouthQuake" Erasmus + funded Project with Borgofuturo association as hosting organisation and CEV as sending organisation.

It has been a 25 days experience at "Il Salto", an agricultural project in Sant-Angelo in Pontano, in the Marche region, Italy.

The first part of the experience was combined with the Borgofuturo Social Camp. We had workshops and talks on the topics of Commons, Co-Living and Territorial Inequalities. After that, we had a dissemination part of what we learned during the Social Camp, also a supporting part for the media of Borgofuturo.

Ripe San Ginesio,

During my volunteering experience we have supported solidarity by going to places hit by the earthquake to give visibility. We met organisations that deal with social reconstruction. We also helped promoting a space near a river by cleaning it and creating signalisation.

I already had a lot of community living experiences, but this one was very different and very interesting.

Finding your place, dealing with the number of people, the last-minute changes, the cultural differences...

very interesting!

The best feeling that I perceived was moment I felt that everyone finds its own place in the group. And also, the moment where everybody feels comfortable and start debating very interesting topics.













