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# Arrupe Project

## THE CONTEXT:

The proposal "Arrupe Project" originates from a real need which is experienced mainly by foreign students. Many of them, once arrived in Italy after winning a scholarship, have to face several challenges, especially concerning the accommodation and the process of integration in the new country. Finding a suitable accommodation has become a common problem for many students, firstly due to the lack of housing and rent solutions as well as room availability in the university colleges, secondly because of the landlords' general reluctance towards foreign customers. In the last two years Associazione Popoli Insieme has engaged in an important exchange with the Student Residences of Padua. A new idea was born from this collaboration: to include some refugee students in these facilities, so that they can share their everyday life with Italian students. In the last academic year, five students were involved in the project. These students were either refugees or people coming from vulnerable situations

## PROMOTERS:

**Associazione Popoli Insieme ODV** is a volunteering organization, founded in Padua in 1990. Ever since, it has been working and accompanying asylum seekers and refugees in their path of reception and inclusion in the city. As for today, the organization is active in many reception and inclusion projects, as well as educational projects, awareness and cultural promotion activities. As partner of Arrupe Project, Popoli Insieme will: select the potential student candidates, track the co-housing experience development, organize orientation activities in Padua and promote the training program in conjunction with Centro Antonianum.

**Centro Antonianum** is the Jesuit Ignatian Centre of Culture and Education in Padua. In its seat, two accommodation structures and co-living possibilities are to be found: the Antonianum shared apartments and the Residenza Messori Co-operative. Centro Antonianum offers to both structures the possibility to experience co-living, deepen one's inner life, react to social and environmental injustices, live the university time and the Ignatian cultural horizon as a shared search for meaning.

**Collegio Don Mazza** is a College of Merit accredited by the Ministry of Education, University and Research. It consists of three separate residences: Residenza G. Tosi, Residenza I. Scopoli, Job Campus. In the same way as international academic centres of excellence, it leads to the development of skills through an interdisciplinary residential environment and a plurality of opportunities dedicated to students. The College provides each student with a personalized training project that integrates and enriches the university education, divided into different areas: personal, academic, relational, cultural and professional.



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**Residenza universitaria familiare Marilena e Gabriella:** the residence is located near the Padua hospital and hosts about fifteen students each year, in single and double rooms. The residence hosts many international students thus creating a multicultural and familiar environment, in fact students share the management of common areas and moments of daily life.

As part of the Arrupe Project, the Residences's task is to find and guarantee accommodation for potential student candidates, promote community life during the cohabitation as well as the training program in conjunction with Popoli Insieme.

### PROPOSITION FOR THE 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR:

The proposal is to locate n. **8 refugee and/or asylum seeker university students** in the above-mentioned residences, where they can share their everyday student life with Italian students. These students will be identified among those who cannot find a housing solution in Padua and among those who wish to live an experience of community life.

Italian students will have the chance to live their everyday life next to their foreigner colleagues in an intercultural context, with semi-structured training programs that will guarantee space for their personal initiative.

This choice must also be translated into a project that might change the commitment of the students in time and ways in agreement with Popoli Insieme, in compliance with everyone's study necessities and privacy.

Anyway, the community's daily life as well as the commitments made by the students must allow them to continue their university course of study in a serious and peaceful way.

### REQUIREMENTS:

The selected students are required to:

- Be enrolled in the academic year 2023/24 at the University of Padua or the University of Venice;
- Be a refugee or an applicant for international protection. (Applications from students with other types of residence permits from vulnerable situations will also be evaluated).
- Have a basic knowledge of Italian language (preferential);
- Have the financial means to cover the contribution required by the residences. This contribution is about €200,00- 250.00 per month, depending on the residences and services offered.
- Be available for periodic evaluation interviews with Popoli Insieme operators and Residence representatives;
- To be willing to adhere to a proposal of education and community life offered by each residence.



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### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

- Send your application by email to [fpalmieri@popolinsieme.eu](mailto:fpalmieri@popolinsieme.eu), please attach a copy of your residence permit, your Curriculum Vitae, a cover letter (400 words maximum) and a certificate of enrollment at University in the year 2023-2024, **by 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2023.**
- The selections will take place in July 2023. The selected students will be contacted to sign the training projects and the rental contracts.
- The rooms in the residences will be available from September /October 2023- depending on the internal regulations.
- Period of stay for foreign students: maximum 12 months; meeting every 6 months to evaluate the continuation of cohabitation
- Constant monitoring of co-living experiences by a Popoli Insieme operator